

Town of Brunswick
Parks and Recreation Department

A – Z Guide

To

Parks and Facilities in Brunswick

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250th Anniversary Park



250th Anniversary Park is an in-town park located on the banks of the Androscoggin River just below the 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. This 1.5-acre park is located on land owned by the Town of Brunswick, and Brookfield Renewable Energy.

Location: 250th Anniversary Park is located at the north end of Maine Street just before the Frank J. Woods Bridge into Topsham, on the right side of the road.

Hours of operation: Dawn to dusk.

Amenities available:

- Limited parking is available in a small paved parking lot directly across Maine Street at the fish viewing ladder. Parking is also available at the municipal lot on Cabot Street next to Fort Andross
- Five (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, 250th Anniversary Park is a 1.5-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 250th 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 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.

The Bike Path is built upon land owned by the Town of Brunswick and Maine Department of Transportation.

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. 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; the parking area at Water Street is open ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.

Primary uses: Walking, bike riding, jogging, rollerblading, dog walking. A soccer field is also located near the Water Street entrance. The Merrymeeting Dog Park was constructed along the Bike 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 a 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
- 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 Merrymeeting Bridge and associated wetland impacts. This park features a 3/10 mile walking trail alongside 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 19th and early 20th 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

Capt. William A. Fitzgerald U.S.N. Recreation and Conservation Area



A 66-acre park in East Brunswick conveyed to the Town of Brunswick from the US Navy. This parcel is currently undeveloped; long term plans include the development of 2 multi-use athletic fields, playground, concession/restroom building, parking area and trail improvements. The developed portion of the site will not exceed 15 acres in size.

The park is managed to preserve a S1 Critically Imperiled Little Bluestem-Blueberry Sandplain Grassland community.

The area is currently available for walking and hiking on existing paths. The Town Council accepted the management plan for the property on 4/6/15; rules and regulations for use of the property will be forthcoming as part of a parks and recreation areas ordinance update.

Location: This park is located at the end of Lindbergh Crossing, accessed from Old Bath Road. Lindbergh Crossing is 1.4 miles from the intersection of Bath Road and Old Bath Road.

Hours of operation: Dawn to dusk.

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

Amenities available:

- Trails --- approximately 1.1 mile worn dirt perimeter pathway and $\frac{3}{4}$ miles of interior worn pathways
- There is currently only street side parking available at this site

Restrictions:

- Dog must be leashed at all times
- No motorized vehicles permitted

Background notes: The site once served as a radio transmitter site when previously owned by the U.S. Navy



A controlled prescribed burn in progress at the site. This land management tool is used to help preserve the rare plant community.



Same general area a few months after the prescribed burn was performed.

Chamberlain Avenue Esplanade



A wooded lot in a residential area, this slightly less than ½ acre lot is well treed with primarily evergreen 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 WaterTower 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 McKen 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 Meldén 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.

Kate Furbish Preserve



This 591-acre parcel was conveyed to the Town of Brunswick by the U.S. Navy. It is the largest of the town's open space properties and it will be primarily passive use, including a system of walking and shared use trails; winter use for non- motorized recreation; access for hunting, fishing, clamming, etc.; and opportunities for interpretive signage or amenities. Development of a seven-mile system of trails began in 2014.

Location: The preserve stretches from the southern end of the Brunswick Executive Airport runways to Harpswell Sound and also borders the Mere Creek Golf Course and Prince's Point Road.

Hours of operation: One hour before dawn to one half hour after dusk.

Primary uses: Hiking and hunting

Amenities available:

- Trail system currently in development

Restrictions:

