

# **Brunswick Parks and Recreation**

## **A – Z Guide**

**To**

**Parks and Facilities in Brunswick**

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## 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Park



250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Park is an in town park located on the banks of the Androscoggin River just below the Florida Power Hydroelectric Dam. This park offers scenic views of the river, bank fishing area and also serves as the canoe/kayak put in point for those portaging around the dam from the Mill Street canoe portage located upstream.

**Location:** 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Park is located at the north end of Maine Street just before the Frank J. Woods Bridge into Topsham, on the right hand side of the roadway.

**Hours of operation:** Dawn to dusk.

**Amenities available:**

- Limited parking is available in a small paved parking lot directly across Maine Street at the Florida Fish Viewing Ladder. Parking is also available at the nearby municipal lot along Cabot Street next to Fort Andros
- 5 park benches
- Bronze plaque with brief site history
- Path to river's shore

**Primary uses:** Scenic overlook; bird watching; picnicking; fishing

**Background notes:**

Featuring spectacular views of the Androscoggin River, 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Park is a 1.4 acre riverfront property that provides the public with access to the natural environment in the center of the urban downtown.



View from shore looking toward the neighboring Town of Topsham.



Commemorative stone highlighting the park's creation in recognition of the Town of Brunswick's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

# Androscoggin River Bicycle Path



The Bike Path is a 2.6 mile 14 foot wide paved bicycle/pedestrian path along the Androscoggin River.

The path offers scenic overlooks of the Androscoggin River while providing a pedestrian and bicycle connection between in town Brunswick and the Cook's Corner area. The path can also be accessed from Topsham via bicycle/pedestrian lanes over the Merrymeeting Bridge.

**Location:** The Androscoggin River Bicycle Path is located north of Route One. The access points are located at:

1. In town Brunswick: this entrance to the Bike Path is located at the east end of Water Street, just past the Water Street Boat Landing
2. Cook's Corner, Brunswick: this entrance is located at the end of Grover Lane; Driving northeast, Grover Lane is the first left from Old Bath Road, just after crossing over U.S. Route 1
3. Topsham: the Bike Path also connects to Topsham via the Merrymeeting Bridge. Pedestrian and bicycle access to the path is located on Elm Street in Topsham.

**Hours of operation:** The Bike Path is open 24 hours a day year-round. Note that the parking area at Water Street is open ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset. The Bike Path is maintained year-round.

**Primary uses:** Walking, bike riding, jogging, rollerblading, dog walking. A soccer field is also located near the Water Street end of the path. A dog park is anticipated to be built along the Water Street end of the path in 2012.

## **Amenities available:**

- Parking available at both ends of the Bike Path
- Granite benches, wooden benches in various locations
- Privies located approximately ½ mile from each end of the Bike Path
- Emergency phones at 3 locations along path (parking lot at Water Street; at the approximate midway point and alongside the path, 200' from the Grover Lane entrance)
- Dog waste cleanup bag dispensers and receptacles

## **Restrictions:**

- Dog must be leashed at all times. Dog owners must clean up after their dogs and horses are prohibited along the path.



People enjoying an outdoor performance along the bike path



Bicyclists riding the path on a fall day.

## Barnes Landing



Barnes Landing is an boat launch location onto Middle Bay Cove for hand-carry watercraft such as canoes and kayaks.

**Hours of operation:**  
Dawn to dusk.

**Location:** Barnes Landing is located at the southern end of Pennellville Road.

**Amenities available:**

- Limited parking in small gravel lot.

**Primary uses:** Hand-carry launch for kayaks and canoes

# Bay Bridge Landing Wetland Park



Wetland park adjoining Merrymeeting Bay which features a perimeter walking path with interpretive signage. There is also a small gravel surfaced boat launch location at the site. This park is also utilized in for winter for access to ice fishing in Merrymeeting Bay.

**Location:** Bay Bridge Landing Wetland Park is located at the western end of Bay Bridge Road

**Hours of operation:** Dawn to dusk.

**Amenities available:**

- Parking (school bus parking also available)
- 3/10 mile perimeter walking path with 2 pedestrian bridges
- Interpretive signage detailing local habitat, flora, fauna and fisheries.
- Boat launch for small boats
- 2 benches at scenic points

**Primary uses:** Walking, bird watching, boat launch, fishing and ice fishing

**Restrictions:** Dog must be leashed at all times



**Background notes:**

A multiuse park opened in 1998 as a wetland mitigation area in compensation for construction of the Meerymeeting Bridge and associated wetland impacts. This park features a 3/10 mile walking loop around a tidal wetland.

Interpretive signage describes some of the

park history --- the site was the location of the Bay Bridge between which connected Brunswick and Topsham in the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries --- as well as providing information about some of the common wetland flora and fauna. Ospreys often nest on a platform nest next to the site. This park also offers a boat launch area for use by small boats and canoes. This site is heavily used in the winter months for an access point for ice fishing.



Rugosa roses bloom alongside the wetland trail



A typical view from the trail looking on to Meerymeeting Bay

## Chamberlain Avenue Esplanade



A wooded lot in a residential area, this slightly less than ½ acre lot is well treed with a mixture of evergreen and deciduous trees. It provides a nice green public space in the Chamberlain Avenue area.

