



**Royal River
Conservation Trust**

North Yarmouth



HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Discover the Royal River and its Tributaries in North Yarmouth: SKYLINE FARM

SKYLINE FARM'S 54-ACRE PROPERTY is located at 95 The Lane (off the junction of Routes 9 and 115), North Yarmouth. Walk our trails during daylight hours, and visit the museum on Sat., Sept. 30, 1-4 PM. The museum is also open on Sundays, 1-4 PM through Oct. 29, during most events, and by appointment. Go to skylinefarm.org for more info.

Incorporated in 1999 as a non-profit organization, Skyline is one of the few intact farms in North Yarmouth's village center. Approaching the farm from The Lane, enjoy the backdrop of Bradbury Mountain, six miles to the north. Explore a tributary of the Royal River flowing through the farm. Walk the 1.7-mile trail that traverses fields and woods, deep gullies and streams. Wildflowers abound. Skyline's open space of 46 acres is in a conservation easement held by Royal River Conservation Trust.

Skyline Farm's Carriage Museum is dedicated to educating people about the history of carriage and sleigh driving, an important part of the development of transportation before the automobile era.

This old farm dates to the late 1700s. By 1801 it was a working farm belonging to Thomas and Phoebe Loring and their eleven children. The Greek Revival farmhouse (now privately occupied) was built around 1855. Many current-day families in town can trace their ancestry back to the Lorings; the name itself is still represented locally.

In 1876 Skyline was sold to the Dolloff family, who used it primarily as a dairy farm. The original line of the Maine Central Railroad ran close by, transporting dairy and forest products to Portland and beyond. In the 1940s the Dolloff/Semmes family developed the farm as a riding school. It is fondly remembered by generations of children who learned to love horses, riding, and country life there. In 1970, Ken and Margaret Sowles bought Skyline and used its indoor arena to house their extensive carriage collection. Ken shared his knowledge and love of carriages with visitors, fellow collectors, and school groups. In 2000, three years after Ken's death, Skyline Farm, a volunteer-run non-profit organization, was formed to save the farm by buying Skyline and preserving it for future generations. Today, volunteers, friends, and supporters have transformed Skyline Farm into a community resource for recreational and educational use, featuring a carriage and sleigh museum.

Thanks for visiting Skyline Farm. For another adventure, don't miss the trails of Old Town House Park on Memorial Highway, only 2 miles from here (Route 9; entrance opposite Ansel Lane). **Enjoy all our beautiful town has to offer!**

Find two selfie stations! You'll find one at the snow roller, and another one at the bridge over Loring Brook—a Royal River tributary—along the [hiking trail](#). Snap your selfie and send to info@rrct.org!