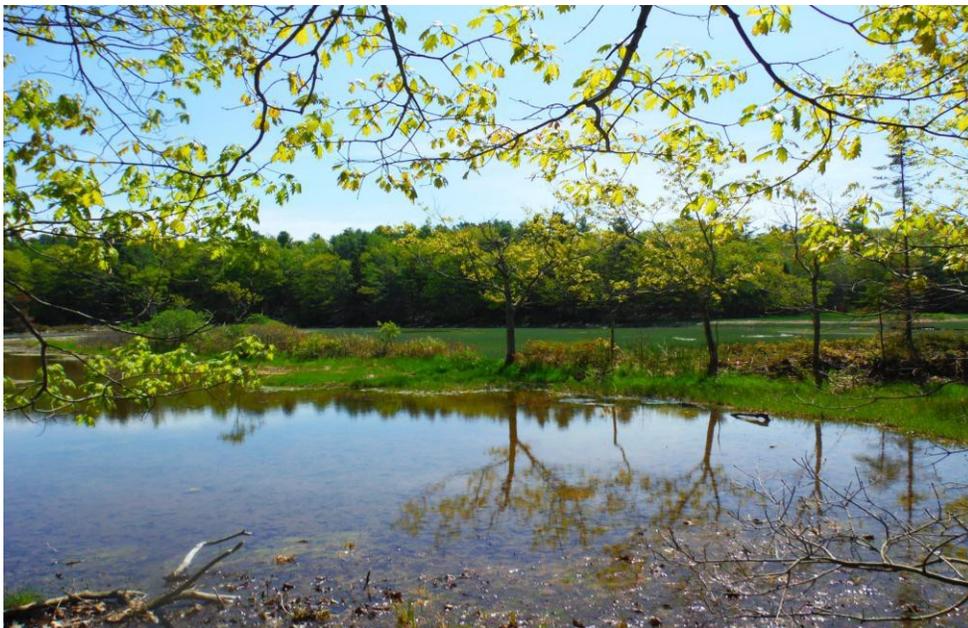
- No motor vehicles, ATV's, snowmobiles or golf carts permitted
- Dogs must be on a leash at all times.
- Hunting restricted to shotgun, black powder and archery only.
- Horses are not permitted upon the preserve

- Camping on the preserve is prohibited
- Carry in/carry out trash policy
- No unauthorized temporary or permanent structures permitted

Background notes: A Brunswick Town Council appointed Recreation, Trails and Open Space Stakeholder Committee worked to develop the management plan for the property.



Eastern Perimeter Trail



Wetland Area During Springtime Conditions

Lamb Park



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

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

Hours of operation: Dawn to dusk.

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.
- Lighted hockey rink surfaced with natural ice when conditions permit.

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. The playground is located on land owned by Bowdoin College and leased by the Town of Brunswick.

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

Hours of operation: Dawn to dusk.

Amenities available:

- Children's playground structure and swings
- Two 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 26th to May 31st annually
6am to 10 pm from June 1st to September 25th 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.

Maine Street Station Park



A small park located along Station Avenue across from Maine Street Station, this in-town pocket park features benches, a sitting wall, landscape plantings, and a slightly elevated circular paved platform that can serve as a stage for outdoor performances.

Location: This park is located on Station Avenue, accessible from Maine Street on the east and Union Street on the west.

Hours of operation: Dawn to dusk.

Primary uses: Pocket park for informal gatherings, sitting on parks benches, and enjoying an open air public space in the downtown.

Amenities available:

- Parking
- Park benches
- Elevated circular paved performance stage



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)



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. This property is owned by the State of Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife and maintained by the Town of Brunswick.

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

McKeen Landing



McKeen Landing features a number of public recreation spaces and walking loops situated behind housing in the McKeen Street and Columbia Avenue area. Recreation features include 4 children's playgrounds, a little league-sized baseball field, a paved basketball court, in addition to a network of paved walking paths.

Location: These park areas are located in the former McKeen Street Housing complex bordered by McKeen Street to the north, Moore and Columbia Avenues to the west, Columbia Avenue and Windorf Circle to the south, and Emanuel Drive to the east. The major entrances are denoted by open wooden entry gate structures, which straddle the paved path entering the spaces.

Access: There are numerous pedestrian access points to these recreational facilities:

- 1 pedestrian entrance from McKeen Street
- 2 pedestrian entrances from Moore Avenue
- 6 pedestrian entrances from Columbia Avenue
- 1 pedestrian entrance from Shobe Avenue
- 1 Pedestrian entrance from Emanuel Drive
- 2 pedestrian entrances from Windorf Circle

Hours of operation: Dawn to dusk.

Primary uses: Playgrounds, little league-sized baseball field, paved basketball court, and walking paths used for active recreation.

Amenities available:

- Three (3) children's playgrounds suitable for ages 5-12
- One tot playground suitable for preschool-aged children (2-5 years old)
- Little league-sized baseball field
- Paved full-sized basketball court
- Approximately 1.4 miles of paved paths
- Park benches
- On street parking only



Paved basketball court.



Little league-sized baseball field

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. The parcel is owned by the State of Maine and maintained by the Town of Brunswick.

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.

Merrymeeting Dog Park In Memory of Jake Horgan



The Merrymeeting Dog Park is a 1.5-acre dog park situated next to the Androscoggin River Bicycle Path that provides opportunities for dog owners to allow their dogs off leash for exercise and recreation.

Location: Merrymeeting Dog Park is located along the Bike Path, approximately 900' from the bollards marking the beginning of the Bike Path at Water Street.

