

Welcome to
Waterhouse Brook
Park

The land in Waterhouse Park is jointly owned by the Town of Poland and Pine grove Cemetery Corporation and although the process of developing trails has been ongoing for several years, it has only become a priority in the last 2 years. The entire trail, including two short side trails, is approximately 9200 feet long (1.7 miles). The trail winds through various types of forested habitats and includes views of the brook as it flows through a large meadow area. This meadow provides vital open areas for many different species of wildlife.

The park is bisected by Waterhouse Brook which drains upper, middle and Lower Range Ponds and flows northerly into the Little Androscoggin River at Mechanic Falls. This brook was formerly the water source for the Town of Mechanic Falls before the aquifer on Winter Brook was developed.

Beginning at the trail head kiosk at Poland Corner Road near the dam the trail runs northerly over the road to the soccer field behind the Poland Community School, through a pine forest owned by the Town of Poland and Pine Grove Cemetery Corporation to the abandoned Maine Central Railroad now owned by Town of Poland and southerly along the railroad bed to Poland Corner Road near the dam.

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The Waterhouse Brook Park trail is a joint project of
The Poland Conservation Commission, the New England Forestry Foundation
and the Poland Trail Committee.



Points of interest

1. About 800 feet northerly from the old Poland Corner Road turn right on a short trail which lead to a scenic vista of the brook and meadow.
2. A portion of the trail passes through a stand of white pine, pitch pine and red pine on lands owned by the Poland Community School and Pine Grove Cemetery Corporation.
3. Beaver knoll side trail is located off the main trail about 100 feet before the bridge. This short trail runs southerly about 500 feet to a glacial kame which rises about 30 feet above the brook.
4. Granite block Bridge over Waterhouse Brook. This bridge was constructed in 1893 by Edge Moor Bridge Works of Portland for Portland and Rumford Falls Railroad and is 23 feet in length.
5. A split stone culvert is located under the railroad bed approximately 500 feet southerly from the bridge. This well-built culvert is 5 feet in height and 4¾ feet wide.
6. This short branch of the railroad was built about 1895 and ran from Auburn to Mechanic Falls until about the 1940's when it was abandoned and the track removed.
7. The first mill dam at the outlet of Lower Range Pond was built by Capt., George Waterhouse in 1793.

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