



Chebeague & Cumberland Land Trust

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CHEBEAGUE & CUMBERLAND LAND TRUST TO HOLD A WINTER FUN DAY AT THE RINES FOREST

Cumberland, Maine – February 20, 2009 The Chebeague and Cumberland Land Trust (CCLT) will be hosting a winter fun day at the Rines Forest in Cumberland on Saturday, February 28th from 10:00 AM until 12:00 PM. Snowshoe and cross-country ski tours will be given by members of the Trust. All ages and abilities are welcome to participate and explore this magnificent 200+ acre forest. Snowshoes will be available for use for those who do not have equipment, courtesy of Eastern Mountain Sports. Children will receive Pocket Guides to Maine Animal Tracks to help them discover who lives in the forest. Refreshments will be served.

The Rines Forest is a healthy, managed forest with interesting terrain, old stone walls, diverse wildlife, streams and cascades that flow to the Piscataqua River. The Town of Cumberland purchased the property in 2003 from the Rines Family who were careful stewards of the land since 1918. The Chebeague & Cumberland Land Trust crafted a conservation easement with the Town in 2005 to ensure that the forest would remain a natural area and managed forest preserve for wildlife and the public to enjoy forever. A network of trails is maintained for traditional woods-related activities such as hiking, wildlife observation, skiing, fishing, and hunting. The forest is part of a large, 900 acre contiguous block of forest habitat and a keystone in an emerging conservation corridor.

The Chebeague and Cumberland Land Trust is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to preserve and protect the intrinsic values and public benefits of the natural resources in the Towns of Chebeague and Cumberland - mainland, island and contiguous Casco Bay - and to be responsible stewards in perpetuity for those resources in our trust. Since 1987, CCLT has protected sixteen properties, eight on the mainland and eight in Casco Bay, totaling 572 acres.

People interested in learning more about the Trust, the Forest, or placing land into conservation easement are encouraged to attend.