

Androscoggin Land Trust Preserves along or in Lower Androscoggin

Ackerman Island Preserve

Jan 14, 2014

Acres: Acres: 3 | Ownership: Public | Public Access: Yes



This approximately 4-acre island (formerly known as Lisbon Island) in the Androscoggin River is situated roughly a quarter-mile downstream of the Durham River Park. Donated to ALT in 2010 by the Town of Lisbon, the island is to be incorporated in the Androscoggin Greenway vision. Generally flat with steep banks along the river, the island is mostly hardwood species on a fertile, well-drained soil and contains important floodplain, bird and wildlife habitat.

In 2019, ALT renamed the island after the late John Ackerman, who passed away in 2014. John, a resident of Durham and former land steward for the island, also served as an ALT board member for almost a decade, from 2004 to 2013. John was instrumental in the establishment of the Durham Conservation Commission (DCC) in the early 1980s. Through the collaborative efforts of the commission and ALT, John worked to acquire the land that became Durham River Park, and designed trails and maps for its access and recreational use. As forester and landscape architect, he drew plans for spaces including Wolfe's Neck Woods and Mount Blue State Parks. The Town of Durham dedicated its 225th Annual Town Report to John in 2014. Recognizing his passionate advocacy for the creation of the Runaround Pond Recreation Area in 1975, and decades of conservation advocacy, John's wife Diane sold his treasured woodlot on Runaround Pond to the Royal River Conservation Trust in 2017. John will be remembered not only for his passion for the environment, but for the wit, wisdom, and integrity he brought to the leadership of Androscoggin Land Trust.

Directions: From the Durham River Park on Route 136 non-motorized boats can be launched to access the island. For motorized boats, the Durham Boat Launch should be used for access. Boats should navigate into the small channel between this island and the larger Wagg Island, where boats can be pulled up and visitors can scramble up the slopes of the island.

Durham River Park

Nov 8, 2013

Acres: 12 | Ownership: Public | Public Access: Yes



Owned by the Town of Durham and managed by the Durham Conservation Commission, ALT has held a conservation easement on the property since 2000. This park contains 12-acres of public parkland and forest along the Androscoggin River and contains a trail system that is open to the public.

Directions: The Protected Property, Durham River Park, is located on Route 136 several miles south of the Durham boat launch. It is diagonally across Route 136 from the Get N Go Variety Store. The property is located just north of the bend in the river and the area of Durham known historically as Southwest Bend.

Barker Mill Trail

Jan 14, 2014

| Ownership: Private | Public Access: Yes



This is an approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ mile trail along the Little Androscoggin River in New Auburn. The property is privately owned by David Frank and ALT holds a license permitting the existence of the trail and trail maintenance.

The trail starts off Mill St. in New Auburn in the parking lot of Upper Barker Mill Hydroelectric Dam Project, owned by Ridgewood Renewable Power. The dam is on land owned by David Frank but leased by Ridgewood.

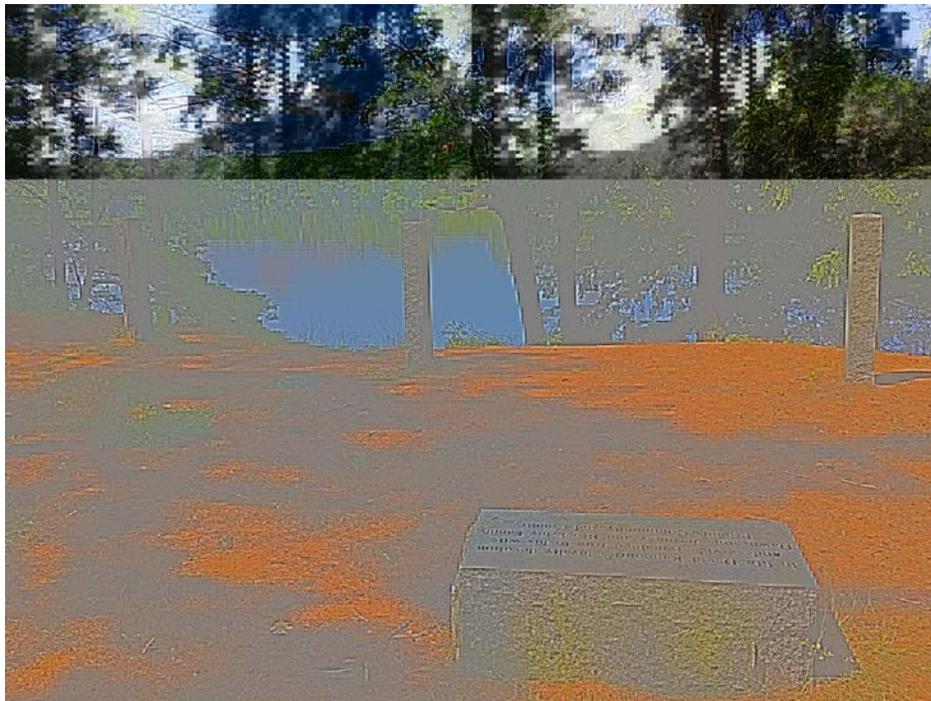
From the Lower Barker Mill Dam, the trail then runs southwest along the Little Androscoggin River for approximately ½ mile before encountering an Auburn Water District utility right of way. The trail follows the right of way back to Mill St. Users can either retrace their steps to the parking lot or walk back on the trail.

