

Why become a partner ?

Conservation & Education enhances & advances community

"Experiential tourism is an emerging market comprised of visitors who seek participation in nature recreation, within the context of the culture and heritage of [natural] areas visited."

Governor's Nature Based Tourism Task Force Final Report, 2011

- Maine's economy depends on large intact tracts of land for wildlife to prosper.
- By supporting Hirundo Wildlife Refuge you show customers and the community your commitment to invest in local quality of life.
- Have people notice your name as a supporter of environmental education programming, the essential ingredient in informed decision making.



In awe of fish!

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Experience Hirundo for yourself

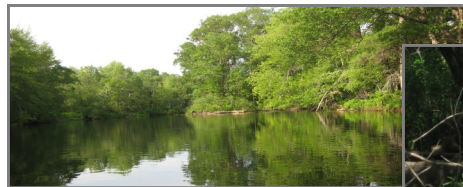
.. on the trails ...



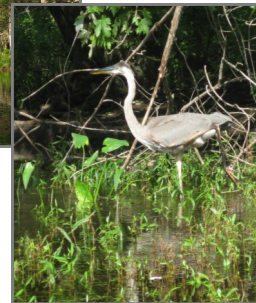
Hemlock Trail



Flying squirrel



Pushaw Stream



Great Blue Heron hunting

..or on the water



Beaver in emergency shelter, spring flood 2014.

It takes a village to keep a refuge



Business Partnership



Hirundo
Wildlife Refuge

Hirundo Wildlife Refuge

Who we are and what we do...

2,400 acres, held in trust by the University of Maine, offer multiple opportunities.

We have miles of trails for quiet contemplation, enjoyment and education, canoes to ply the Dead and Pushaw Streams, an educational building for programs and activities, helpful staff and wonderful volunteers.

The Refuge offers many varied programs throughout the year for the public, school groups and special interest groups.



Fifth grade students sort freshwater mussels by species and measure valve length during the Students' Environmental Monitoring Project.

The size of the Refuge ensures that diverse groups of plants and animals can thrive and bring to the next generations the thrill of undisturbed nature.



Students' Environmental Monitoring Project

Our Task...

Financing an operation like the Refuge is not easy.

- We get no government or University financial support.
- We ask for donations for our programs and activities to ensure that everyone can participate in our unique offerings.
- Our naturalist is in demand for programs and other activities.
- Our land steward and volunteers keep trails open for year-round use, maintain buildings, canoes and equipment.

How You Can Help ...

- You can show your support by becoming a **BUSINESS SPONSOR**. We are 501c3 nonprofit public charity and all donations are tax deductible. Donations can be directed to the areas of your interest or matched to our specific needs.
- **IN-KIND** donations of goods and services are also welcome, as they too help with the bottom line.
- You can direct your **CONTRIBUTION** to a specific program for schoolchildren or adults. Contact us for information.

Nationally and Locally ...

- A national science organization of scientists and educators has developed a new K-12 Science & Engineering curriculum to advance the needs of our student's society for the 21st century.
- Scientists and educators in Maine have taken a leading role in adopting this curriculum early to provide feedback to the National group.

- Hirundo Wildlife Refuge has been collaborating with RSU #34 (it includes the towns of Old Town, Alton and Bradley) in providing experiential outdoor education enriching this exciting curriculum.
- Hirundo Wildlife Refuge has the unique position aiding the success of this science & engineering curriculum endeavor by providing:
- A group of experienced and trained volunteers who can extend the reach of teachers and administrators to ensure success.
- Conveniently located diverse habitats and year-round access

Sponsorship Categories

Supporter	\$100 - \$249
Patron	\$250 - \$499
Benefactor	\$500 - \$999
Steward	\$1000 and above

How YOU benefit

- ♦ Link at HWR website and Facebook page
- ♦ Acknowledgment in our social media and print media
- ♦ We offer an Employee Day at the Refuge, including a guided trail walk or guided canoe trip.
- ♦ Subscription to Hirundo's Swallow Tales newsletter

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