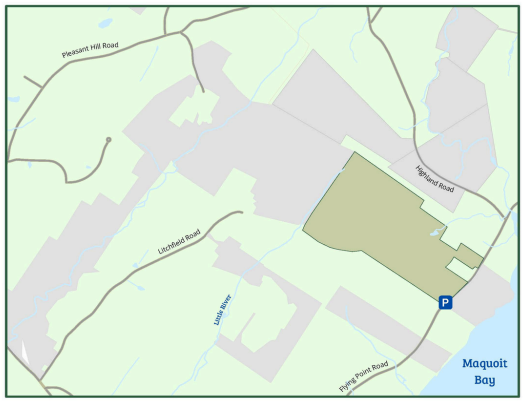
CHASE RESERVE

Chase Reserve is a 194-acre property where BTLT holds a conservation easement. The land is part of the largest remaining unfragmentcd coastal forest block in Cumberland County, and is named for Benjamin Chase, past owner and Revolutionary War soldier who is buried in a cemetery on the property. Chase Reserve was conserved in 2011 by Jack Henshaw, for whom Jack's Trail is named, whose family has owned the property since the 1940s. Located on ecologically significant Maquoit Bay, this parcel features mixed woods, late successional stands of white pine and hemlock, vernal pools, open fields, and the headwaters of the Little River. Conservation of this undeveloped property safeguards Maquoit Bay's water quality while conserving valuable plant and animal habitat.

While visiting, be sure to look and listen for the many mammals, songbirds, owls, and frogs living in the woods or large vernal pools. Note the areas of mature forest in the western section of the property, as well as the healthy spruce and fir regeneration where timber was harvested in recent decades. The public can access the property by Jack's Trail, a mile-long trail that begins at the parking area off Bunganuc Road. Jack's Trail connects to the Antoinette Jackman Trail and other trails across a bridge in the southwest corner of the property. These trails provide access to 300+ acres of adjacent conservation land managed by our partner, Freeport Conservation Trust.

The trail is low lying in places and contains poorly drained scantic loam soils, resulting in pooling water following snowmelt and heavy rains in the spring and sometimes fall. When these conditions occur, Jack's Trail and Litchfield Trail are temporarily closed to prevent damage to the trail and surrounding area. Check BTLT's website for seasonal trail closure updates and plan accordingly.



DIRECTIONS TO PROPERTY

The parking area is located at the Brunswick-Freeport town line off Bunganuc Road. From Brunswick, the parking area will be on your right, and from the left if coming from Freeport.

TRAIL USE RESTRICTIONS

- Open dawn to dusk.
- On-leash dogs permitted (dog waste removal required).
- No off-road vehicles, bicycles, snowmobiles, or horses.
- No fires or camping.
- Stay on marked trails.
- Hunting is permitted by landowners.

Jack's Trail and connecting trails managed by Freeport Conservation Trust are on privately-owned conserved land that is made available for public use. Please respect use restrictions to ensure continued public access.

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TRAILS

Online maps available at www.BTLT.org/trailmap

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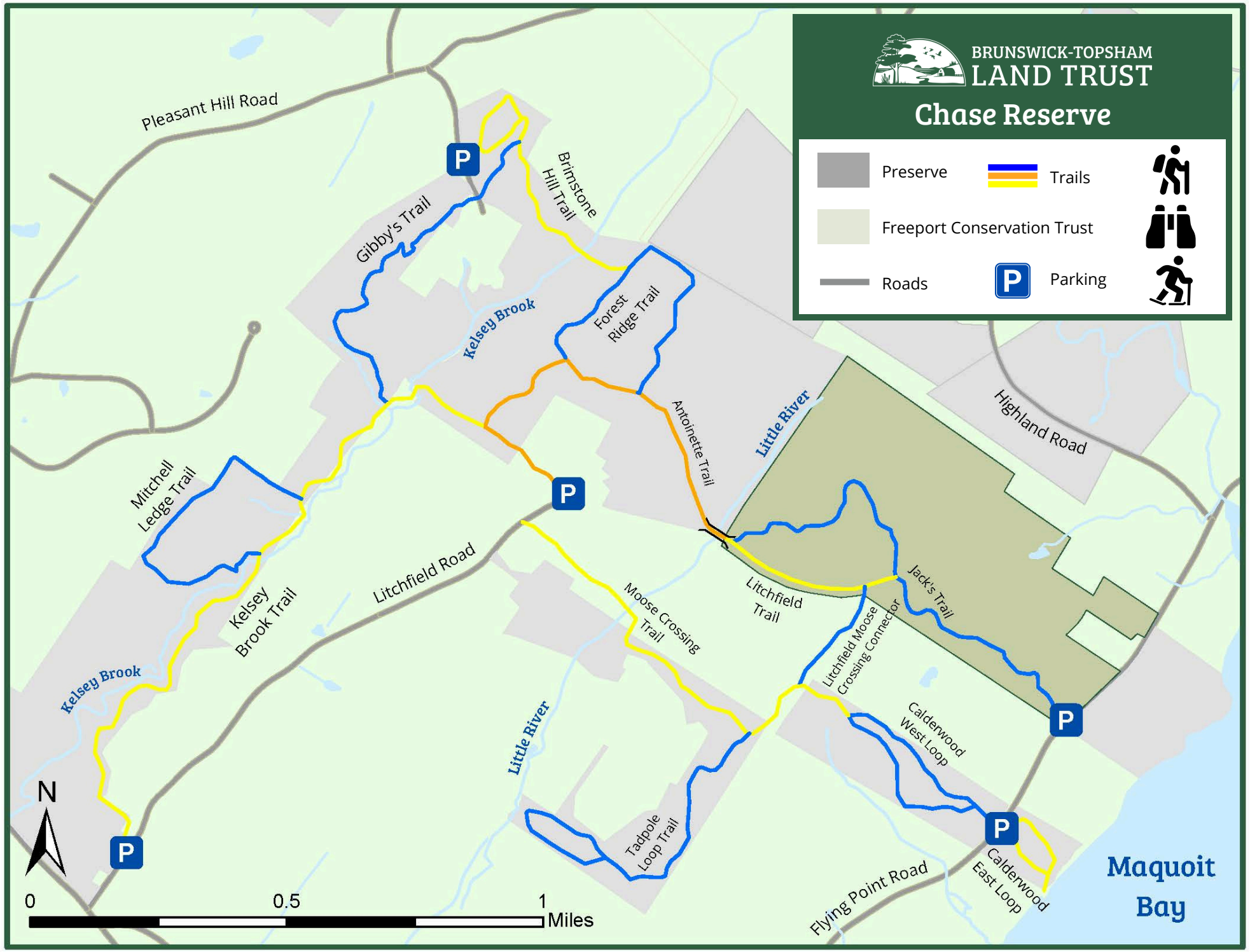
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