

BROWNING WOODS FARM TRAIL

The well marked 2.5 mile Browning Trail crosses three parcels. The largest, the 165 acre Browning Woods Farm, was purchased from Harold Browning Jr. in 1999. In 2001 and 2003, the two adjacent lots were purchased from the Kenney family and the Animal Rescue League, together encompassing 21.8 acres. These acquisitions were funded by The Nature Conservancy (with funds from The Champlin Foundations and the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation), RI Department of Environmental Management's Forest Legacy and local open space bond programs, the Town of South Kingstown's open space bond program, and the RI Greenways Council. The Greenways grant also helped to fund the trail construction and signage.

The trail begins at about 100 feet above sea level, passing over a swamp and intermittent stream, before ascending to almost 200 feet through wooded uplands. Visitors can view the remains of the Browning homestead and another long abandoned cellar hole. The Woods Farm was part of the original Pettaquamscutt purchase and was in the Browning family for 10 generations before it was protected by SKLT. This large area adds to the nearby Card's Camp land, protected in 1999 by TNC – another important step in building a corridor of protected land through the area. The Card's Camp land was purchased through a partnership of TNC, Camp JORI, the Town of South Kingstown and The Champlin Foundations.

Driving directions:

From the SKLT office at 313 Main Street in Wakefield (across from Robinson Street) proceed southwest on Main Street for 1.49 miles to Route 1. Stay on Route 1 South for about 2.9 miles then take the exit marked Post Road / Perryville. Proceed 0.3 miles to a stop sign at the intersection of Ministerial Road (Route 110). Go straight on Post Road for 0.9 miles, then take a right onto Gravelly Hill Road. Proceed for 1.6 miles to a stop sign. Go straight onto Shannock Road. Proceed for 0.25 miles to a small gravel parking lot on the right side of the road. The trail begins at the back of the parking lot next to the trail sign.