



Be LakeSmart Lakes Environmental Association



All Season Turnouts

Runoff diversion takes many forms, all to direct water flow towards areas where it can infiltrate into the ground and avoid unnecessary erosion. Creating strategically placed turnouts from the path can protect your lake's water quality.

Creating a turnout can be as easy as digging a channel on the side of a road. The photo below shows how a nearby driveway has been protected by such digging; the flow formerly finding its way to the driveway has been diverted to vegetation at the side of the road.



LakeSmart is a program of Maine Lakes (www.lakes.me) run in the Lake Region by the Lakes Environmental Association (www.mainelakes.org). For more information contact Lauren Pickford (207-647-8500 – lauren@mainelakes.org).

Here's another example on a local hiking trail:



The turnout was placed at the first spot which wasn't above the grade of the trail.

Turnouts have some advantages to other diversion practices. Open top culverts, rubber razors, and even berms can be destroyed by winter plowing. Plowing does not destroy turnouts, although the *snow* berm created by winter plowing may need a turnout cut into it to avoid runoff flow and resultant erosion along the berm as the snow melts.