

Learn about the history and habitats of the York River



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Join York River Study Committee members on a watershed walking tour starting at 4:30 p.m. Pre-registration required.

Thursday July 13 — York's working waterfront, past and present

*Curator Mary Harding will speak about the history of the George Marshall Store Gallery and the John Hancock Warehouse, two of Old York's properties with early ties to the river. Lobsterman Jeff Donnell will speak about York's commercial fishing operations and working waterfront, including Hancock Wharf and Sewall's Dock. Old York's executive director Joel Lefever will guide attendees through Steedman Woods, highlighting some early business ventures that altered the banks of the river. **Park at York Golf and Tennis Club**, walk across Lindsay Road, and meet at the George Marshall Store Gallery. The walk covers about a mile along the shoulder of the road and Steedman Woods trails.*

Thursday July 20 — York River habitats at Smelt Brook Preserve

*York Land Trust stewardship director Joe Anderson will discuss the diverse habitats of the preserve, including salt marshes and ongoing efforts to monitor and manage this important habitat in light of sea level rise. A Wells National Estuarine Research Reserve biologist will discuss the recently conducted fish study and what some of the findings tell us about the condition of the York River. **Park at York Land Trust's Highland Farm Preserve**, accessed from Route 91 about 1 mile west of the intersection with Scotland Bridge Road. The walk covers about 1.5 miles on the Smelt Brook Preserve Riverview Trail.*

The walks will begin at 4:30 and last up to 90 minutes. The walks are free, but **registration is required** and spaces are limited. Email or call York River Study Coordinator Jennifer Hunter at jh.yorkriver@gmail.com or (207)641-9122 to register. Visit www.YorkRiverMaine.org for more information.