The McLaren Trail is a two-mile recreational trail encompassing 45 acres. Merrimac acquired it when the West Amesbury Branch Railroad (1873-1972), part of the Boston and Maine Railroad line, was abandoned. The railroad branch ran from Newton Junction, N.H. to Merrimac's town center.

Running north the trail winds along the Powwow River and Cobbler Brook. As it crosses the Powwow River and Cobbler Brook wetlands, the trail passes through a large wooded area and farmland.

The Marshview Trail is in the Powwow River watershed. The trail runs through a variety of settings, including a spectacular marsh view, crossing a large wooded area, and following the path of Cobbler Brook. No motorized vehicles are permitted on the trails.

Marshview & McLaren Trail Map

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