

Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife



Landowner Relations Program

Maine has a unique history of public access to private land. Over the past 200 years, landowners, residents, and visitors have forged a tradition of neighborliness and shared access that you won't find anywhere else in the nation.

Roughly 94% of Maine's forest land is privately owned, and more than half of that land area is open to the public. In total, landowners voluntarily open up more than 10 million acres of working farms and forests.

The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's Landowner Relations Program, works to preserve Maine's unique history of public access to private land by:

- Promoting responsible land use to the public
- Educating landowners about their rights, liabilities, and options
- Forming partnerships and supporting landowners.

For more info: <https://www.maine.gov/ifw/programs-resources/outdoor-partners-program/support.html>

Become an Outdoor Partner

Become an [Outdoor Partners](#) by clicking on this link. Help continue the open land access tradition we have all enjoyed by learning how to be a good land user and learn your rights if you are a landowner. The Outdoor Partners contribution helps support the landowner relations program.

Beginning with Habitat

The Department's [Beginning with Habitat program](#) provides technical assistance to landowners, foresters, and other service providers managing land and providing habitat enhancements for at-risk, native fish and wildlife.

Landowner Outreach

If you are a Maine landowner interested in learning more about the assistance Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife can provide to you through our Outdoor Partners and Beginning with Habitat programs, [please complete this short form](#).

Upcoming Events Landowner Events

Landowner Appreciation and Clean Up Day is **Sunday, September 12, 2021**. If you'd like to [Learn more or sign up to volunteer](#) please click the link.