# BRUNSWICK OUTDOORS

## Outdoor Recreation and Open Spaces

### Brunswick, Maine

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DURHAM

TOPSHAM

BRUNSWICK

FREEPORT

BATH

Androscoggin River

New Meadows River

Maquoit Bay

Middle Bay

HARPSWELL

River Road

Durham Road

U.S. Route 1

295

Pleasant Street

Church Road

Greenwood Road

McKeen Street

Maine Street

Baribeau Drive

Bath Road

Old Bath Road

Thomas Point Road

Pleasant Hill Road

Casco Road

Woodside Road

Maquoit Road

Middle Bay Road

Route 123 (Harpswell Road)

Route 24 (Gurnet Road)

Highland Road

Bunganuc Road

Simpsons Point Road

Pennellville Road

Mere Point Road

(see inset map)

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## Brunswick Outdoor Points of Interest

- Conserved Lands with Public Access
- Private Conserved Lands – No public access
- 31 Public Access Sites (information on back)
- Town Borders
- Roads
- Androscoggin River Bike and Pedestrian Path
- Hiking Trail (inset maps)
- P Parking (inset maps)
- W 6 Boat Access Points (information on back)
- W 4 Hand Carry Access Points (information on back)
- A 8 Town Parks/Athletic Fields (information on back)
- B 8 Bird Watching (information on back)

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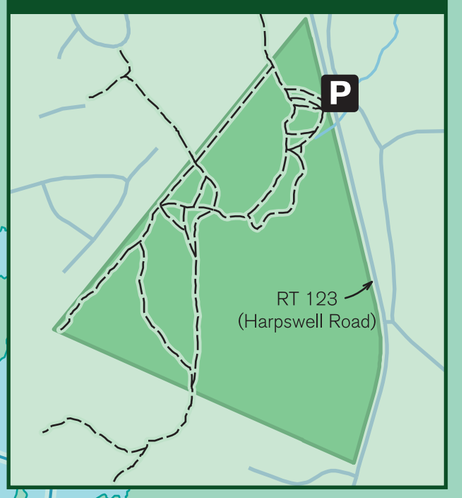
### #19 Town Commons

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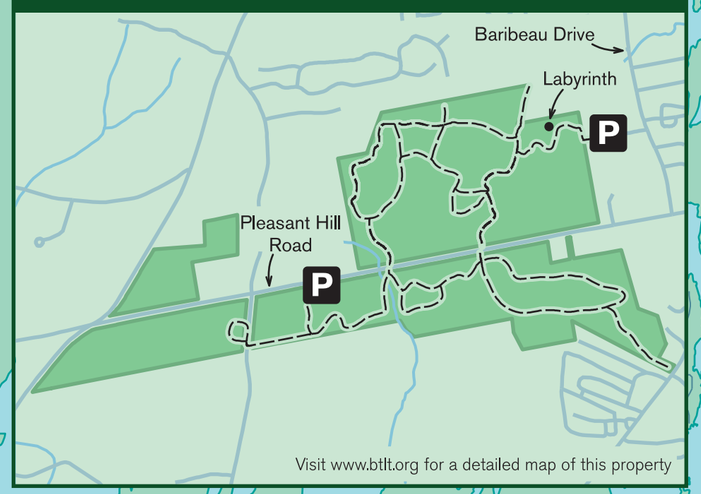
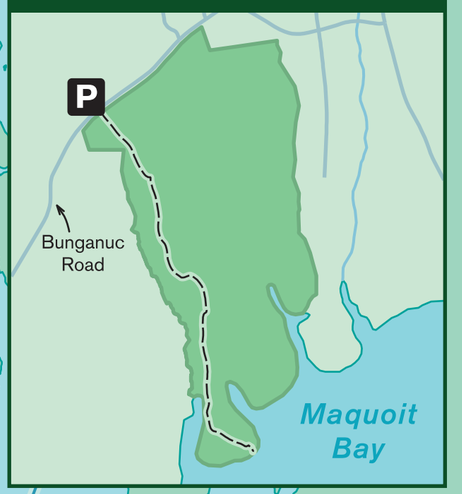



