

#189 Dolloff Brook

Closed in May 2026

Donated conservation easement

New Hampton, NH

134.62 acres protected

This spring, SLCS and the Town of New Hampton completed a major conservation success: the permanent protection of 134.62 acres at Dolloff Brook. Located along Straits Road and two class VI roads, this town-owned property brings together clean water, wildlife habitat, forestland, wetlands, public access, and local history. The land was donated to the Town in 2021 with the hope that it would be permanently conserved through a conservation easement, and after voters supported the project at the 2026 Town Meeting, the Town donated a conservation easement to SLCS. It is a powerful example of a community choosing to protect what matters for the long term.

The Dolloff Brook property is a richly layered landscape shaped by water, forest, and history. The property protects extensive water resources, including frontage along the Dolloff Brook wetland complex, multiple tributaries, and vernal pools. The upland forest is scattered with signs of wildlife including moose, deer, black bear, and barred owl. Together, the wetlands and forest create a varied landscape with diverse habitat that supports wildlife through every season.

Like much of the landscape in this area, the property carries traces of some of the people who came before including stone walls, cellar holes, the Daniel-Veazey cemetery, and other signs that speak to the land's agricultural past. Although less visible to our eye, we also honor the Native people who stewarded this land for thousands of years prior. Many generations have shaped the land before us.

Dolloff Brook is open to the public for low-impact daytime use. There are currently no maintained trails, though several old woods roads are walkable.

We are grateful to the Town of New Hampton and the New Hampton Conservation Commission for their vision, partnership, and commitment to ensuring that Dolloff Brook remains protected for generations to come.

