Welcome to the Wells Reserve at Laudholm

The 2,250-acre Wells National Estuarine Research Reserve is one of 29 sites established across the country for long-term research, education, and conservation. The reserve’s Laudholm campus is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Site Rules
- Smoke-free facility
- No dogs or other pets
- Stay on established trails
- No collecting
- Find complete Rules for Public Use on our website. Carson and Webhannet Marsh trail rules differ; obey posted rules.

Enjoy your visit.

To support the Wells Reserve, join Laudholm Trust.
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Trails are open every day from 7am to sunset.

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The coastal lands comprising the Wells Reserve are owned and managed by:

- USFWS Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge (1,428 acres)
- Maine Bureau of Parks and Lands (533 acres)
- Town of Wells (249 acres)
- Wells Reserve Management Authority (40 acres)

The Wells Reserve is funded primarily through donations to the nonprofit Laudholm Trust and grants awarded by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Trail segment lengths (between red dots) are approximate.

Ask at the Visitor Center, or visit wellsreserve.org, to learn about our many education programs.

Wells Reserve Trail System