**Location:** On Chamberlain Avenue, bordered by Chamberlain Court.

**Hours of operation:** Dawn to dusk

**Amenities available:** None

## Coffin Pond Recreation Area



Coffin Pond Recreation Area offers a variety of seasonal recreational opportunities including a children's playground, swimming, hiking, and winter ice skating.

**Location:** Coffin Pond Recreation Area is located on

River Road, approx.  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile from Route One (Pleasant Street), across from the Brunswick Golf Club.

**Hours of operation:** Dawn to dusk\*. Closed in winter except when conditions are suitable for ice skating.

During the swimming area operational season Coffin Pond operates from 10am to 5pm daily from mid-June to mid-August. Certified Lifeguards staff the swimming area when summer operations are in full swing.

\*open until 8pm in winter when ice skating is open.

### **Amenities available:**

- Parking
- Chlorinated freshwater pond with water slide; concessions.
- Restroom facilities mid-June to mid-August for those patronizing the pond.
- Trail network in wooded area; connects with trails at the Water Tower Nature Area.
- Children's playground suitable for use by children ages 5-12.
- Picnic area under mature pine forest
- Ice skating in parking lot area in winter; lighted until 8pm when conditions are suitable for skating.

- Youth fishing location --- the outer pond is often stocked with brook trout by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. Fishing is restricted to youth under 16 years of age only. Call annually to learn if the pond has been stocked.

**Primary uses:** Swimming (in season), children's playground, hiking, ice skating (in season), youth fishing (when stocked)

**Background Notes:** The Coffin Pond Recreation Area extends from River Road to the Androscoggin River with considerable frontage along the river.



Ice rink maintained at the site during winter months.



Coffin Pond picnic area

# Coffin's Ice Pond



A six acre pond located along a popular trail system that connects with the Town Commons trails.

**Location: :** The park is located off Harpswell Road (Route 123), just west of Maine Pines Tennis Facility. The gravel access road is located just to the right of Maine Pines Tennis Facility.

**Hours of operation:** Dawn to dusk

**Amenities available:**

- Small gravel parking area
- Trails
- Pedestrian footbridge over spillway

**Primary uses:** Hiking, nature-watching

**Restrictions:** Dog must be leashed at all times

**Overview:**

This six acre pond is well hidden in a residential area. The pond can be reached via a small gravel access road located approximately 50 feet north of Maine Pines Tennis Facility on Harpswell Road, but many users prefer to reach Coffin's Ice Pond on foot using the trail system that passes through the park.

The trail system connects with the Town Commons trail network to the south and Bowdoin College to the north. A pedestrian footbridge constructed in 2008 provides convenient passage over the dam and spillway located at the south east corner of the pond.



A view of Coffin's Ice Pond from the adjacent trail.



Maine Conservation Corps members work to construct the spillway bridge in 2008

## Cook's Corner Gateway



The Cook's Corner Gateway consists of 4 seventy-five foot long beds of daylilies in the median islands at the Cook's Corner intersection of Bath Road and Gurnet Road (Route 24).

This Gateway was created in 2002 by

removal of pavement in a portion of the islands, and installation of topsoil and daylilies.

Parks maintenance personnel originally planted the islands in with funding from a Maine Department of Transportation Gateway grant. These same crews weed and care for the islands annually during the growing season.

**Hours of operation:** N/A

**Amenities available:** N/A



Crews work to finish the original planting project in 2002

# Cox Pinnacle



This 103 acre park in west Brunswick features a trail system through forested hills and wetlands. The trail system includes access to Brunswick's highest point (the Pinnacle) at approximately 350 feet above sea level. These trails provide roughly 1¼ miles of trail recreation in all seasons.

**Location:** The parking lot and main entrance to the trails are located on Hacker Road, 3/10 mile east of Durham Road.

**Hours of operation:** Dawn to dusk.

**Primary uses:** Hiking, cross-country skiing, dog walking, snowshoeing

**Amenities available:**

- Parking
- 1¼ mile trail network
- Pedestrian bridge over wetland to access trail system

**Restrictions:**

- Dog must be leashed at all times

**Background notes:**

This park was acquired in 2003 due to the efforts of a public/private partnership between the Town of Brunswick and the Friends of Cox Pinnacle. Fifty percent of the purchase price for this acquisition was fundraised by the Friends of Cox Pinnacle to make the purchase possible.



Elevated wooden boardwalk over wetlands at the site



Trail to Cox Pinnacle

## **Crimmins Field**



**Description:** Crimmins Field includes two full size soccer fields. Newly opened in 2011 the facility was constructed as part of the new Harriet Beecher Stowe Elementary School project. Prior to this new construction the facility consisted of one full size field which was built in 1984.

**Location:** On Baribeau Drive with walking access from the new elementary school on McKean Street as well as from the Brunswick Junior High School located on Columbia Avenue

**Hours of operation:** Dawn to dusk

**Amenities available:** automatic underground irrigation system

**Primary uses:** Soccer, football and lacrosse play

**Restrictions:** During the School year, one field is typically programmed by the Brunswick School Department and one field is programmed by the Parks and Recreation Department. During the non-school year both fields are programmed by the Parks and Recreation Department.

