

4. Church Wildlife Conservation Area

A 21 - acre property owned by the Rochester Land Trust



This beautiful pine forest is permanently protected through the generosity of George E. and Katherine H. Church, a beloved Rochester couple who dedicated themselves to the Town of Rochester throughout their lives. An off-street parking area is available on Marion Road/Route 105 to access this property.

George Church & Katherine Hartley married in the 1950s - thus joining two of Rochester's oldest families.

The Hartleys were one of Rochester's largest and most influential families, owning and operating Hartley's Saw Mill and store located on Gifford's Brook. The Church family owned the sawmill on the Mattapoissett River since the mid 1700s.

Katherine's first love was working with and nurturing young lives both through her work as a school nurse in Acushnet and in Rochester teaching first aid and swimming at the family compound on Snow's Pond. During World War II,

George served in the Army Air Corps in England and Katherine in the Nurse Corps.

It was Katherine's wish that this land be preserved for all to enjoy in its natural state. Following her death in 2007, George honored Katherine's wish and worked with the Rochester Land Trust to dedicate the property in her memory.

Enjoy your visit to this peaceful spot and remember the generosity of the couple that helped preserve this corner forever.

Location



Activities

Walk

The circular trail begins and ends at the field surrounding the cellar hole of an old homestead.

Watch

Signs of deer, fox and raccoon abound. Many woodland birds have been sighted here.

Picnic

A picnic table is available. Please take your trash with you.

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Legend 10 ft. Contour



Protected Land

Private Property

House/Buildings

Wetlands

Waterbodies

Cranberry Bogs

