



Stephenson

City Point Road, Belfast

#stephensonpreserve

TRAIL: 0.3 mile loop, easy

SIZE: 8 acres

ROCK BLUFFS, SEASONAL WATERFALL, HEMLOCK STAND

Formally known as the Knowlton-Swanson-Stephenson Preserve, this preserve offers a short hike close to downtown Belfast. A small waterfall flows during spring melt and heavy rain. You could extend your outing by visiting the neighboring Belfast City Preserve and Belfast Rail Trail along the Passagassawakeag River.

DIRECTIONS

From downtown Belfast, take High Street/Route 137. Follow for 1 mile. Entrance to parking lot is on the left.

LOOK FOR

- Fern beds, including sensitive, cinnamon, Christmas and New York ferns
- Coarse woody debris, important habitat for small mammals and invertebrates
- Yellow birch, whose twigs smell like wintergreen when scratched

HISTORY

Donated in 2000 by Ralph Stephenson.

