



## Welcome to the George C. Lyon Nature Preserve

The Preserve encompasses 10.7 acres of upland woods, a pond, and wetlands. The land was donated to the Deep River Land Trust by the George Lyon Family Trust in 1997, and a trail system has now been developed on the land. Several classic old stone walls border and cross the property. Lyon's Meadow Pond is a former mill pond impounded by a concrete dam. In recent years, energetic beavers have made the pond and upstream wetland their home, and water levels have been raised by beaver-dam building. This year (2020) the beavers seem to have moved on, but many beaver-hewn trees still remain toppled along the edges of the pond. The main trail (indicated by yellow blazes) weaves around rock outcroppings and large glacial boulders of granitic gneiss; and an old cinder block foundation provides hikers a place to sit and enjoy the scenery. In the southwestern part of the preserve, the trail follows an old wood road and right of way to the adjoining Essex Land Trust Woodja Hill Preserve trail system. The parking area on Meadow Woods Road has room for only 2 cars, however a larger parking area at Essex Land Trust's Woodja Hill Preserve off Oxbow Lane (see trail map) can also be used.

## Please Note the Following Restrictions:

1. No digging in or removal of debris from pond or wetlands
2. No motorized vehicles are allowed
3. Pets must be leashed or under owner's control
4. No fires
5. No cutting of trees or other vegetation
6. No harvesting of downed trees
7. No parking after dusk

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