Hours of operation: ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset

Amenities available:

- Separate fenced enclosures for large and small dogs; 6' fence height
- Dog waste disposal stations in each enclosure
- Seasonal water faucets for filling dog watering bowls (bowls not provided)
- 8 park benches
- Parking in the parking lot at the end of Water Street

Primary uses: Park area where dog owners can provide off leash recreation for their dogs

Restrictions:

- Dogs must be leashed until entering park.
- Obey Dog Park rules posted at each entrance to park

Background notes:

- Merrymeeting Dog Park was created through a private/public partnership between the Town of Brunswick and B.A.R.K. (Brunswick Area Recreation for Kanines), who raised the funds necessary to construct the park.



The Merrymeeting Dog Park was dedicated in memory of Jake Horgan



Park entrance gate and rules sign

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 250th Anniversary Park in order to put in below the dam. [Note: the portage distance is approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ mile.]

This 3.4-acre park is owned by the Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) and is a collaboration among MDOT, the Town of Brunswick, and Brookfield Renewable Energy.

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 1.7-acre Mill Street Lot is a property owned by the Maine Department of Transportation; the lawns and landscaped areas are maintained by the Town of Brunswick.

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.

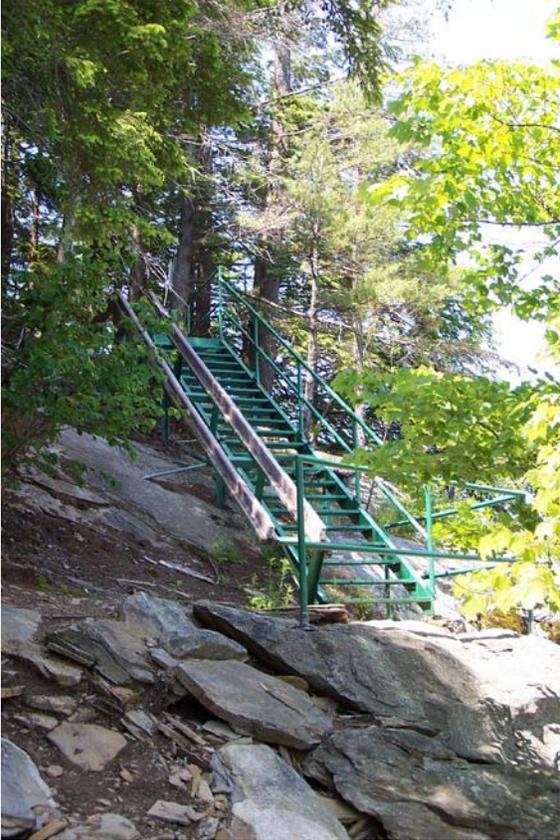
Hours of operation: Dawn to dusk.

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. This property is owned by the State of Maine and maintained by the Town of Brunswick.

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, or 'Rec Center', is our primary indoor recreation facility. This large facility contains a 22,000-square-foot field house, which is comprised of two basketball courts, an exercise area, a 590-foot indoor loop track, and men's and women's locker rooms. The field house provides capabilities for the Department to host large indoor events.

The Recreation Center also houses the Preschool Program on the north side of the building. This long running program has its own entrance and parking lot.

The administrative staff and offices of the Parks and Recreation Department are also located at the Rec Center.

Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 4:30pm; other times and days depending on programming schedule.

Gym Hours of operation: The field house is open year-round, though it is sometimes reserved for programs and events. You may call for the day's schedule, or check the calendar posted on the Department's web page. The field house schedule varies seasonally due to the variety of programs offered.

Location: The Recreation Center is located at 220 Neptune Drive at Brunswick Landing, near the Cook's Corner Area.

Parking: Parking is available in the large parking lot on the Neptune Drive side of the building. Preschool parking is available in a parking lot on the north side of the building accessed via Burbank and Venture Avenues.

Amenities available:

- 590' two-lane indoor walking/running track
- Two (2) basketball courts
- Large Men's and Ladies' locker rooms
- Preschool Program
- Concession stand (for selected events only)

Primary uses: Walking/running; basketball; indoor recreation programs; special events; Preschool Program; Program registration office; administrative offices.



The entrance from Neptune Drive



A view of the 590' walking/running track

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
- 1 Privy

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 for hand-carry watercraft
- 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). This 1.6-acre park is owned by the Maine Department of Transportation.

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



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, just past the intersection of Industry Road.

Hours of operation: Dawn to dusk.

Amenities available:

- 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.

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
- Launch area abuts the Androscoggin River Bicycle Path
- Privy in parking lot available year-round

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.