**Background notes:** The facility is maintained by the Parks and Recreation Department, owned by the Town of Brunswick and controlled by the Brunswick School Department.



Pedestrian access to Crimmins Field from Columbia Avenue at the Brunswick Junior High School.



Pedestrian access to Crimmins Field from McKen Street near the new Harriet Beecher Stowe Elementary School.

# Edwards Field



Edwards Field is one of the Parks and Recreation Department's primary athletic field complexes. The fields are seasonally set up for baseball and softball (spring and early summer) and soccer (late summer and fall). A children's playground and an outdoor basketball court are also located within this facility.

**Location:** Edwards Field is located on Jordan Avenue, approximately ½ mile from Federal Street. If coming from east Brunswick, it is located 9/10 mile from the Bath Road end of Jordan Avenue.

**Hours of operation:** Dawn to dusk

**Amenities available:**

- Parking
- Two dual use fields (Little League/Softball) with stone dust infields
- A full sized baseball field (Babe Ruth Field)
- Children's playground structure
- Paved outdoor basketball court
- Restroom facilities in the maintenance garage on your left as you enter the parking lot. A portable privy is located near the concession stand April through October.
- ¼ mile running track

**Primary uses:** Baseball, , softball, soccer, jogging, outdoor basketball, playground and track and field.

**Background notes:** Edwards Field has been an active recreation facility in Brunswick since 1936.



A view of the fields and track at the site.



An alternate view of the facilities.

## Great Island Chain



The Great Island Chain are undeveloped islands in the Androscoggin River between Brunswick and Topsham. The islands are accessible by water only and have no formal facilities associated with their use. Boaters typically visit the islands on their way to and from the water Street Boat Landing on their way to Merrymeeting Bay

**Hours of operation:** Day use only

**Location:** The Great Island Chain is located in the Androscoggin River near the Cook's Corner area.

**Amenities available:**

- None

# Greater Commons



Approximately 112 acres of wooded park area with trails, adjacent to the Town Commons. The Greater Commons is comprised of parcels adjoining both the northern and southern boundaries of the Town Commons, with trails connecting seamlessly to the trail system of the Town Commons and adjoining neighborhoods.

**Location:** The park is located along Harpswell

Road (Route 123) and stretches to Middle Bay Road. The Town Commons parking lot located on Harpswell Road approximately 1½ miles south of Bowdoin College provides parking from which the park can be easily reached via the Town Commons trails.

**Hours of operation:** Dawn to dusk

**Amenities available:**

- Gravel parking lot
- Trails

**Primary uses:** Hiking, jogging, cross country skiing, bird watching.

**Restrictions:** Dog must be leashed at all times

**History:** The Greater Commons property was purchased through a collaborative partnership between the Town of Brunswick and the Friends of the Commons in the early 2000's. A grant from the Land for Maine's Future Board assisted in funding the purchase of the property.



People out for a stroll along one of the property's many trails.



One of the many neighborhood connecting trails that provides access to the Greater Commons. This boardwalk is located at the end of Melden Drive.

# Hambleton Avenue Playground



A children's neighborhood playground featuring swings, slides and other playground components.

**Location:**  
Hambleton Avenue, which is located off Harpswell Road  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile south of the Bath Road intersection.

**Hours of operation:** Dawn to dusk.

**Amenities available:**

- Children's playground structure and swings
- 2 park benches

**Primary uses:** Children's playground and play area.

## Lamb Park



Lamb Park is an eight acre riverfront nature area with a trail connection to River Road.

**Hours of operation:** Dawn to dusk.

**Location:** On River Road, approximately ¼ mile from Pleasant Street (Route 1)

**Amenities available:**

- Trail leads from River Road to the Androscoggin River

**Restrictions:** There is no parking at this facility.

**Primary uses:** River access



A view of the Androscoggin River from the Lamb Park property



Trail leading from River Road to the Androscoggin River

# Lishness Park



Lishness Park contains athletic fields, a seasonal hockey rink, and a short trail system developed for preschool age children. The fields are seasonally set up for baseball and softball (spring and early summer) and soccer (late summer and fall).

**Location:** Lishness Park is located on Pine Tree Road next to the Brunswick Sewer District facility. (Take

Jordan Avenue to Riverview Drive; Pine Tree Road is an immediate right from Riverview Drive).

**Hours of operation:** Dawn to dusk

**Amenities available:**

- Parking
- Two dual use fields (Little League/Softball) with stone dust infields; one field is lighted.
- Three soccer fields (late summer and fall)
- Bleacher seating at both fields.
- Born Learning Trail (for preschool age children)
- Privy located near concession stand.
- Hockey rink surfaced with natural ice when conditions permit. Rink is lighted.

**Primary uses:** Baseball, softball, soccer, children's hiking, winter hockey.

**Background notes:** Lishness Park is located on land leased to the Town of Brunswick by the Brunswick Sewer District under a long term lease as a public service benefit.



Outdoor lighted hockey rink at Lishness Park.



Preschoolers taking a stroll on the Born Learning trail at Lishness Park

# Longfellow Playground



A community built children's playground featuring swings, slides and other playground components.

