

BEARDSLEY HILL NATURE PRESERVE

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HISTORY

Located in the Town of Woodstock, the Beardsley Hill Nature Preserve contains 116 hectares (288 acres) of woodland and critical Appalachian Hardwood Forest habitat characteristic of Carleton County. First identified as a significant natural area in the 1990s, this preserve is owned by the town and has been managed by the Nature Trust of New Brunswick through a conservation lease agreement since June 2000. The agreement protects the ecological integrity of the woodland by minimizing human impact while keeping it accessible for the enjoyment of local residents and visitors alike. The lease was renewed in 2016, guaranteeing another 10 years of protection and stewardship by the Nature Trust.



ECOLOGICAL FEATURES

Beardsley Hill features one of the oldest, richest, and most productive ecosystems in North America, the Appalachian Hardwood Forest (AHF). With less than one per cent of New Brunswick's original AHF remaining, it's also among the most threatened forest types, making the establishment of this nature preserve even more important! Beardsley Hill contains all the tree species characteristic of the AHF, including

sugar maple, yellow birch, ironwood, American basswood, beech, and endangered butternut trees within the well-draining western end. The eastern section is a cedar swamp housing provincially-rare plant species such as plantain leaved sedge and wild leek. Beardsley Hill is also a prime birding location, home to beautiful songbirds like hermit thrush and American redstart, and rare, threatened or at-risk species like Eastern wood-peewee, Canada warbler and indigo bunting. Use the QR code on the back of this page to find our helpful birding guide to Beardsley Hill!

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