

Lamprey River Preserve Tax Map 17, Lots 49-0, 46-9, 48-4
Site Walk Notes 5-13-09

We walked from the parking area on Packer's Falls Road east along an old wood road, beside a large meadow, down to the wooded shore of the Lamprey River, under the RR bridge, southeast on a trail parallel to the Lamprey to a point opposite Moat Island, and then a short distance south along the river to an inlet. We then retraced our route back to the parking lot.

The Preserve is owned by The Nature Conservancy. Most of the property is wooded, except for the large open meadow. The purpose of the walk was to become familiar with the land, trails, uses and management in relation to Doe Farm, located just across the Lamprey River.

The Preserve is managed primarily for wildlife. TNC does not blaze or maintain trails. The large meadow is mowed annually. Posted signs welcome the public with allowed uses listed: foot travel, hunting, fishing, wildlife & nature observation, and snowmobiles on designated trails. The following are prohibited: motorized vehicles, camping, fires, trapping, mountain bikes, horses and pets.

In the winter, when the Lamprey River is frozen, people can easily cross between the Preserve and Doe Farm by walking, XC skiing, and by snowmobile. In warm months, both properties have access by small boats, usually canoes and kayaks, using the flat water stretch of the Lamprey from below Packer's Falls to Route 108 in Newmarket.

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Field notes by Beryl Harper (and photos)