



Tar River  
Land Conservancy

Tar River Land Conservancy (TRLC) was founded in September 2000 to preserve the natural and cultural resources of the Tar River Basin and surrounding areas by working in partnership with private landowners, public agencies and others to protect rural landscapes and riparian corridors. Our service area includes Person, Granville, Vance, Franklin, Warren, Halifax, Nash and Edgecombe Counties. We work directly with landowners throughout the region to protect drinking water, wildlife habitat, farms, forests and recreational open space. We achieve our objectives by acquiring conservation land and permanent conservation easements and by collaborating with other public and private entities on projects that achieve mutually beneficial land conservation objectives. By the end of 2016, TRLC had permanently protected 18,172 acres of land – 15,060 acres through perpetual conservation easements and 3,112 acres through fee-simple acquisitions of land permanently held for conservation by TRLC or a partner conservation agency.

**JOIN US TODAY!**

Tar River Land Conservancy is a nationally accredited land trust that relies upon generous support of its members and volunteers. Become a member or volunteer today.



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*Date of Brochure: January 20, 2017*

# LEDGE CREEK FOREST CONSERVATION AREA

## *Guide & Trail Map*

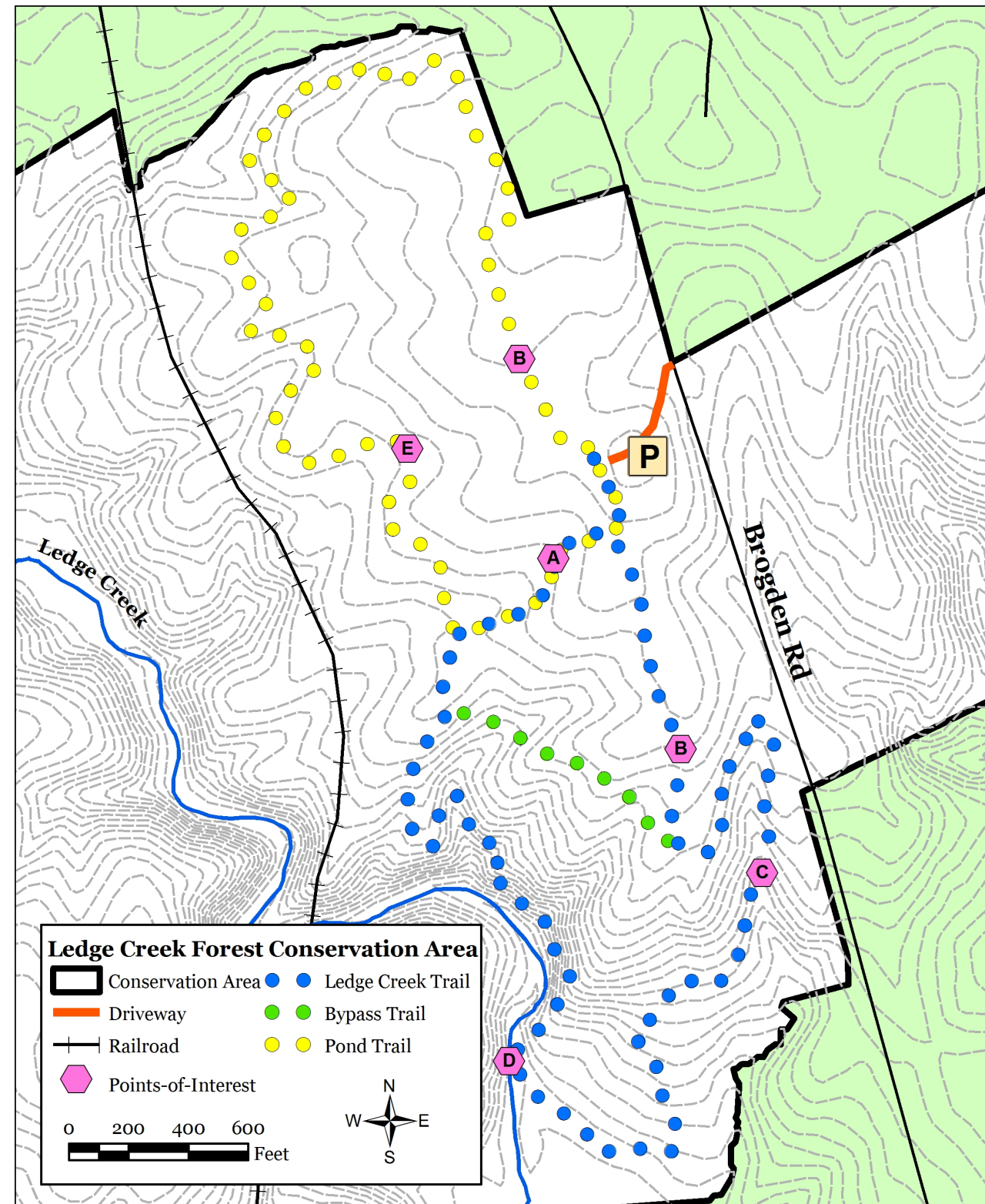


**Property Address:**  
**3189 Brogden Road**  
**Stem, NC 27581**



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## PROPERTY HISTORY

In 2013 and 2015, Tar River Land Conservancy (TRLC) purchased six tracts of land that became the 381-acre Ledge Creek Forest Conservation Area. The following partners generously contributed to the preservation of these properties: the US Endowment for Forestry and Communities, the NC Clean Water Management Trust Fund, Granville County, City of Creedmoor, City of Raleigh’s Watershed Protection Program, NC Department of Justice’s Environmental Enhancement Grant Program, and Conservation Trust for North Carolina. The property will remain permanently undeveloped thanks to conservation easements held by the Conservation Trust for North Carolina and Clean Water Management Trust Fund.

In 2014, with assistance from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, NC Forest Service, Granville County Soil & Water Conservation District, and NC Wildlife Resources Commission, TRLC began restoring 30 acres of hay fields to native wildlife habitat.



In 2016, thanks to hundreds of hours of volunteer service and funding from the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation, Wells Fargo Foundation, Morgan Stanley Foundation, AmeriCorps, and Conservation Trust for North Carolina, several rundown buildings were removed and hiking trails and a trailhead area were established to allow visitors to explore this special place.

Over the last 75 years, this land passed through the hands of several generations of caring owners, including the Moore, Summers, Coley, Hobgood, Doughton, Meadows, and Stem families.