**Location:**  
Longfellow Avenue  
next to the former  
Longfellow  
Elementary School.

**Hours of operation:** Dawn to dusk.

**Amenities available:**

- Children's playground structure and swings
- 2 park benches
- Paved area with basketball goals

**Primary uses:** Children's playground and outdoor basketball play.



Children at play on the Longfellow Playground



Swings and adjacent picnic area

## Lower Mall



One of Brunswick's most visible parks the Lower Mall is located on Maine Street in the center of the downtown. The park serves as gathering place for community residents and plays host to a large number of special events and activities. The tree lined park also features a large gazebo performances and a variety of public functions. The park also includes a war service monument and historic interpretive plaque.

This park hosts the popular Farmer's Market on Tuesdays and Fridays from May to November, many concerts and cultural events, and winter ice skating. In addition, four seasonal food vendors sell various types of food daily during the warmer months.

**Location:** Maine Street in the downtown area.

**Hours of operation:** 6 am to 12 midnight from September 26<sup>th</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup> annually  
6am to 10 pm from June 1<sup>st</sup> to September 25<sup>th</sup> annually

**Amenities available:**

- Parking along east and west sides of park
- Gazebo
- 25 park benches
- Monuments and commemorative plaque
- 4 food vendors during the warmer months
- Lighted ice skating area in open lawn area, when conditions permit natural ice in the winter

**Primary uses:** Gathering place with benches, picnicking, cultural and arts events, setting for the Brunswick Farmer's Market, large public events such as the Memorial Day Parade ceremony, winter ice skating and concerts.

**Restrictions:** Dog must be leashed at all times.

**Background notes:**

In 1823, the land for this park --- originally swampy --- was conveyed by three citizens to the Town for “five cents” to be “reserved and used as a public walk or Mall.” The swamp was filled soon thereafter and the Mall has since become a source of pride for Brunswick residents.



War service recognition monument



Monument detailing the history of the Mall

## Maine Street Flowers



Summer flower plantings in the median islands of Maine Street are maintained by the parks maintenance staff.

**Location:** Maine Street median islands from the railroad crossing near the Lower Mall to median islands near Fort Andros.

**Hours of operation:** N/A

**Amenities available:** N/A

**Primary uses:** For visual enjoyment of passing pedestrians and motorists.

**Background:** The Maine Street flower plantings and maintenance are the result of a collaborative partnership between the Village Improvement Association and the Brunswick Parks and Recreation Department, who share in the cost of the flower plantings.

The Parks maintenance staff also prepares the soil and provides the ongoing maintenance throughout the growing season.

## Maquoit Bay Conservation Land



A 124 acre park with frontage on Maquoit Bay, this wooded conservation land offers a 6/10 mile trail to a rocky outcrop overlooking Maquoit Bay.

**Location:** The parking lot and main entrance to the trail is located on Bunganuc Road.

**Hours of operation:** Dawn to dusk.

**Primary uses:** Hiking, dog walking, cross country skiing, snowshoeing. Please note that hunting is permitted in this park.

**Amenities available:**

- Parking
- 6/10 mile trail to Maquoit Bay
- **Restrictions:**
  - Dog must be leashed at all times

**Background notes:** A new parking lot was constructed and trailhead installed at the site during 2010 and 2011 respectively. The existing spine trail to Maquoit Bay was also upgraded in 2010 providing for better access.



In 2008 a local Boy Scout Troop worked with Parks and Facilities Manager, Peter Baecher to clear overgrown sections of the trail leading to this prominent overlook.



Parking lot off Bunganuc Road built in 2010 now offers improved access to the trail.

## Maquoit Landing (Wharton Point)



**Description:** Maquoit Landing at Wharton Point offers a picturesque view of Maquoit Bay and the surrounding environs. The landing provides boat launch access to Maquoit Bay. The shallow mud flats attract a wide variety of waterfowl. Check tide charts before launching as tide must be near high to allow for trailered boat access.

**Hours of operation:** Dawn to dusk.

**Location:** Maquoit Landing is located at the southern end of Maquoit Road.

**Amenities available:**

- Parking
- dog waste cleanup bag dispensers and receptacles
- Bronze plaque with brief site history

**Primary uses:** Boat launch for small watercraft; birdwatching.



Mud flats exposed in the foreground

# Mere Point Boat Launch



Mere Point Boat Launch provides all-tide deep water access onto Northern Casco Bay. This launch also includes facilities for the launching of kayaks and other hand carry watercraft.

**Location:** Mere Point Boat Launch is located near the southern end of Mere Point Road, approximately 6 miles from the southern end of Maine Street.

**Hours of operation:** This facility is closed from ½ hour after sunset to ½ hour before sunrise except for the launching and retrieving of boats.

**Primary uses:** Boat launch for a wide range of boats and watercraft.

**Amenities available:**

- 2 boat launch ramps with dock
- Paved parking lot for 55 vehicles with boat trailers
- Picnic table and granite bench
- 2 privies
- 2 emergency phones (one located in the parking lot near the privies, one located at the top of the hill above the boat launch ramps)
- Dog waste cleanup bag dispensers and receptacles
- Informational kiosk

**Restrictions:**

- No swimming
- No overnight parking without permission from the Marine Resource Officer
- Dogs must be leashed at all times



Double ramps allow for launching and/or retrieval of two boats simultaneously.



