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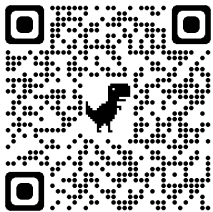
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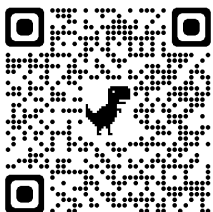
Yarmouth Open Space Guide



Creating Park Signage Highlighting Indigenous History and Perspectives



Accessing the Royal River Water Trail, Rt.9 to E. Elm St



The Evolution of Riverfront Woods



Thank you for joining us on today's guided nature walk
of the Riverfront Woods Preserve.

To learn more about all the event's community-based collaborators and ways to get involved in open space stewardship in Yarmouth, please check out the QR codes below with your mobile phone's camera.



Many thanks to the neighbors, volunteers, and organizations who shared their time and expertise for this community event: Alan Stearns of the Royal River Conservation Trust; Ron Siviski of YCARE; Beth Sturtevant and Karen Massey, Maine Master Naturalists; Josh Royte and Brian Caprari, Parks & Lands Committee; Dan Ostrye, Rick Snow, William Dunn, and Peter Johnson, the Rotary Club of Yarmouth; the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee subcommittee on Recreation & Natural Resources; Karyn MacNeill and Erik Donohoe, YCS; Shawn Quirk, Yarmouth Municipal Television; and the Town Planning Department.

Parks & Lands Committee Land Acknowledgment Statement

The current stewards of open space in what is now known as Yarmouth, Maine recognize that the lands and waters we inhabit and enjoy are places from which Wabanaki peoples were forcefully removed. The Abenaki and other tribes of the modern Wabanaki Confederacy lived here and are still present. They stewarded these lands and waters as part of an interconnected ecosystem for thousands of years prior to European colonization.

Let us respectfully acknowledge and learn from this significant history, while also appreciating the current beauty that exists here and recognizing the social, health, and other benefits we now derive from these unceded ancestral lands of indigenous people.



Wood Frog
(*Rana sylvatica*)



Spotted Salamander
(*Ambystoma laterale*)



Common moorhen
(*Gallinula chloropus*)



North American Beaver
(*Castor canadensis*)



Fairy Shrimp
(*Eubranchipus* spp.)

At the Riverfront Woods Preserve, there are rich scrub-shrub wetlands, thriving seasonal vernal pools, hard and softwood forests, and the Royal River ecosystem. Here, these natural resources are uniquely available to all ages and abilities with new, universally accessible trails underway.

Throughout the town, open spaces provide recreational opportunities, drinking water, flood buffers, water purification, and important habitat and corridors for wildlife; all of which are strongly valued by the town. The natural and water resources of Yarmouth are enjoyed by locals, visitors, and wildlife alike, and are vital to the Town's well-being. These resources may be threatened by extensive development that can promote increased stormwater runoff pollution or fragment habitat blocks, but careful planning, protection, public education, and land conservation can help to protect these resources for current and future generations. **Join us at these upcoming town events to help shape those goals and policies.**

October 2 6PM – 8PM	Community Conversation: Environment & Natural Resources Patriot Insurance, 701 Route 1 (multipurpose event room, rear lot entrance)
October 10 6PM – 8PM	Yarmouth Climate Action Plan – Community Action Workshop Patriot Insurance, 701 Route 1 (multipurpose event room, rear)
October 20 9AM – 10:30AM	"Can You Hear Me Now? You're On Mute!" WFH-Breakfast Brainstorming 317 Main Co-hosted by the Economic Development Advisory Board, the Chamber of Commerce, the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee and the Town Planning Department
October 22 2PM – 3:30PM	Visualizing Density: A Guided Walking Tour of Our Historically Diverse Housing Stock Meet at Latchstring Park for a walk in the Upper Village Historic District Co-hosted by the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee and Town Affordable Housing Committee, and the Town Planning Department
November 13 6PM – 8PM	Future Land Use Workshop Patriot Insurance, 701 Route 1 (multipurpose event room, rear lot entrance)