Visit www.btlt.org for a detailed map of this property

### #21 Maquoit Conservation Land



# Brunswick Outdoors

## Recreation & Open Spaces

## PUBLIC ACCESS SITES

*Brunswick has an abundance of special places that offer public trails and open spaces. It has a considerable amount of publicly-owned land, most – but not all of which – is shown on this map. It also has a significant amount of private conserved land protecting scenic views, water quality, and wildlife habitat.*

**1. COOMBS PROPERTY (BTLT)** – Water access property on Androscoggin River adjacent to Town-owned Coffin Pond Recreation Area. Location: Androscoggin River, 0.4 mile downstream of I-295 bridge. Water access only, no vehicular access.

**2. COFFIN POND RECREATION AREA (Town)** – Swimming pond and recreation area. Maintained for family-friendly activities, including swimming, youth fishing, ice skating, playground and hiking trails. Location: River Road, 0.7 mile from Route 1 (Pleasant Street).

**3. NATHANIEL DAVIS PARK (Town)** – Neighborhood park. This 2.5-acre park offers sloping lawn, mature trees, benches, and small playground. Location: Behind Tess' Market on Pleasant Street, just before Cushing Street.

**4. SWINGING BRIDGE PARK (MDOT)** – Pocket park at historic bridge. This small park provides benches and access to a 330-foot historic pedestrian suspension bridge over the Androscoggin River connecting Brunswick and Topsham. The bridge, constructed in 1892 by the engineering firm that built the Brooklyn Bridge, was primarily for mill workers. It was renovated in 2006. Limited parking. Location: Route 1 (Mill Street), 0.3 mile west of Maine Street.

**5. ANDROSCOGGIN RIVERWALK (Town, MDOT)** – 1.25-mile loop connecting Brunswick and Topsham downtowns. While parts of the Riverwalk are still being developed, it is easy to find your way along the river, crossing at the Frank Wood Bridge and beautiful pedestrian Swinging Bridge (see #4). Location: Swinging Bridge parking area on Route 1 (Mill Street), 1,500 feet west of Maine Street.

**6. 250TH ANNIVERSARY PARK (Town, BTLT, Brookfield Renewable Energy Group)** – Pocket park. This 1.4-acre park offers benches, stunning views of the Androscoggin River, and bank fishing. Location: East side of Maine Street next to the Frank Wood Bridge to Topsham.

**7. PINETTE'S LANDING, ANDROSCOGGIN RIVER (Town)** – Picnic/fishing spot. 1.5-acre grassy park offers pedestrian access to river and bank fishing. Use bike path parking nearby. Location: Water Street, 500 feet before Androscoggin River Bike Path.

**8. SENIOR GARDEN (Town)** – Community garden. Plots are available to Brunswick seniors through the People Plus Center. Location: Industry Road (off Water Street), 0.4 mile from Maine Street and Mason Street intersection.

**9. ANDROSCOGGIN RIVER BICYCLE PATH (Town, MDOT)** 2.6-mile paved biking/walking path. This popular path, stretching from Water Street to Cooks Corner, attracts thousands of users each year with its scenic views of the Androscoggin River. Dogs must be leashed. Provides access to off-leash, fenced dog park. No horses. Location: (Downtown) Water Street, 0.6 mile from Mason Street; (Cooks Corner) Grover Lane, 0.2 mile from Old Bath Road.

**10. BRUNSWICK MALL (Town)** – Tree-lined public space in downtown Brunswick. The Lower Mall features a gazebo for performances, war service monument, interpretive plaque, and farmers' market on Tues and Fri (May-Nov). The Upper Mall, close by, is an elongated park adjacent to Bowdoin College. Dogs must be leashed. Location: Between Maine Street and Park Row just south of Pleasant Street.

**11. SPRING & MCKEEN STREETS LOT (Town)** – Small open space. One-acre parcel with mature white pines. Location: Southeast corner of McKeen and Spring Street intersection.

**12. BOWDOIN PINES (Bowdoin College)** – 33-acre woodland with walking trail. This stand of old-growth white pines was part of a 200-acre gift from the Town of Brunswick to Bowdoin College in 1791. Location: Parking lot off Bath Road (Route 24) just east of Federal Street intersection.

