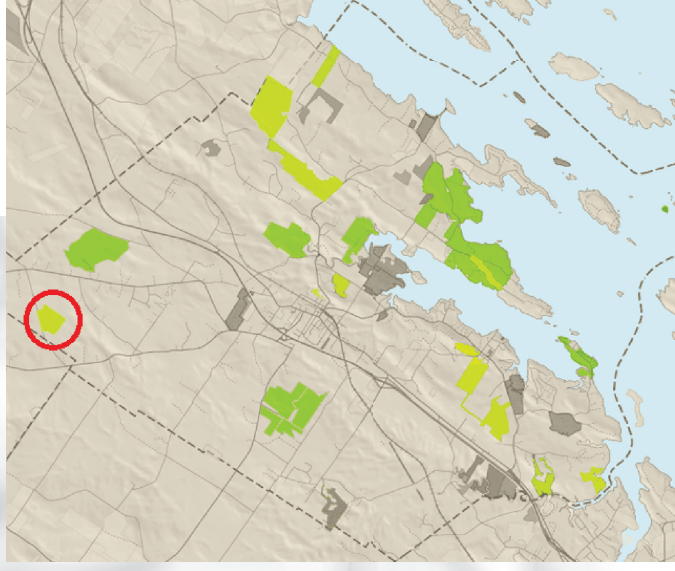


Town of Freeport
**Hidden
 Pond**



Hidden Pond Loop Trail
 Length: 1/3 Mi Difficulty: Medium
P Parking



History:

The Hidden Pond Preserve consists of approximately 56.5 acres of land on the south side of Grant Road near the Freeport-Durham line. The majority of the land is relatively open with early successional shrub type vegetation. A small pond is located near the western edge of the property. About 5 acres of forested upland is located at the eastern side of the property. The majority of the property at Hidden Pond Preserve was donated by The Nature Conservancy to the Town of Freeport in 2003. Patricia H. Bousfield of Bar Harbor, Maine had donated this land to The Nature Conservancy in 1995.

The pond is fed by two perennial streams. An outlet stream drains eventually into Collins Brook. The pond was originally created by impounding two stream drainages with an earthen dam constructed with two outlet culverts and a small dock.

Property Overview:

Hidden Pond has an approximately 1/3 mile loop trail that goes from a parking area on Grant Road to the pond. Primary uses are low impact recreational activities such as walking, bird watching, running, snowshoeing and ice skating. Bikes and All Terrain Vehicles (ATV's) are prohibited. Snowmobiles are allowed in designated areas. Dogs are allowed and all waste must be carried out. The preserve is for day use only and open from a half hour before sunrise to a half hour after sunset.

Directions: The trailhead and main parking area is located on Grant Road. Take Route 136 north from Exit 22 on Interstate 295. About 3 1/4 miles from Exit 22, turn right onto Grant Road just after you have passed over the Freeport-Durham town line. Drive about 3/4 miles along Grant Road until the gravel Hidden Pond parking area on the right. The parking area includes a wooden kiosk with a map and rules for the property.

Trail Accessibility Guide



Easy

Trails are relatively smooth and flat, with few obstructions such as roots or rocks. Trails may be accessible to people with less mobility.



Medium

Trails generally have some obstructions such as roots, rocks or wet areas. Trails may also have some slopes and uneven terrain.



Hard

Trails have large obstructions such as rocks, boulders and areas with standing or moving water. Trails have steep slopes and uneven terrain.

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