The Geele Farm trail system weaves through several privately owned properties. Most of this land is part of the original Geele Farm which was purchased by Charles Geele in 1886 for $1,000.

Historically, a county road traversed the northern end of the trail system, and part of the trail follows this old road. The stone remains of an old bridge can still be seen at the head of the marsh. Thanks to the landowners’ foresight and generosity in donating conservation easements and trail access across their properties, the Geele Farm will retain its rural character and will remain protected in perpetuity. The farm will continue to be used as productive farm and forest land, while locals and visitors will be able to walk the trails on this beautiful land forever.

The Geele Family lived in the Farmhouse until the early 1900s. The Geeles raised chickens and cows, and grew vegetables to feed their own family and to sell. Remains of old homesteads, including a brick cistern, foundations and an apple orchard are found throughout the farm.

Please respect private property, and carry out what you carry in. Feel free to walk along the shore front, but within the field please do not wander beyond the marked boundaries of the trail.

**The Geele Farm has two main trails, with several scenic side trails.** On the east side of the road, the relatively easy Fields Trail meanders through fields and along the shore of the Eastern Branch of Broad Cove, on the Medomak River. On the west side of the road, the more difficult Saltmarsh Woods Trail meanders through second growth softwood forest and along the edge of an exemplary saltwater marsh on the Western Branch of Broad Cove, passing by several wetlands and vernal pools.

Salt marshes and mudflats line the shore, providing homes to many species of animals and plants. Rich in birdlife, some species live here year round while others, such as the **great blue heron**, visit seasonally. The property contains numerous vernal pools and wetlands, which make way to streams flowing from freshwater marshes into the saltwater.

Common tree species include **red spruce**, **balsam fir**, **white pine**, **hemlock**, **birch**, **beech**, and **big-tooth aspen**. The forest is mostly regenerated second-growth, and a dense understory of herbs, ferns, and wildflowers is present along the trail.

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**During Your Visit**

Carry out what you carry in
Keep dogs under control
Please clean up after your pets
No camping or fires
Wear blaze orange during hunting season
Hunting by permission
No ATVs or bicycles

**How to Get There**

From Waldoboro:
Take Route 32 south from Rt. 1 in Waldoboro for 2.7 miles, turn left onto Dutch Neck Road, then right in 1/3 mile onto Gross Neck Road. Parking and the trailhead are on the right, at a green gate, in approximately 1.5 miles.

**Get Involved**

Support from members and volunteers makes this preserve possible.

**Join Today**

Keep Midcoast Maine a beautiful place for all
Special events for Members
Free professional advice on controlling erosion on your property
**Member discounts** on courses, workshops, events, cabins, and campsites
Biannual newsletter & bimonthly e-news

**Volunteer**

You can help maintain trails and buildings, staff recreational events, lead guided walks, and more. You too can make a difference in your community!

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Geele Farm Preserve

Enjoy a gently sloping walk down to the salt marshes of the Eastern Branch of Broad Cove of the Medomak River, or loop around the woods trail to enjoy the quite views of the humble Western Branch of Broad Cove.

**Total Acres:** 80
**Total Trail Length:** 1.85 miles

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**Map Key**

- **Fields Trail**
  - **Trail Length:** 0.6 Miles
  - **Difficulty:** Easy
  - **Highlights:** Hay Fields, Medomak River views

- **Saltmarsh Woods**
  - **Trail Length:** 1 Mile
  - **Difficulty:** Easy
  - **Highlights:** Wildlife tracks on mud flats

- **Marsh Spur**
  - **Trail Length:** 0.25 Mile
  - **Difficulty:** Easy
  - **Highlights:** Wetland views

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**Midcoast Conservancy Property**

**Private Property**

**10-foot contour line**

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