



HAMMOND MILL PRESERVE

The Hammond Mill Preserve is located along the Eight Mile River, south of Devil's Hopyard State Park. The 12-acre preserve is on the west side of the River and another 2-acre easement is on the east side of the river. The preserve is a mature oak-hemlock forest with a diversity of wildflowers and abundant woodland bird populations. The site is of notable historic interest, having served as a site for water-powered mills since the late 18th century. The water powered mill was originally used as a fulling mill, then as a grist mill, and, later as a sawmill. The old saw mill and water wheel are now located south of the Johnsonville dam off Rte 149 in Moodus. The mill foundations, sluice and part of the remains of the dam remain at Hammond Mill.

The preserve entrance is located off of Dolbia Hill Road, which is 1 mile north of Rte. 82 on the Devil's Hopyard Road. Turn right onto Dolbia Hill Road. Park on the left before the bridge at the bottom of the hill.