

DEPARTMENT OF INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

a Trail Guide to

JAMIES POND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

in
Hallowell,
Manchester,
and
Farmingdale, Maine

WELCOME

Welcome to **Jamies Pond Wildlife Management Area (JPWMA)**. This quiet pond and the walking trails throughout over 840 acres of protected woodland are owned and managed by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (DIF&W).

GUIDELINES

The DIF&W requests that you note the following rules and guidelines:

- These trails are intended for foot travel only.
- No fires or camping.
- Dogs present a problem for wildlife and must be kept under immediate control of the owner.
- Please carry out everything you carry in, and if you want to help, pick up any trash you may find.
- Be alert to hunters who may be hunting on the property during the various hunting seasons.

BACKGROUND

In the 1620s, this area was owned by the Pilgrims of Plymouth Plantation. Eventually it came into the hands of the Boston businessmen known as the Proprietors of the Kennebec Purchase. Several stone markers may be seen marking the boundaries of the land deeded to the Vaughan family of Hallowell in the 1700s.

Although the region experienced rapid growth in the late 1700s, the Jamies Pond area saw little activity for the next 125 years. Stonewalls, visible in the woods, indicate that much of the land was cleared, primarily for pasturage. There is a small granite dam can be seen along the Pond Trail. Many such dams were constructed in the late 1800s, often for sawmills, however this dam was apparently never used.

As Hallowell's water supply from the 1920s to the early 1990s, the pond and its watershed was protected from significant development. In 1991 the pond and surrounding woodlands were purchased from the Hallowell Water District with funds from Land for Maine's Future, the City of

Hallowell and an anonymous donor. Title is held by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife which maintains it as a wildlife management area. In 1995, the Hallowell Conservation Commission spearheaded the development of trails with the cooperation of DIF&W.

Three parcels have been added, with the assistance of the Kennebec Land Trust. Total area is now more than 840 acres

FISH AND WILDLIFE

DIF&W's management objective for the property is to preserve water quality in Jamies Pond to support a cold-water fishery and provide habitat for wildlife. The pond, 107 acres in size and up to 75 feet deep, is stocked with brook trout and splake. It also contains small and largemouth bass, and pickerel. The pond and woods host numerous birds including ducks, herons, hawks, loons, osprey, woodpeckers, and a wide variety of songbirds. Wildlife that in the area includes moose, deer, fox, squirrels, skunks, otter, beaver, raccoons, porcupines and fishers.

PLANTS

Hardwoods dominate much of the property and include American beech, red oak, white and gray birch, red maple, white ash, quaking aspen and speckled alder. Softwoods such as white pine, northern white cedar, balsam fir, red spruce and hemlock are scattered throughout. The undergrowth is characterized by a wide variety of shrubs, wildflowers and ferns common to Maine.

GEOLOGY

The trails provide an opportunity to view the effects of glacial ice that covered the area 14,000 years ago. Glacial erratic boulders that dot the landscape were transported by ice, while the pond was likely the site of a huge mass of ice that was left behind and slowly melted as the glacier retreated. Hallowell Granite underlay much of this region.

LOCATION AND PARKING

Access to JPWMA parking areas and trails can be reached from:

- Jamies Pond Road, by way of Outlet Road in Hallowell
- Collins Road in Manchester
- Meadow Hill Road in Manchester

TRAILS

Most of the trails are connecting loops enabling walkers to do shorter or longer walks. Locator maps are maintained throughout the trail system at trailheads and intersections. Two loops of the Pond Trail over look Jamies Pond. The Vernal Pool Trail winds over a ridge that features stands of pine and large boulders. The Hemlock Trail comes down off the ridge and crosses a stream that enters Little Jamies Pond. The Forest Trail, located on north side of Jamies Pond Road runs along a stream that winds through a heavily wooded wetland area that provides habitat to beaver, deer and moose.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Hallowell and Manchester Conservation Commissions expresses appreciation to the **Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife** for its cooperation in developing the trail system and to the many individuals who have assisted in building and maintaining the trails at **Jamies Pond Wildlife Management Area**.