**13. CHAMBERLAIN AVENUE ESPLANADE (Town)** – Half-acre pocket park featuring a mixture of evergreen and deciduous trees. Location: Between Chamberlain Avenue and Chamberlain Court, 0.1 mile from Route 123 (Harpswell Road).

**14. BOWDOIN CROSS-COUNTRY COURSE (Bowdoin College)** – 8k cross-country course. The course loops around Bowdoin College's Pickard Athletic Field and connects to neighborhood trails. Location: Off Route 123 (Harpswell Road), 0.4 mile from College Street, behind Farley Field House.

**15. COFFIN'S ICE POND (Town)** – 6-acre pond and walking trail. The pond is located along a walking trail that connects Bowdoin College campus with the Town Commons. Location: Off Route 123 (Harpswell Road), 0.8 mile from Bath Road; enter on gravel road to right of Maine Pines Racquet and Fitness, or through Town Commons parking area (see #19).

**16. PARKVIEW WELLNESS TRAILS (Private)** – Short walking and biking trails. Trails are located behind Parkview Medical Center. Location: 329 Maine Street.

**17. CRYSTAL SPRING FARM (BTLT)** – Trails, outdoor labyrinth, and more. This 333-acre working farm was acquired in stages by Brunswick-Topsham Land Trust starting in 1994. The farmstead and fields are leased to a farmer. Remaining areas managed by the Trust include a rare natural community, Saturday farmers' market, community garden, labyrinth, and 5-mile trail system. Location: Trail parking areas at 277 Pleasant Hill Road and 99 Maurice Drive.

**18. BRUNSWICK-TO-THE-OCEAN TRAIL (Town, Private)** – Public/private trail network. A network of trails west of Rt. 123 (Harpswell Road) connects the Bowdoin College campus to Coffin Ice Pond, Town Commons, and the Greater Commons. Trails are available for hiking, cross-country skiing, and nature study. Dogs must be leashed. Location: Access through Town Commons parking area (see #19).

**19. TOWN COMMONS (Town)** – Woodland open space with trails. This 71-acre open space was once part of 1000 acres that was granted as "commonage" in 1719 by the Pejepscot Proprietors, twenty years before Brunswick incorporated as a town. Location: Route 123 (Harpswell Road), 1.5 miles south of Bowdoin College.

**20. GREATER COMMONS (Town)** – 113-acre forested open space with trails. The property connects the Town Commons (see #19) with Middle Bay Road. Dogs must be leashed. Location: Town Commons parking area on Rt. 123 (Harpswell Road), 1.6 miles south of Route 24 (Bath Road).

**21. MAQUOIT BAY CONSERVATION LAND (Town, BTLT)** Forested park with trail to Maquoit Bay. A 0.6-mile trail winds through 124 acres of mixed woods to a rock outcrop overlooking Maquoit Bay, an area of statewide ecological significance. Hiking, cross-country skiing, and hunting. Dogs must be leashed. Location: Parking area on Bunganuc Road, 0.2 mile from Woodside Road.

**22. CHASE RESERVE (BTLT)** – Privately-owned preserve with one-mile trail. A woodland trail and small parking area are planned for this 194-acre property protected by a conservation easement. Trail completion anticipated by 2017. See www.btlt.org/trail-maps/ for status.

**23. SKOLFIELD PRESERVE (BTLT)** – Wildlife preserve with trails. This 8-acre preserve is adjacent to Native American canoe portage site and used to be home to 18th- and 19th-century shipyards. Today, the preserve overlooks intertidal flats important to the ecology of Middle Bay and is a good birding spot. Two loop trails totaling 0.6 mile. No dogs. Location: On right side of Route 123 (Harpswell Road), 3.5 miles south of Bowdoin College.

**24. KATE FURBISH PRESERVE (Town)** – 591-acre open space. The southern, undeveloped portion of the former Brunswick Naval Air Station was granted to the Town after the military facility was decommissioned. The preserve encompasses high value tidal marshes and upland habitats. Walking trails are in development and not marked, but are available for use. Take tick precautions. Location: Roadside parking on Merriconeag Road, 0.1 mile east of Route 123 (Harpswell Road), before golf course.