Launching facility float system and corresponding pilings.

## Mill Street Canoe Portage



Mill Street Canoe Portage is located on the Androscoggin River, providing river access for hand carry watercraft. Canoe and kayak users traveling downstream may portage at this point to walk along Mill Street to 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Park in order to put in below the dam. [Note: the portage distance is approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile.]

This park is a result of collaboration among the Town of Brunswick, Florida Power and Light, and the Maine Department of Transportation.

**Location:** Mill Street Canoe Portage is located on Mill Street (Route 1), a short 350' from Pleasant Street when traveling on Route 1 north.

**Hours of operation:** Dawn to dusk.

**Note:** Park is only open during periods when floatation barriers across the river are in place to prevent downstream travel towards the hydroelectric dam. Barriers are installed in mid to late May, depending of river flows, and are removed in the late fall. The facility remains closed to the launching of watercraft of any kind when the barriers are not installed.

**Amenities available:**

- Gravel parking lot
- Boat launch for hand carry watercraft
- 2 granite benches
- Directional signage to portage below the dam

**Primary uses:** Boat launch for hand carry watercraft; fishing, picnicking; scenic views of the Androscoggin River

**Restrictions:** Hand carry watercraft launching only.



A collaborative project of the Town of Brunswick, Maine Department of Conservation, Maine Department of Transportation and Florida Power and Light Energy



Entrance sign as seen from U.S. Route 1 near the intersection with Pleasant Street.

## Mill Street Lot



The Mill Street Lot is a landscaped parcel at the west corner of Mill Street at Cushing Street. It is located directly across the road from the Swinging Bridge Park.

The Mill Street Lot is a property owned by the Maine Department of Transportation; the lawns and landscaped areas are maintained by the parks maintenance staff

**Hours of operation and amenities available:** N/A



A view of the lot looking west from Cushing Street at the intersection of Mill Street



A view of the lot looking east from Mill Street. The intersection of Cushing Street can be seen in the background.

# Nathaniel Davis Park



Nathaniel Davis Park is a neighborhood park approximately 2½ acres in size. This park consists primarily of expanses of sloping lawn, interspersed with some mature trees. This park also contains a swing set and a small children's playground structure.

**Location:** The entrance to Nathaniel Davis Park is located on Pleasant Street, on the left side, 125' before Cushing Street.

**Hours of operation:** Dawn to dusk

**Amenities available:**

- Although there is no parking lot for this facility, parking is available along Pleasant Street
- Children's and tot's swings
- Small playground structure
- 3 park benches

**Primary uses:** Children's playground; open lawn areas for active play; picnicking; dog walking.

**Background notes:** Then Senator George Mitchell was the principal guest speaker at the dedication of Nathaniel Davis Park on August 30, 1981.



Children at play on the Davis Park swing set.



Playground structure

## Pejepscot Dam Recreation Area



A park located on the Androscoggin River providing river access for hand carry only watercraft. {Note: On adjacent property owned by Pejepscot Dam operators, a steel canoe portage stairway with padded canoe slide is in place to permit canoes or kayaks to be slid down to the river for launching.} There are also hiking trails along the river at this park. Trails are located upon property owned by the Town of Brunswick.

This park is a cooperative project between Pejepscot Hydropartners and the Town of Brunswick to provide access to the Androscoggin River and safe canoe portage around the dam.

The park is also popular with fishermen.

**Location:** The entrance to Pejepscot Dam Recreation Area is on River Road, approximately 4½ miles from Pleasant Street (Route 1). Follow the gravel access road at the Pejepscot Dam Recreation Area sign to the end near the dam.

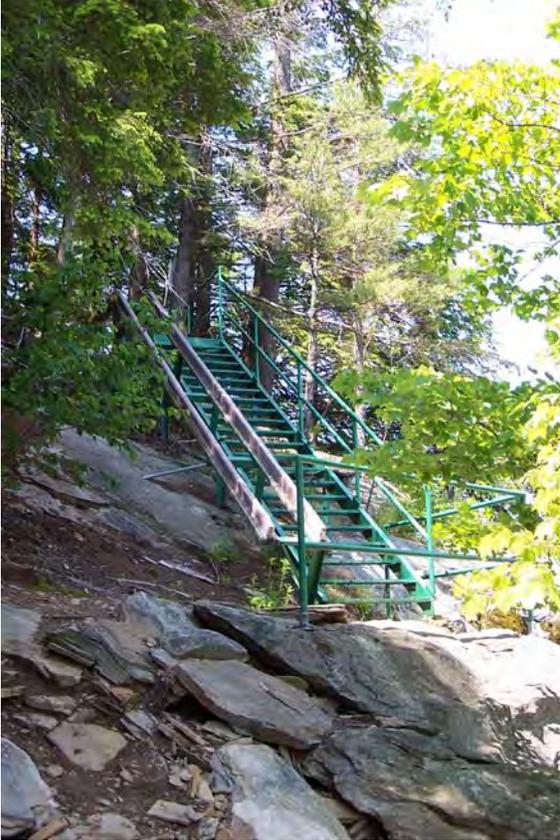
**Hours of operation:** Dawn to dusk.