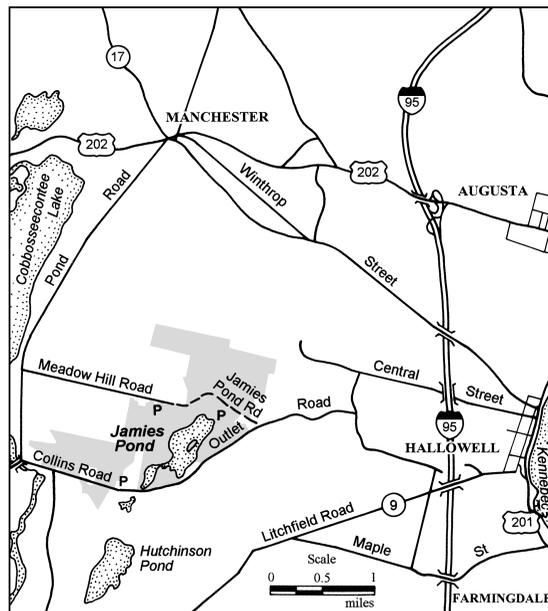
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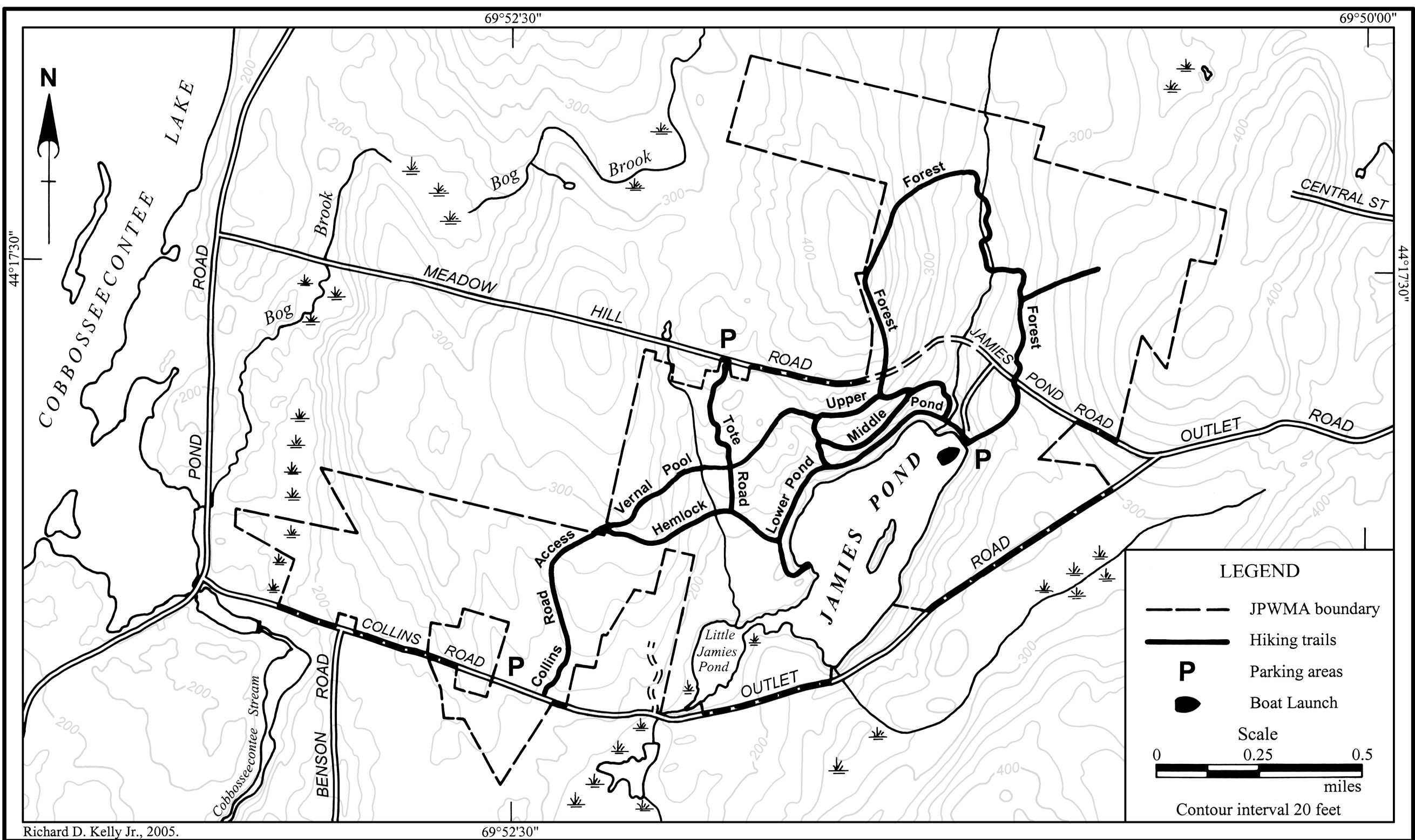
We hope you enjoy your visit and invite you to become a member of the Friends of Jamies Pond Trails. For More information on volunteering, please contact:

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LOCATION MAP





LEGEND

-  JPWMA boundary
-  Hiking trails
-  Parking areas
-  Boat Launch

Scale

0 0.25 0.5
miles

Contour interval 20 feet