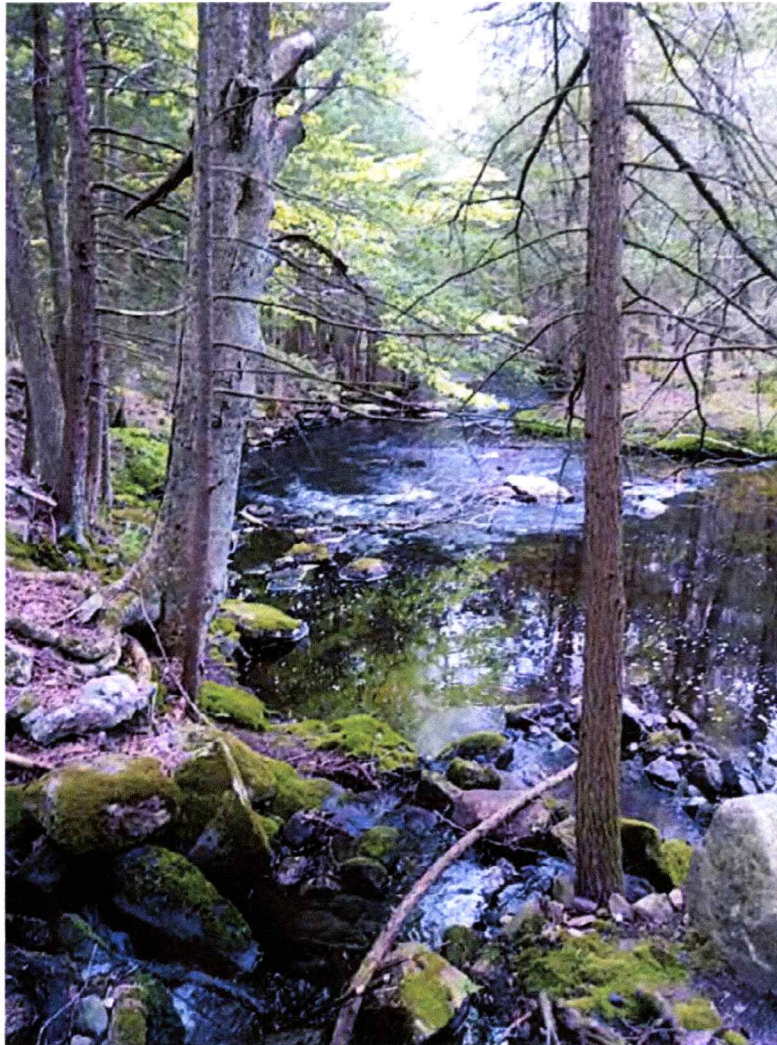


**An adventure awaits!**

Ready for a new outdoor adventure? The “Hibbert Property,” acquired through Hebron’s Open Space Land Acquisition Fund in 2018, just may be the place. This 82-acre forested property offers visitors many attractions in a tranquil setting along the five trails recently marked by Girl Scout Catherine Chester.

The primary access to this beautiful site is 310 Old Colchester Road, just north of the road’s intersection with the Air Line Trail. A chained gravel entryway leads the adventurer into the pristine forest along a blue-marked trail. After a bend, along your left side of the trail is the glistening Raymond Brook. Turning the next bend, this trail traverses northerly to the upland portion of the property, home to a



diverse, beautiful forest. Alternatively, the visitor may elect to hike the southern portion of the white-blazed trail to a clearing and to Raymond Brook for a view of a reflective pool and est. 1700’s mill site. An incredibly large glacial erratic is settled just upstream of the pool, quite a sight!

Continuing along the lengthy blue-marked trail as it bends westerly, the adventurer encounters two more trails. First, a yellow-blazed trail traverses southerly through the heart of the forest, amongst serene sounds of birds, to a quick flowing portion of the brook where one can rest and just listen to the gentle babbling of this precious watercourse. A happy return trip to the blue-marked trail leads one to a shorter red-blazed looped trail, or the adventurer may continue onward! The blue trail bends southerly to a breathtaking overlook of our new favorite brook! Now, onward we go toward another portion of Raymond Brook. This time, one is greeted by majestic evergreens, a mix of towering white pines and impressive hemlocks adorning the stream’s banks. Across the watercourse, an impressive stonewall follows the stream bank to a peculiar left angle bend in the brook. A short distance upstream leads

the inquisitive hiker to a second former mill site. This historic feature is evidenced by the mill’s raceway that extends widely downstream parallel the brook. An enjoyable return trip along the blue-marked trail now awaits. Hope you enjoy the adventure!

Raymond Brook can also be visited directly from the northwesterly side of Air Line Trail (ALT) in between Old Colchester and Grayville Roads. A teal-colored blazed trail meanders amid inviting evergreens to a gorgeous section of the brook. From here, the aforementioned second mill location is visible. Take time to relax on a flat boulder along the stream...perhaps take a snack and observe our new treasure.

Please Note: Hebron’s Parks and Rec Park Policies apply, which basically follow State Park rules. It is advised to stay on the

marked trails. Easy to moderate hiking. Park safely on the grassy area along west side of Old Colchester Rd., near yellow “caution-pedestrian” sign, or at ALT designated parking.

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