

Marshview & McLaren Trails

The **McLaren Trail** is a two-mile recreational trail encompassing 45 acres. Merrimac acquired it when the West Amesbury Branch Railroad (1873-1972), part of the Boston and Maine Railroad line, was abandoned. The railroad branch ran from Newton Junction, N.H. to Merrimac's town center.

The McLaren Trail begins near the center of town, following the path of Cobbler Brook.

Heading north, the trail winds along the Perkins Conservation Area, then passes through a large wetland and farm fields, crossing the Back River and Cobbler Brook watersheds. The most scenic portions of the trail, including a spectacular marsh view, are at the northern end.

The **Marshview Trail** is in the Back River watershed. The trailhead is on the northern end of the McLaren Trail and runs through a wooded area, farm fields, and along a wetland. The Marshview Trail is connected to Brush Hill Road by the Innis Trail.

The McLaren and Marshview Trails are ideal for walking, biking and horseback riding.



Please Follow Trail Etiquette

Leave No Trace

Leave everything as you found it - or better! Don't take anything with you and don't leave anything behind. The general rule is "pack it in, pack it out."

Mind Your Pets

Keep your pets on leash. **Always pick up after your pet – and take it with you!** Nothing ruins a trail's beauty more than soggy doggy bags.

Stay on the Trail

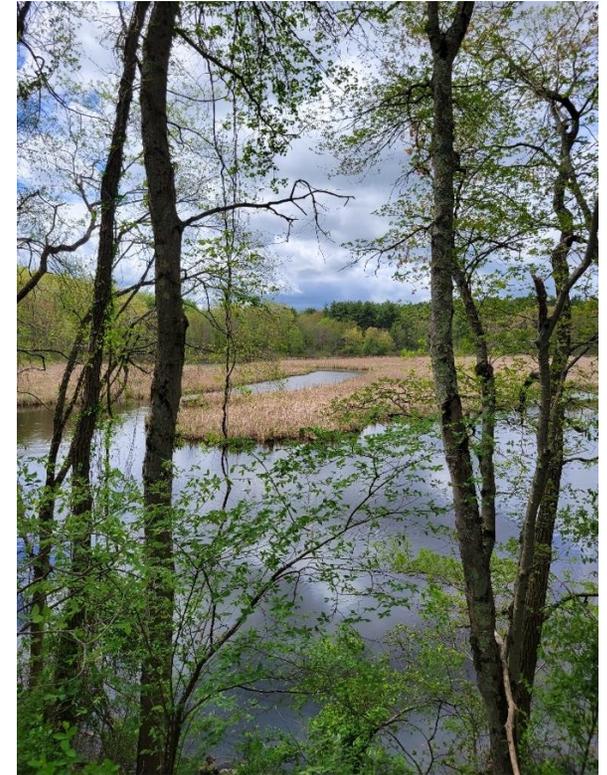
To prevent erosion, it's critical that all hikers stay on the trail. Help us protect the biodiverse and delicate ecosystems we all enjoy.

No motorized vehicles are permitted on the trails.



For more information about Merrimac's Trails scan this QR code.

Marshview & McLaren Trail Map



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