

# Makamah Nature Preserve

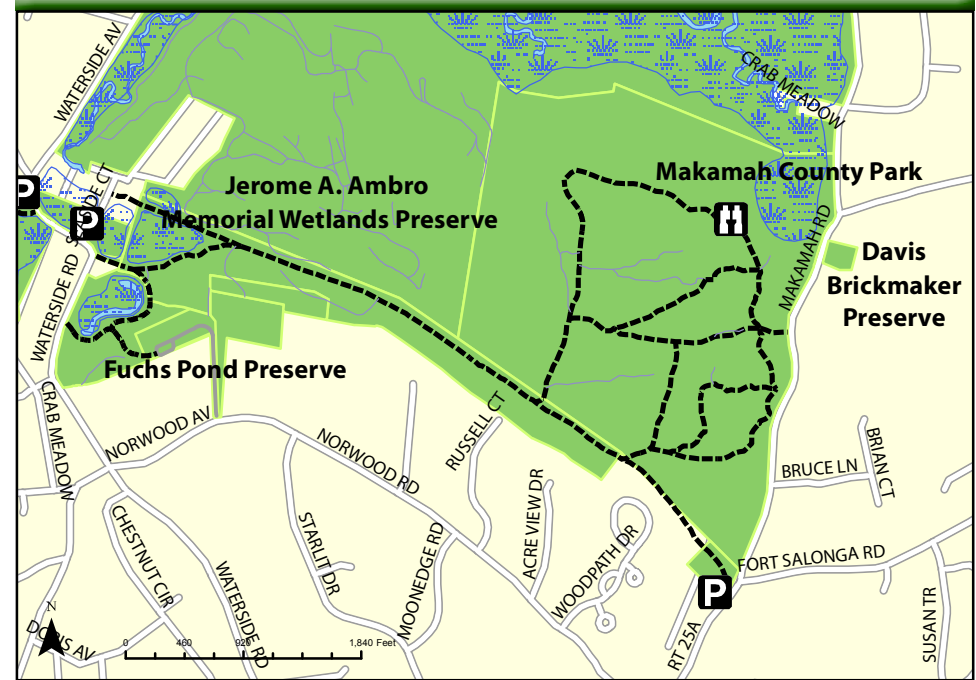
Originally called Crab Meadow Park East Watershed, the Makamah Nature Preserve was acquired by Suffolk County in 1973. It contains dry and wet woodlands, as well as marsh. A 1970 report prepared by the Town Conservation Advisory Council noted that 94 species of birds were recorded in and around the property and that the park is prime habitat for owls and woodpeckers. The report also noted the presence of 12 species of mammals, indicating an intricate and healthy network of predator-prey relationships. The park contains heavily wooded hills with one rising to 60 feet in its center and others rising to 100 feet.

The easterly portion of the park is a valley that drains the surrounding area. This valley includes a main stream that was once dammed to form two ponds and several feeder streams, some spring-fed. The property was once owned jointly with what is now the Town Crab Meadow Golf Course, just to the west of the preserve. An additional tract of land on NYS Route 25A was dedicated from the Wodaembarc subdivision, resulting in the trailhead parking area recently enhanced as a local Eagle Scout project. The original trail access is on Makamah Road, south of Breeze Hill Road. The preserve is available for hiking.

## You May See:

American Beech, Arrowwood, Bayberry, Black Birch, Black Oak, Black Tupelo, Christmas Fern, Hickory, Huckleberry, Interrupted Fern, Jack-in-the-Pulpit, Lady Fern, Mapleleaf Viburnum, Partridge Berry, Red Oak, Serviceberry, Skunk Cabbage, Spotted Wintergreen, Tulip Tree, White Oak

American Redstart, Common Yellowthroat, Eastern Towhee, Eastern Wood-Pewee, Eastern Phoebe, Field Sparrow, Fish Crow, Fox Sparrow, Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, Greater Yellowlegs, Great Horned Owl, Horned Grebe, Indigo Bunting, Junco, Long-tailed Duck, Osprey, Ovenbird, Redstart, Scarlet Tanager, Snowy Egret, White-winged Scoter, Wood Duck | Eastern Cottontail, Eastern Mole, White-footed Mouse, Woodchuck



**Location:** North side of Route 25A and Makamah Rd in Northport  
**Terrain:** Hilly | **Length:** 2.6 mi | **Parking:** In Park | **Type:** Network  
**Surface:** Ground | **Acres:** 160 | **Trailhead:** 40.909095, -73.314277