TRLC plans to undertake more stewardship projects and to build additional hiking trails on this property in the coming years!

## POINTS OF INTEREST ON TRAILS

*Look for sign posts along the trails with the tops painted green with black letters that correspond to the points-of-interest described below.*

### **Point A - Wildflower Meadow**

Seven acres of fields were planted with native wildflowers and grasses in 2014 to provide habitat for songbirds and pollinator insects. Return throughout the year to see what is blooming from early spring to late fall.

### **Point B - Forest Restoration** (2 stops)

Twenty-three acres covering two fields were planted with shortleaf pine (*Pinus echinata*) in 2014 to restore these areas to forest. Shortleaf pine may have been the most common tree in this area when Native Americans and later Europeans settled here centuries ago.

### **Point C - Springhead**

Below, a spring forms “Spring Branch”. Deeds from the 1800s suggest that the land between Spring Branch and Brogden Road was reserved for a church (that was never built!).

### **Point D - Ledge Creek**

Ledge Creek forms a rocky channel for a mile through the property. The creek is shaded and buffered by steep forested slopes dominated by native oaks, hickories, beeches, and tulip poplars. Downstream, Ledge Creek feeds into Lake Rogers in Creedmoor and eventually flows into Falls Lake in southern Granville County, helping to supply drinking water for numerous communities.

### **Point E - Old Farm Ponds**

Forest surrounds this long abandoned farm pond, which now provides habitat and water for wildlife. Two ponds found along the Pond Trail once provided water for livestock or for crops grown on nearby fields. When visiting in the springtime, look for masses of eggs in the ponds left by salamanders that reside in the surrounding forest.

## TRAIL INFORMATION

*Trails start at the parking area located at 3189 Brogden Rd. Each trail is marked with colored aluminum markers (as noted below) on trees and sign posts to guide hikers.*

### **Ledge Creek Trail**

Trail Marker Color: blue

Difficulty: moderate

Distance: 1.5 miles (loop)

### **Pond Trail**

Trail Marker Color: yellow

Difficulty: easy

Distance: 1.3 miles (loop)

### **Bypass Trail**

Trail Marker Color: green

Difficulty: easy

Distance: 0.2 miles

## DIRECTIONS TO PROPERTY

**Address:** 3189 Brogden Rd, Stem, NC 27581

**GPS Coordinates:** 36.191422, -78.717794

**From Creedmoor:** Take US-15 N for 3.6 mi. Take left onto Hester Rd. Travel 1.8 mi. and take right onto Brogden Rd. Travel 1.6 mi. and turn left at sign for property.

**From Durham:** Take I-85 to Exit 191. Turn left onto NC-56 W. Travel 0.2 mi. and take right onto W. Lyon Station Rd. Travel 2.4 mi. and take left onto Brogden Rd. Travel 0.9 mi. and turn left at sign for property.

**From Oxford:** Take Providence Rd/Old NC-75 to Stem. At Stem, take left onto Main St. Continue straight for 0.8 mi. Main St becomes Creedmoor Rd then Brogden Rd. Turn right at sign for property.

## MEMBERSHIP FORM

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