Directions: From downtown Auburn, follow Main Street to the intersection with Mill St and take a right onto Mill St. Drive past Barker Mill Arms apartment complex on the right. Just after this apartment complex there is an unmarked driveway on the right (that belongs to the dam operators). This entrance is to the parking lot of Upper Barker Mill Hydroelectric Dam. The trail begins here and you can park in this lot as long as you are not blocking the entrance gates to the dam. There are currently no signs marking the trail.

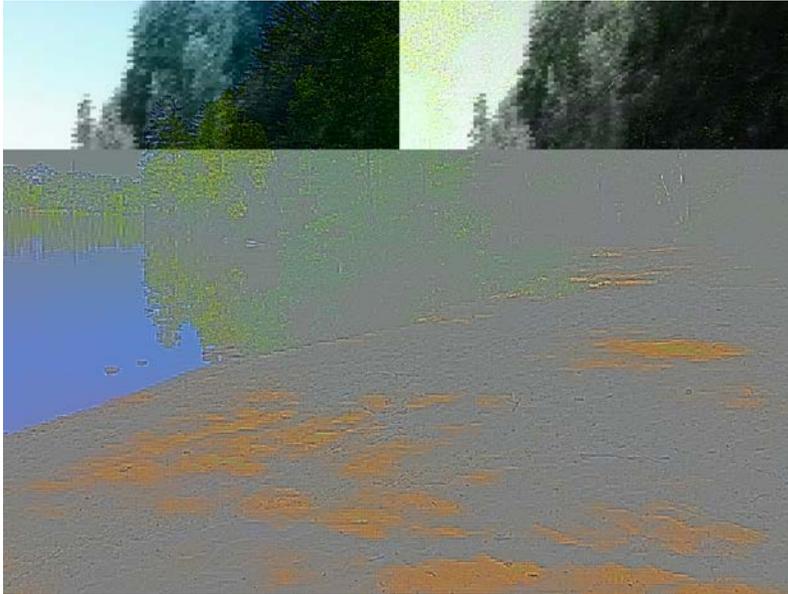
David Rancourt River Preserve

Jan 14, 2014

Acres: Acres: 14 | Ownership: Public | Public Access: Yes



This 14-acre preserve is owned by the Androscoggin Land Trust and is a component of the Androscoggin Greenway. The property was purchased from the City of Lewiston with Land for Maine's Future water access funds in 2007. The property contains an approximately 1 mile loop walking trail, a hand-carry boat launch, two beautiful sand beaches, and a scenic overlook. In 2008 the property was dedicated in memory of Deputy Rancourt, a man whose affinity for the river and dedication to his country and community will forever be appreciated.



Preserve Rules:

- Please – Carry in/carry out, Keep dogs on-leash and pick up after your dog, Remain on trails, Be respectful of private property boundaries.
- Allowed Uses – Daytime non-motorized recreational use including: Hiking, Snowshoeing, XC Skiing, Dog-walking on-leash, Fishing, Archery hunting (by permission).
- Not Allowed – Motorized Vehicles, Camping, Fires, Picking or removing of plants, Hunting with firearms (per city ordinance).



Directions: From downtown Lewiston, follow Main Street (Route 202) north until you go past Mollison Way on the right and then under the railroad bridge. Take a left at Northwoods Road (just before Marden's). Follow Northwoods Road a short distance until the road changes to Tall Pines Drive at a 90 degree turn to the left. Follow Tall Pines Drive a short distance past two townhouses. Park along Tall Pines Drive along the wooded section immediately across from a private parking lot of the second townhouse at 20 Tall Pines Drive. The trailhead is on the same side of the street where you have parked. Look for the kiosk and the trailhead.