

Schmid Preserve Advisory Board  
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At the end of the summer, the Advisory Board will complete ten years of stewardship and resource management of the Schmid Preserve. The 766-acre Preserve is open to the public and the Board urges all Edgecomb residents to utilize this great Town resource. Compatible uses of the Preserve include hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding, snowmobiling, hunting, cross-country skiing, birding, snowshoeing and fishing. There are three primary access points to the Preserve, where parking and maps are available. These parking areas are located on Middle Road, Old County Road and McKay Road.

Over the past year, we have worked very hard on the completion of the RiverLink Trail, a five-mile hiking trail from McKay Road to Dodge Point. This work has included a new parking area on McKay Road, footbridge construction and a significant amount of trail layout, clearing and marking. By the middle of June, we plan to have a new kiosk and map available for RiverLink use.

In addition to RiverLink, we have cleared, marked and maintained our other six miles of trails. Our stewardship duties have included restricting unauthorized vehicular access to the Preserve, ongoing boundary maintenance and game and bird habitat management. Volunteer trail stewards continue to do high quality work on all aspects of Schmid Preserve management.

Respectfully Submitted,

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