**Amenities available:**

- Small parking area
- Canoe portage and launch for hand carry watercraft

**Primary uses:** Boat launch for hand carry watercraft; fishing and hiking

**Restrictions:** Hand carry watercraft launching only. No facilities for the launching of motorized boats at this site. The gravel road which is accessed from River Road is not plowed during the winter season.



Canoe stairway and slide located on Pejepscot Hydropartners property which provides for a means of safe canoe portage around the dam.



A view looking downriver of the dam.

# Pinette's Landing



**Description:** This 1½ acre park features an expanse of lawn sloping down to the Androscoggin River.

**Location :** Pinette's Landing is located on Water Street, approximately 500 feet before the Androscoggin River Bicycle Path.

**Hours of operation:** Dawn to dusk

**Amenities available:**

- No on-site parking

**Primary uses:** Walking; fishing, scenic river views

**Restrictions:** Dog must be leashed at all times

**Overview:** This beautiful waterfront property along the Androscoggin River was donated to the Town of Brunswick in 2008 by the Estate of Mr. Laurier A. Pinette.



View of the property looking north to Topsham.



The property fronts Lower Water Street with several hundred feet of waterfront along the Androscoggin River

## Pleasant Street Gateway



The Pleasant Street Gateway is the primary entry point into Brunswick from the south. Located along the exit ramp from Route 295 onto Route One north, this Gateway stretches almost ½ mile from the ‘Welcome to Brunswick’ sign to the undivided section of Pleasant Street. The property is owned by the Maine Department of Transportation; the lawns and landscaped areas are maintained by the parks maintenance staff

**Hours of operation and amenities available: N/A**



Looking north across the gateway inbound to Brunswick



View from U.S. Route 1 inbound to Brunswick looking west.



Inbound from Route 295 to Brunswick

# Princes Point Landing



Half tide boat launch to the New Meadows River, Long Reach and Harpswell Sound.

**Location:** Princes Point Landing is located on Princes Point Road, 500 feet from Gurnet Road (Route 24) and approximately 2¾ miles from Cook's Corner.

**Hours of operation and amenities available:**

- Dawn to dusk.
- Concrete plank boat launch ramp
- Roadside parking area

**Primary uses:** Boat launch and bank fishing



View looking from the launch toward the Gurnet Bridge.

# Recreation Center



The Recreation Center contains the primary gym space of the Parks and Recreation Department. The Center also contains several meeting rooms, space for a Preschool program, and offices for the administrative staff of the Parks and Recreation Department.

**Office Hours:** Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 4:30pm;

**Gym Hours of operation:** The gym is reserved for many programs and events. You may call for open gym times and dates. The gym schedule varies seasonally due to the variety of programs offered by the department.

**Parking:** Parking is available on the Center Street and Federal Street sides of the Recreation Center building. Additional parking is available in the Municipal Parking lot (access from Bank Street or Center Street). Two hour on-street parking is also available.

**Amenities available:**

- Gymnasium with 6 basketball hoops
- Meeting rooms
- Preschool Program
- Concession stand (for selected events only)

**Primary uses:** Basketball; volleyball; special events (youth dances, Halloween Party, Ski & Skate Sale, etc.); Preschool Program; Program registration office; administrative offices.

**Background notes:** The Recreation Center was built in the early 1940's originally as a USO building.



One of the many activities that takes place in the Recreation Center Gymnasium during the peak programming season.



One of the preschool classrooms located on the lower level of the Recreation Center.

# Sawyer Park



This park provides a boat launch facility with dock to the New Meadows River, as well as picnic areas.

**Location:** Sawyer Park is located on Bath Road just before the boundary with West Bath. The entrance to Sawyer Park is approximately 2¼ miles from the Cook's Corner intersection.

**Hours of operation:** Dawn to dusk, from April 1st through November 30th annually.

**Amenities available:**

- Boat launch with dock
- Parking lot for 7 vehicles and 33 vehicles with boat trailers
- 3 picnic tables in the wooded area near the launch
- Privy

**Primary uses:** Boat launch; picnic area.

**Restrictions:** This park is closed from December 1 thru March 31 each year.



Views from the float system looking south down the New Meadows River.



Picnicking site overlooking the New Meadows River

# Senior Garden



This park area makes available community garden plots to senior citizens of Brunswick. The allocation of garden plots is administered by the People Plus Center (729-0757).

**Location:** The Senior Garden is located on Industry Road, next to the Brunswick Public Works Department. Industry Road is reached via Water Street.

**Hours of operation:** Dawn to dusk.

**Primary uses:** Gardening for senior citizens.

**Amenities available:**

- Limited parking to the right of the gardens
- Seasonal water service for watering the gardens
- Park bench



# Shulman Park



Shulman Park is an athletic field primarily used as a soccer field. This field is often also used for lacrosse in the spring months.