**25. BRUNSWICK LANDING NORTH PERIMETER ROAD BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN PATH (MRRA, Bowdoin College, Town)** – A 0.7 - mile paved path that runs parallel to Bath Road along the northern end of Brunswick Executive Airport. Location: Eastern end of Pine Street.

**26. THOMAS POINT BEACH (Private)** – Private waterfront park accessible for fee. This 85-acre park, operated by the same family for nearly 60 years, has been a summer vacation destination for a century. Offers beach, playground, lawns, picnic groves, concessions, and camping mid-May through September. Location: 29 Meadow Road (Cooks Corner area).

**27. MID COAST HOSPITAL NATURE TRAILS (Private)** – On the hospital campus, 0.6 mile of trails offer quiet walks through woods and along the Thompson's Brook estuary and salt marshes. Location: 123 Medical Center Drive, off Bath Road behind the hospital.

**28. CAPTAIN WILLIAM FITZGERALD RECREATION & CONSERVATION AREA (Town)** – 66-acre undeveloped open space. The town conducts prescribed burns on this property to maintain a rare natural community that requires periodic fire. Location: Wilderness Way, 0.5 mile from Old Bath Road.

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## WATER ACCESS SITES

*Brunswick extends from the Androscoggin River to Casco Bay. Nearly a dozen sites provide public access to fresh and salt water in Brunswick for boating.*

**W1. MILL STREET CANOE PORTAGE, ANDROSCOGGIN RIVER (Town, State, MDOT, Brookfield Renewable Energy Group)** – Access for hand-carry watercraft, portaging around dam, fishing, and scenic river views. Location: Route One (Mill Street), 350 feet north of Pleasant Street.

**W2. WATER STREET LANDING, ANDROSCOGGIN RIVER (Town)** – Boat landings for small watercraft and trailered boats (concrete ramp). Location: Eastern end of Water Street, 0.6 mile from Maine Street.

**W3. BAY BRIDGE LANDING, ANDROSCOGGIN RIVER (Town, MDOT)** – Small gravel boat launch. Provides water access to Merrymeeting Bay via the Androscoggin River, including for ice fishing. Location: End of Bay Bridge Road, 0.7 mile from Old Bath Road.

**W4. SAWYER PARK, NEW MEADOWS RIVER (Town)** – Boat launch, dock, and picnic tables. Location: Bath Road, 2.25 miles east of Cooks Corner intersection.

**W5. PRINCE'S POINT LANDING, NEW MEADOWS RIVER (State)** – Bank fishing and half tide boat launch. Provides access to river, Long Reach and Harpswell Sound. Location: Princes Point Road, 500 feet from Route 24 (Gurnet Road).

**W6. BARNES LANDING, MIDDLE BAY COVE (Town)** – Boat launch for canoes and kayaks. Limited parking. Location: South end of Pennellville Road.

**W7. SIMPSON'S POINT LANDING, MIDDLE BAY (Town)** – Hand-carry watercraft access. Location: South end of Simpson's Point Road. Limited parking.

**W8. MERE POINT LAUNCH, CASCO BAY (MDIFW)** – All-tide, deep water access. No swimming. Dogs must be leashed. Location: Birch Island Road, off Mere Point Road, 7 miles from southern end of Maine Street.

**W9. MAQUOIT LANDING, MAQUOIT BAY (Town, MDIFW)** Shallow water, small boat access at historic Wharton Point. Location: South end of Maquoit Road, 2.1 miles from Pleasant Hill Road intersection.

**W10. PEJEPSCOT DAM RECREATION AREA, ANDROSCOGGIN RIVER (Town, Brookfield Renewable Energy Group)** – Access for hand-carry watercraft and portaging around dam. Location: Gravel access road on right off River Road, 4.5 miles north of Route 1 (Pleasant Street).

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## ATHLETIC FIELDS

**A1. LISHNESS PARK (Town, Brunswick Sewer District)** – Athletic fields, seasonal hockey rink, and short trail system for preschool kids. Location: Pine Tree Road, 0.2 mile from Jordan Avenue (next to Brunswick Sewer District).

