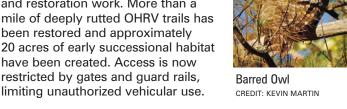
Road at the intersection of Birch Road. Black Gum Trail This trail is named for a tree that is uncommon in the state but found throughout the wetlands of the Mast Road Natural Area. In fact the largest known

Gate 3 Entrance: This is the primary public entrance to the

western portion of the property. A kiosk is located here and

Gate 4 Entrance: Public parking is available across Mast

black gum tree in NH is found on this property. From Gate 3 this nearly level trail winds through the forest on the edge of extensive wetlands that extend east from this trail to



Advisory Committee. Since purchasing this land, SELT has carried out extensive habitat and restoration work. More than a mile of deeply rutted OHRV trails has been restored and approximately 20 acres of early successional habitat have been created. Access is now restricted by gates and guard rails,

the land in 2011 with funding from the

USDA Natural Resources Conservation

Service and the Lamprey River

Trail Descriptions

the Black Gum Trail begins at this location.

managed for early succession habitat. Please stay on the trail so as to protect sensitive habitats. From here the trail climbs a short gentle hill edged by a field that was created in the restoration work. The trail ends in an adjoining field that was once a small outdoor movie theater. (Universally Accessible)

property. Note the boundary line is very close to the trail and the Camp Hedding property is posted. Camp Hedding is a Methodist owned property with privately owned homes that continues on to Gate 2. There is no public access beyond the SELT boundary line located at this gate. (Universally Accessible) Beauschesne Farm Trail The beginning of this trail is on an old sulky track where horses once trained for harness racing. The Beauschesne Farm Trail utilizes portions of the sulky track to loop around an open sandy area which is being

Lamprey River Trail intersects the Old Piggery and

Beauschesne Farm Trails. This gently sloping trail follows old

with the fertile tillable soils along the Lamprey River. The trail goes through a parcel owned by the Town of Epping. There

is short spur trail to an overlook at the edge of the Lamprey River. From here the trail follows along the edge of floodplain

forests before looping back to the Beauschesne Farm Trail at

Hedding Spur Trail This trail is located partially on the

rail access to the Camp Hedding property from a railroad

path of the Hedding Spur Rail Line, which historically provided

station on Mast Road. SELT has created three patch clearcuts

along this trail to provide habitat for wildlife that depend on

early succession forest, such as snowshoe hare. In the drier seasons, one can walk out Gate 5 onto Route 87 and loop

back by way of Birch Road. Winter users should note that

snowmobiling is allowed on this trail. (Universally Accessible)

the old sulky track.

farm paths that at one time connected the dry upland pastures

Old Piggery Trail Beginning just west of the beaver pond, this trail was once a road that serviced a large pig farm located on the Mast Road Natural Area and the abutting Camp Hedding until about 1970. The piggery site is a partially open area with remnant concrete foundations on the abutting Camp Hedding began as a religious campground in 1862. The Old Piggery Trail

Birch Road. There are several small bridges on this trail, the last of which provides views of a large active beaver pond. (Universally Accessible)

Enjoy the Mast Road Natural Area!

public enjoyment. This land is owned and managed by SELT and is open for

- · Leave no trace. Please carry out what you carry in.
- Respect the privacy of our neighbors.
- Stay on marked trails.
- Dogs are welcome but must remain under the control of Hunting is allowed. Be aware of hunting seasons. See map inside and trailheads for permitted uses.
- pick up after your pet. owners. Please carry a lease, leash aggressive dogs, and
- The following uses are not permitted:
- Camping _
- FILES
- larget shooting
- Trapping
- Horseback riding Wheeled motorized vehicles

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healthy forests. for clean water, outdoor recreation, fresh food, wildlife, and protect and sustain the significant lands in our communities SELT is a member-supported nonprofit whose mission is to

sustainable management of SELT-owned lands. through our landowner stewardship program and through conserved, SELT ensures the conservation goals are met conservation easements and land ownership. Once land is to conserve special places for the public benefit through SELT serves 52 communities of southeastern New Hampshire

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Mast Road, Epping Trailheads & Parking:

TRAIL GUIDE

Mast Road Natural Area

The 531-acre Mast Road Natural Area is located in the

ecological diversity. Two-thirds of the land is classified as

basin swamps, fens, and a pitch pine heath swamp. Mast

southeast corner of Epping. This property features outstanding

wetlands including vernal pools, floodplain forests, black gum

Road Natural Area boasts more than a mile of frontage on the

Lamprey River and nearly 500 feet of frontage on the Piscassic

River. 150 acres of the property are managed upland hemlock

hardwood-pine forest. The property is also rich with history.

At one time this property was considered a potential site

misuse of the property for a long period of time. SELT acquired

for a golf course, as well as residential and commercial

developments. Easy access and wet soils led to extensive