



Marshview & McLaren Trail Map

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 includes a variety of settings. At its southern end the trail passes through industrial and densely residential settings, and follows the path of Cobbler Brook.

Running north the trail winds along the Perkins conservation area, then passes through a large wetland area and farmland. It crosses the Powwow River and Cobbler Brook watersheds. The most scenic portions of the trail occur at the northern end, including a spectacular marsh view. Crossing into New Hampshire, the trail continues through Newton as the Peanut Trail.

The Marshview Trail is in the Powwow River watershed. The trail runs through a wooded area, farm fields, and along side a wetland area. The Innis Trail connects the Marshview Trail with Brush Hill Road.

These trails are ideal for walking, biking, and horse back riding. No motorized vehicles are permitted on the trails.