**Location:** Shulman Park is located on Hemlock Road

**Hours of operation:** Dawn to dusk

**Amenities available:**

- Parking
- 2 Privies

**Primary uses:** Soccer; lacrosse.



## Simpson's Point Landing



Simpson's Point Landing provides access to Middle Bay for hand carry watercraft.

**Location:** Simpson's Point Landing is located at the end of Simpson's Point Road and is accessible from Mere Point Road.

**Hours of operation:** Dawn to dusk.

**Amenities available:**

- Boat launch
- Informational kiosk

**Primary uses:** Boat launch for hand carry watercraft

## Spring and McKeen Street Lot



A wooded lot in a residential area, this Town property is almost 1 acre in size. The property is wooded with mature white pine and a few hardwood trees. There is a diagonal pedestrian pathway on the property that connects McKeen Street to Spring Street.

**Location:** On the Southeast corner of McKeen and Spring Streets.

**Hours of operation:** Dawn to dusk

**Amenities available:** N/A



Mature pine stand on the corner of McKeen and Spring Streets



View of the lot looking east down McKeen Street.

## Stowe Field



**Description:** Stowe Field is located at the new Harriet Beecher Stowe Elementary School. The field features one lighted football/soccer field and is expected to open for use in the spring of 2012. The former site of the Old Brunswick High School; this site previously contained a lighted football field. As part of the project for construction of the new school, a new lighted field was built to replace the one lost when the Old High School site was razed to make way for the new school.

**Location:** At the intersection of McKeen and Stanwood Streets

**Hours of operation:** Dawn to dusk with the exception of night practices and games which require the use of the lighting system.

**Amenities available:** automatic underground irrigation system and maintenance garage to house the maintenance equipment used to maintain the field.

**Primary uses:** Soccer, football and lacrosse play

**Restrictions:** The facility is scheduled by the Parks and recreation Department when school is not in session.

**Background notes:** The facility is maintained by the Parks and Recreation Department, owned by the Town of Brunswick and controlled by the Brunswick School Department.



Looking south across the playing field.



Looking east from Stanwood Street towards the new elementary school.

# Stowe Gymnasium



The gymnasium at the new Harriet Beecher Stowe Elementary School has been built to the same dimensions as the former gymnasium located in the Old Brunswick High School which was torn down to make way for the new school to be built. The facility features one full size basketball court with two side courts. The Parks and Recreation Department also has an office adjacent to both the gymnasium and community entrance lobby.

**Gym Hours of operation:** The Parks and Recreation Department will deliver recreation programming weekdays after 4:30pm and on weekends during the school year when school is in session. During summer months when school is not in session the Parks and Recreation Department will offer programming in the gymnasium during both day and evening times dependent upon programmatic needs

**Parking:** Parking is available adjacent to the school.

**Amenities available:**

- Gymnasium with 6 basketball hoops
- Parks and Recreation Department staff office

**Primary uses:** Basketball; volleyball and special events. Program demands will dictate program offerings.

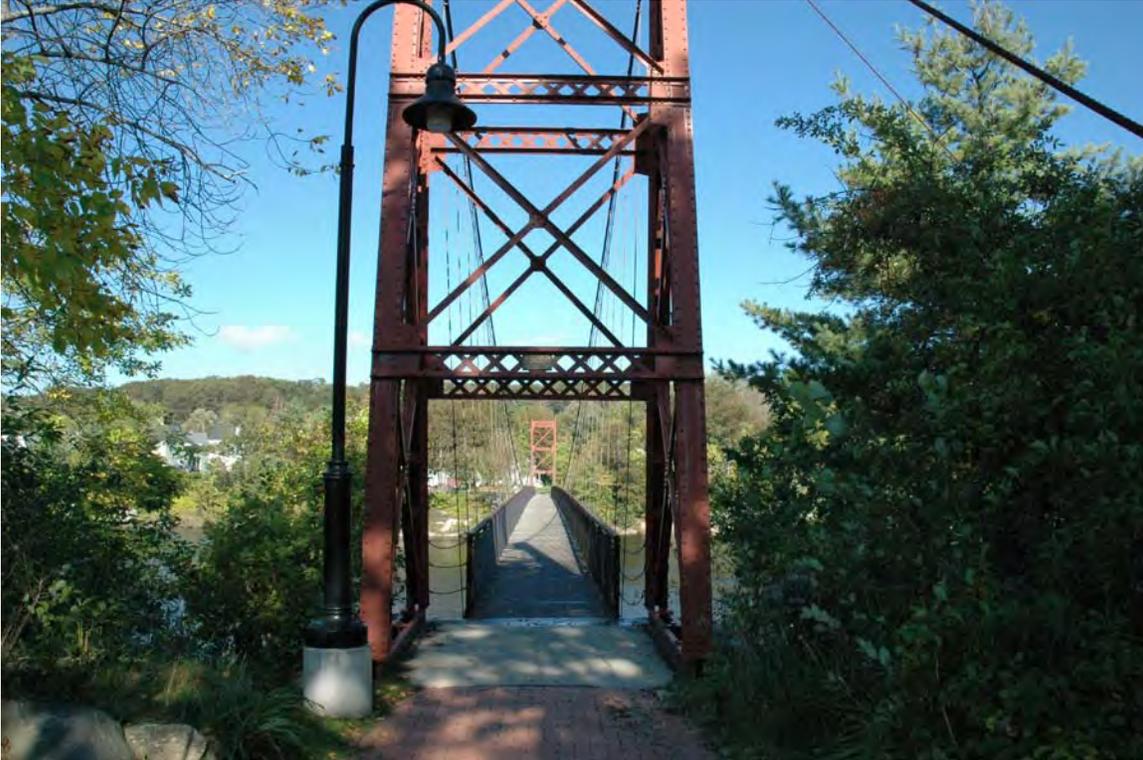


Exterior entrance to lobby and gymnasium.



