

Appleton Preserve, Appleton

If you started at [Gibson Preserve](#) and walked along the [Ridge to River Trail](#) and the Canal Path before you arrived here, like I did, you might be too tired to enjoy this place! But it is an okay spot, offering views of the St. George River and easy walking. The walk is under 2 miles, and I didn't see any blazes. Perhaps I was delirious? But it was easy enough to follow the trail, which runs along the river, turns right across a field, and then follows an old road of sorts before looping back around. [The Georges River Land Trust protects the 124 acres here.](#)

In my map above, I've marked the four trail segments of the Gibson Preserve-to-Appleton Preserve trail with different colors. The Appleton Preserve segment is pink.

Directions: From the intersection of Routes 131 and 105 (Camden Road) in Appleton, go east on Route 105 for $\frac{1}{2}$ mile. Parking for the Appleton Preserve is available at the ME Inland Fisheries & Wildlife gravel lot on the right, just before the bridge across the Georges River (see map). Please do not park in the Blue Crow Studio driveway or use it as a turnaround.

