Ann Marie Maguire donated 78 acres to Sheepscot Valley Conservation Association (now Midcoast Conservancy) in the winter of 2014. Mrs. Maguire donated the land with the intent to provide the first public trail access to Weary Pond.

The land can be tracked all the way back to Jonathan Heath who originally built the neighboring red cottage, which is the second oldest house in Whitefield. Throughout the years the land that is now preserved was used for both forestry and agriculture. Look for the network of stone walls and old stumps throughout the preserve.

Before conservation, Ann Marie and Denis Maguire created trails from their house over to Weary Pond. The Maguires were also inspired by the Arnold Expedition to Quebec and the hardship of portaging along the upper Kennebec. From this they dreamed of creating a water trail from Weary Pond to the Sheepscot River and out to the ocean.

At the beginning of the trail you will find yourself in dense woods originally planted by the Maguires to give themselves some privacy. As you make your way down the trail you will find yourself in a mixed wood forest with a beautiful stream and waterfall caused by an old beaver’s dam. From here you will meander over ledges, beside glacial erratics, and eventually come to a scenic wetland vista. The bog is full of wild blueberries, Cotton Grass, larger Blue Flag Iris, and Wild Calla Lilies. Once you cross the discontinued Weary Pond Road you will end up at the final lollipop of the trail.

“I was our dream to see a trail to Weary Pond made possible from the Heath Road through this unique parcel. Some of my favorite places are ‘The Overlook’ — a peaceful view of a small beaver pond in the stream —, the springtime roar from the waterfall over the ledges, and the little island in the middle of the stream. I hope people will enjoy this lovely area for years to come.”

—Ann Marie Maguire
Maguire Preserve

Follow a quiet woodland path past waterfalls, wetland vistas, and mossy woodlands to gorgeous Weary Pond.

Total Acres: 75
Total Trail Length: 3.3 miles out and back

Map Key

Loop Trail
Trail Length: 3.3 out and back
Difficulty: Moderate
Highlights: waterfalls, wetland vistas, mossy woodlands, pond lookout

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