Parks and Recreation Department office window to the left of the gymnasium entrance doors.

## Swinging Bridge Park



A small park located on the Brunswick side of the historic Swinging Bridge, a pedestrian suspension bridge between Brunswick and Topsham. The bridge was designed and built by the Roebling Company (of Brooklyn Bridge fame).

**Location:** This park is located on Route One (Mill Street), directly across from Cushing Street.

**Hours of operation:** Dawn to dusk.

**Primary uses:** Walking, scenic river views

**Amenities available:**

- Limited parking
- Granite benches
- Pedestrian access to the Swinging Bridge

**Restrictions:**

- No swimming

**Background notes:** The bridge was recently renovated in 2006.



View upriver from the Swinging Bridge



Small parking area and approach to the Swinging Bridge.

# Town Commons



**Description:** A 71 acre wooded park featuring trails, picnic areas, and interpretive signage. The trail system of the Town Commons connects with the trails of the adjoining Greater Commons, permitting long hikes through the woods.

The Town Commons features a pitch pine heath barren --- a rare plant community in Maine --- as seen on the Pitch Pine Barren Loop trail. Some American Chestnut trees have also been planted at the Commons; these are visible next to the Chestnut Trail.

**Location :** The park is located along Harpswell Road (Route 123). The Town Commons parking lot is located on Harpswell Road approximately 1½ miles south of Bowdoin College.

**Hours of operation:** Dawn to dusk

**Amenities available:**

- Gravel parking lot
- Trails
- Interpretive signage
- Informational kiosk

**Primary uses:** Hiking, jogging, dog walking, cross country skiing and snowshoeing, bird watching.

**Restrictions:** Dog must be leashed at all times

**Overview:** The Town Commons is the oldest “park” in Brunswick. The Town Commons originally consisted of 1,000 acres, granted in 1719 --- 20 years before

Brunswick was incorporated as a town. Eventually, much of the Town Commons was utilized in the creation of Brunswick Naval Air Station. Learn more about the Town Commons at [www.brunswickme.org/commons](http://www.brunswickme.org/commons)



Interpretive Chestnut Trail sign at the Town Commons



Bronze plaque detailing the historic significance of the Town Commons.

# Upper Mall



The Upper Mall is an elongated park between Maine Street and Upper Park Row next to Bowdoin College. This tree lined park stretches over ½ mile south from the Joshua Chamberlain Statue (pictured below) along the western edge of Bowdoin College campus.

**Location:** along Maine Street next to Bowdoin College.

**Hours of operation:** 6am to 12 midnight.

This narrow park extends to Whittier Street from the intersection of Bath and Maine Streets and is crisscrossed with pedestrian sidewalks which are available for use 24 hours a day.

**Amenities available:**

- On-street parking on Upper Park Row
- 1 park bench near small garden area
- Joshua L. Chamberlain statue (photo below)



**Primary uses:** Walking; picnicking.

**Restrictions:** Dog must be leashed at all times.

# Water Street Boat Landings



**Water Street #1** is an unimproved boat landing that provides river access for small watercraft. This location is also a popular access site to the river for winter ice fishing.

**Location:** On Water Street, on the left hand side just past the intersection of Industry Road.

**Hours of operation:** Dawn to dusk.

**Amenities available:**

- Unimproved boat launch
- Limited parking on side of gravel access drive
- Privy on site during ice fishing season

**Primary uses:** Launching of small watercraft; winter ice fishing access

**Water Street #2** is an improved boat launch with paved approaches and concrete plank ramps for launching. This launch accommodates larger trailered watercraft than Water Street #1 Boat Launch.

**Location:** At the end of Water Street, to the left of the bollards at the beginning of the Androscoggin River Bicycle path.



**Hours of operation:** Dawn to dusk. **Note:** the gate for the parking lot is locked ½ hour after sunset; the gate is typically opened early in the morning before 6a.m.

**Amenities available:**

- Boat Launch
- Paved parking lot for vehicles and vehicles with boat

- trailers
- Privy in parking lot available year-round
- Launch area abuts the Androscoggin River Bicycle Path and its recreational opportunities

**Primary uses:** Boat launch, bank fishing

# Wildwood Field



Wildwood Field is an intermediate size athletic field surrounded on 3 sides by woods. This field is generally utilized for youth soccer.

**Location:**

Wildwood Field is located on Basswood Road in the Wildwood development in East Brunswick.

**Hours of operation:** Dawn to dusk

**Amenities available:**

- Parking
- Privy on site

**Primary uses:** Soccer and field games



Youth soccer taking place at the site.