**A2. EDWARDS FIELD (Town)** – Athletic facilities and playground. Facilities are used for baseball, softball, soccer, basketball, and track and field. Location: Jordan Avenue, 0.5 mile from Federal Street.

**A3. STOWE FIELD (Town, Brunswick School Dept.)** – Athletic field for soccer, football, and lacrosse at Harriet Beecher Stowe Elementary School. Location: Intersection of McKeen and Stanwood Streets.

**A4. CRIMMINS FIELD (Town, Brunswick School Dept.)** – Athletic fields for soccer, football, and lacrosse. Location: Baribeau Drive, 500 feet south of McKeen Street.

**A5. LONGFELLOW PLAYGROUND (Bowdoin College, Town)** – Playground with swings and slides. Location: Longfellow Avenue, 0.3 mile from Route 123 (Harpswell Road).

**A6. HAMBLETON AVENUE PLAYGROUND (Town)** – A neighborhood playground with swings and slides. Location: Hambleton Avenue, 400 feet east of Harpswell Road.

**A7. SHULMAN FIELD (Town)** – Athletic field for soccer, lacrosse, and other field sports. Location: Hemlock Road in Meadowbrook neighborhood.

**A8. WILDWOOD FIELD (Town)** – Athletic field for youth soccer and other field games. Location: Basswood Road in Wildwood subdivision.

## BIRDING SITES

*Visit the following locations to see and hear some of the many songbirds, shorebirds, waterfowl, and birds of prey that frequent Brunswick.*

**B1. 250TH ANNIVERSARY PARK** – (Site 6)
**B2. BOWDOIN PINES** – (Site 12)
**B3. CAPTAIN FITZGERALD RECREATION AREA** – (Site 28)
**B4. CRYSTAL SPRING FARM** – (Site 17)
**B5. MAQUOIT BAY CONSERVATION LAND** – (Site 21)
**B6. MAQUOIT LANDING/MAQUOIT BAY** – (Site W9)
**B7. SIMPSON'S POINT & PENNELLVILLE** – (Site W7)
**B8. KATE FURBISH PRESERVE** – (Site 24)

*Public Access Sites continued from above:*

**29. BAY BRIDGE LANDING WETLAND PARK (Town, DOT)** Four-acre multi-use park. Located at the head of Merrymeeting Bay, this park has a 0.4-mile walking loop around a tidal wetland and hand-carry launch for small watercraft. Dogs must be leashed. Location: End of Bay Bridge Road, 0.6 mile from Old Bath Road.

**30. GREAT ISLAND CHAIN (Town)** – Undeveloped islands in the Androscoggin River. The islands feature silver maple forest and are a popular stopover site for migratory birds. Day-use only; beware of poison ivy. Location: Access by boat from Water Street Landing, 0.6 mile from Mason Street off Maine Street.

**31. COX PINNACLE (Town)** – 103-acre woodland park with trails. This park has 1.25 miles of trails winding to the highest point in Brunswick - 350 feet above sea level. Dogs must be leashed. Location: Parking lot on Hacker Road, 0.3 mile from Durham Road.

## PRIVATE CONSERVED LAND

*While these private properties are not open for public use, they provide significant public benefit by protecting natural areas important to the ecological health of our community and maintaining scenic views key to our sense of place. Please respect private property.*

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BRUNSWICK-TOPSHAM LAND TRUST

Brunswick-Topsham Land Trust (BTLT) was founded in 1985 to conserve the remarkably diverse natural heritage of Brunswick, Topsham, and Bowdoin. With 2,300 acres of natural areas conserved, the Land Trust continues its mission of conserving and stewarding the cherished landscapes and rich natural resources of our communities, providing access for recreation, and supporting local agriculture and other traditional land uses.

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For more detailed BTLT trail maps visit
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Brunswick's Parks and Recreation Department seeks to provide high quality facilities and program opportunities for leisure time activities for all Brunswick residents. It is committed to delivering excellence in the programs and services offered by the department, and encourages everyone to learn more about the many recreation opportunities the department makes possible.

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