

The Weeks Brick House & Gardens

1710 HISTORIC HOUSE • GARDENS • TRAILS • CONSERVATION LAND
Weeks Ave. • Off Rte. 33 • Greenland, New Hampshire, USA



A 1710 brick house – among the earliest in New England



What is the visible pattern on the back of the house?

The pattern is the outline of the long-standing ell, which was torn down a few years before the 1938 fire that destroyed all the connected barns and outbuildings. In recent years the ell area has been the site of archaeological investigations.

The Weeks Brick House, built in 1710 by Samuel Weeks (1670-1746), is among the earliest brick houses in New England – and may be the oldest made of bricks fired on the site. The farmstead established in 1656 remained in the family for over 300 years, and was at the center of commercial activity in the early days when the Great Bay inlets were the primary connections to the outside world.

In 1975 the house and acreage was purchased by the Descendants of Leonard Weeks (1633-1707) in America, Inc., a non-profit organization of descendants, friends, and preservationists. Early initiatives included securing recognition on the National Register of Historic Places, and planting a Colonial-era garden designed by renowned garden historian Ann Leighton (Isadore Smith, 1902-1985).

Over 31 acres of meadow and woodland of the original farmstead are preserved in perpetuity as conservation land, with trails open for public recreational use.

We invite you to stroll the grounds, admire the house, enjoy the gardens, and walk the trails. Then join us as a Friend of the Weeks Brick House. **Contact us to learn how your support can help ensure the future of this very special historic farmstead.**

Please note: The house is a residence and is not open for tours. Please respect tenant privacy. Thank you. Informative exterior architectural and interpretive tours are available to small groups by special arrangement. Call or e-mail the Weeks Brick House, for details.

PLEASE RESPECT TENANT PRIVACY. THANK YOU.

RULES OF THE TRAILS

(1) Trails are open all year from dawn to dusk only.
(2) Respect the occupant's & wildlife habitat. Leave only footprints; take only photographs.
(3) Smoking, fire, & alcoholic beverages are prohibited.
(4) Powered vehicles of any kind are prohibited.
(5) Dogs are welcome, but in late fall we recommend you and your pet wear orange.

YOU ARE HERE!

1670-1690s - First settlement.
1690s-1890s - First settlement, grist mill, & color mill on upper Winnicut River.

1896-1913 - Weeks farmstead expands to 100 acres, extending across Portsmouth Road to the south.

Victory Gardens



Orchard



Colonial Gardens



Marked Trails



Woodland



Meadow Views



Marsh Views



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Before you is permanent conservation land, forever an oasis of open space in a crowded world.

So enjoy the views, stroll the gardens, & walk the trails.

Then join us as a Friend of the Weeks Brick House & Gardens.

Did you know that The Weeks Brick House & Gardens is owned by a non-profit family association, administered by an all-volunteer board, and receives no government funding of any kind?

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If you value what's here, we want YOU on our team. Contact us today!

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At left is the exterior panel under plexiglass sealed in its robust frame. Above is the image under plexiglass on the reverse side of the frame ... a gentle reminder to visitors as they leave.