

# SKOLFIELD PRESERVE TRAILS

Total trail mileage – 0.56 miles

Please respect our neighbors and trail rules.  
No dogs or motorized vehicles.



-  Preserve
-  Hiking Trails
-  Public Roads
-  Parking Area

Middle Bay

Wetlands

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Harpswell Road / Route 123

Sea Grass Farm Road (Private)



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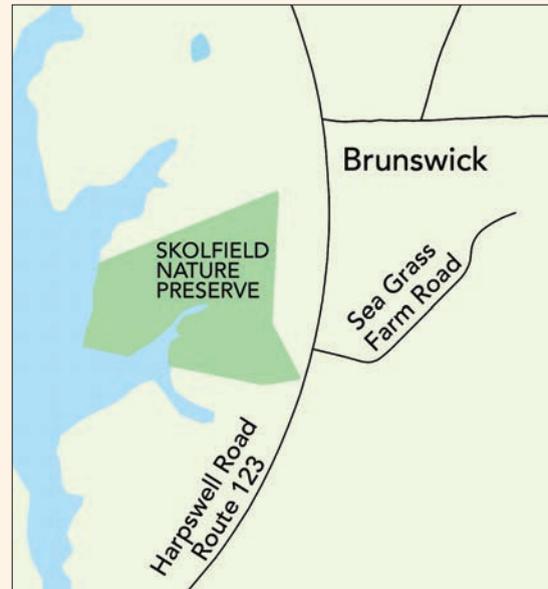
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## Skolfield Nature Preserve

**C**aptain Alfred Skolfield Nature Preserve includes 8.4-acres on Middle Bay, adjacent to the historic Merriconeag Farm. Skolfield Preserve was donated to Brunswick-Topsham Land Trust (BTLT) in 1990 by Dr. Alice Whittier, great-granddaughter of the sea captain Alfred Skolfield, for use as a nature preserve. The land is adjacent to a traditional portage site called a merriconeag (“quick carrying place”) by the indigenous Abenaki people. The portage is at the narrowest part of the peninsula - allowing for an easy carry between Middle Bay and Harpswell Cove. In the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, this area was the site of the Skolfield shipbuilding yard.

Skolfield Preserve consists of tall, mature woodland—some of the oldest stands on the Harpswell peninsula. The western edge of the property includes salt marsh along Middle Bay. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service estimates that Middle Bay provides habitat for over half of the 64 species of migratory birds, anadromous fish, and other animals that are declining, threatened, or endangered in the Gulf of Maine. More than 150 bird species have been observed in and around BTLT’s Skolfield Preserve. Walking through the woods, one can see large oval holes in standing deadwood – the work of crow-sized Pileated Woodpeckers, the largest North American woodpecker.



### DIRECTIONS TO PROPERTY

The preserve is located on the west side of Harpswell Road (Route 123), 1.1 miles south of Middle Bay Road when approaching from Brunswick. The trailhead is identified by a sign at the edge of the woods, set back from the road by a narrow strip of hayfield, just past Sea Grass Farm Road across the street. Park in the small gravel area near the sign.

### TRAIL USE RESTRICTIONS

- Open dawn to dusk
- No off-road vehicles, bicycles, snowmobiles, or horses
- No dogs
- No fires or camping
- Stay on marked trails
- No hunting or trapping
- Observe posted trail rules



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To preserve, protect, and steward the cherished landscapes and rich natural resources of our communities, to provide access for recreation, and to support local agriculture and other traditional land uses, now and for generations to come.