



## Georgetown Trekkers

In Georgetown we are blessed with many wonderful places to get out in our beautiful natural world. In partnership with the Town Office, Georgetown Conservation Commission (GCC), Georgetown Recreation Committee, Georgetown Central School, and Kennebec Estuary Land Trust (KELT), Age-Friendly Georgetown (AFG) has formed **Georgetown Trekkers**. This program has been created to encourage town residents, young and old, full and part-time, to visit and hike/walk the wonderful preserves and trails on this amazing island. There are trails for all abilities. The GCC has a "Georgetown Trails Guide" which provides a description of, and directions to, the preserves. The Guide can be viewed and downloaded at their website: [gtownconservation.com](http://gtownconservation.com). It's also available at Town Office and Richards Library.

Between the Town, the Kennebec Estuary Land Trust (KELT), the Nature Conservancy, Reid State Park, and the Maine Audubon Society, we have twelve preserves and 33 trails. Age-Friendly Georgetown is sponsoring a challenge to all Georgetowners to join the Trekkers and hike/walk all or any part of these trails. The benefits are many:

- Seeing these amazing properties that are free and available for all of us to enjoy,
- Getting some exercise in a beautiful setting, and
- The chance to win fabulous prizes from local businesses.

The program will start in April; we will make an announcement at that time. Then you can start hiking/walking and recording your completions in the program Passport. The Passports, along with a window sticker, will be available at Town Office and Richards Library (after May 10), or you can contact AFG (see below). Families can record hikes in one passport. At the end of the season, in late September or early October, AFG will host an event to celebrate all the participants and have drawings for prizes. There are three categories of achievement:

- Hike any part of any trail at five of the preserves and you will be recognized as an ***Ace Trekker***.
- Hike any part of any trail in all the preserves and you will be recognized as a ***Pro Trekker***.
- Hike all the trails in all the preserves and you will be recognized as a ***Master Trekker***.

Contact Jim Peavey at [gtagefriendly@gmail.com](mailto:gtagefriendly@gmail.com) or 207-387-0440 to register and then get out, go to the preserves, and start hiking/walking! We will have group walks, and perhaps guided walks to discuss the natural history and unique features of the properties when the weather and pandemic restrictions allow.