

Purinton Homestead Conservation Area, Bowdoin

The Purinton family, who go way back in this area, donated [this 154-acre parcel to the Androscoggin Land Trust](#) in 2001. The land trust has carved out about two miles of pretty walking paths here that follow a curvy, sylvan stream, the Little Gillespie Brook, and briefly take you onto a corner of the preserve's 40-acre field. The trails can be wet, I have found.

Directions: Follow Route 196 in Lewiston north to the intersection with South Lisbon Road in Lewiston. Turn left onto South Lisbon Road and follow to intersection with Crowley Road. Turn left onto Crowley Road and follow until the Town of Sabattus where it turns to Bowdoinham Road. Continue on Bowdoinham Road until you cross into the Town of Lisbon where it becomes the Store Road. At the intersection with West Road, turn left onto West Road and follow past the field on the right. When the fields turn to woods again, look for a sandy informal parking area on the right, which is adjacent to the trailhead.

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