Piscassic Greenway

The Piscassic Greenway links two blocks of protected land in Newmarket and Exeter to create more than 4,000 acres for public use. In 2005, much of this land was slated as a 102-unit subdivision. SELT, the Trust for Public Land, and the Town of Newfields intervened and raised funding to conserve the land as open space for the community. The Greenway has since grown with the acquisition of the 69-acre Cole Farm and 59-acre Tucker Tract.

There are approximately 3.5 miles of trails on the property that are available for hiking, hunting, cross-country skiing, and bird watching. Mountain biking, snowmobiling and horseback riding are also allowed, but only on designated trails. Trails are blazed and range from easy to moderate difficulty.

The land offers open fields, ponds, wetlands, mature forests, productive soils for farming, and shoreline on the Piscassic River.

Enjoy the Piscassic Greenway!

Trail Descriptions

- **Byrne Trail**: This gently rolling mile-long trail runs from the northern to the southern edge of the property. It is open to mountain biking, snowmobiling and horseback riding.
- **Byrne Spur**: Accessible from Halls Mill Road, this 0.4-mile trail runs into Byrne Trail and loops around to Otis Hill Trail making a 1.6-mile loop around the Greenway. A bridge over the wetland offers a platform for visitors to sneak a glance at turtles, birds, and other wildlife in the beaver pond.
- **Mraz Trail**: This trail begins on Bald Hill Road and offers an easy 1.7-mile round trip loop through fields and forests. Both the north and south loop connect to the Byrne Trail.
- **Otis Hill Trail**: This trail is 0.6 miles in length and connects to the unmaintained, dirt portion of the Halls Mill Road. This trail is open to mountain biking.

Access

Visitors can park at the lot on Bald Hill Road in Newfields or a small parking area at the end of Halls Mills Road. (Please do not block abutters’ driveways.) Visitors can also access the Greenway via a short spur trail off the Rockingham Recreational Trail that connects to the Byrne Trail.