Located within 20 miles of more than one-quarter million people, Morgan Meadow offers a remarkably wild setting with over a thousand acres of unbroken woodland and a 100-acre freshwater wetland. The property provides a significant natural sanctuary in the midst of development spreading out from Greater Portland and Lewiston-Auburn. Morgan Meadow shelters old-growth white pine and one of Maine’s few known stands of black birch. Migratory waterfowl, deer and moose rely on the woodlands and wetlands, making it an attractive destination for wildlife watching and hunting. Area residents use the informal trail network year-round, enjoying hikes, horseback riding, skiing and snowshoeing.

A century ago, settlers relied on Morgan Meadow for haying and firewood. Then, during the 1920s a New York resident purchased the large tract as a retreat and built a cabin. In 1952 he sold the land and it was clear-cut over the following decade. Since then it has been managed sustainably and is now a high-quality forest.

A generous gift made by Jack, Anne, Larry and Marshall Spiegel made possible the purchase of this land by the State of Maine. The Maine Department for Inland Fisheries & Wildlife now manages the property.