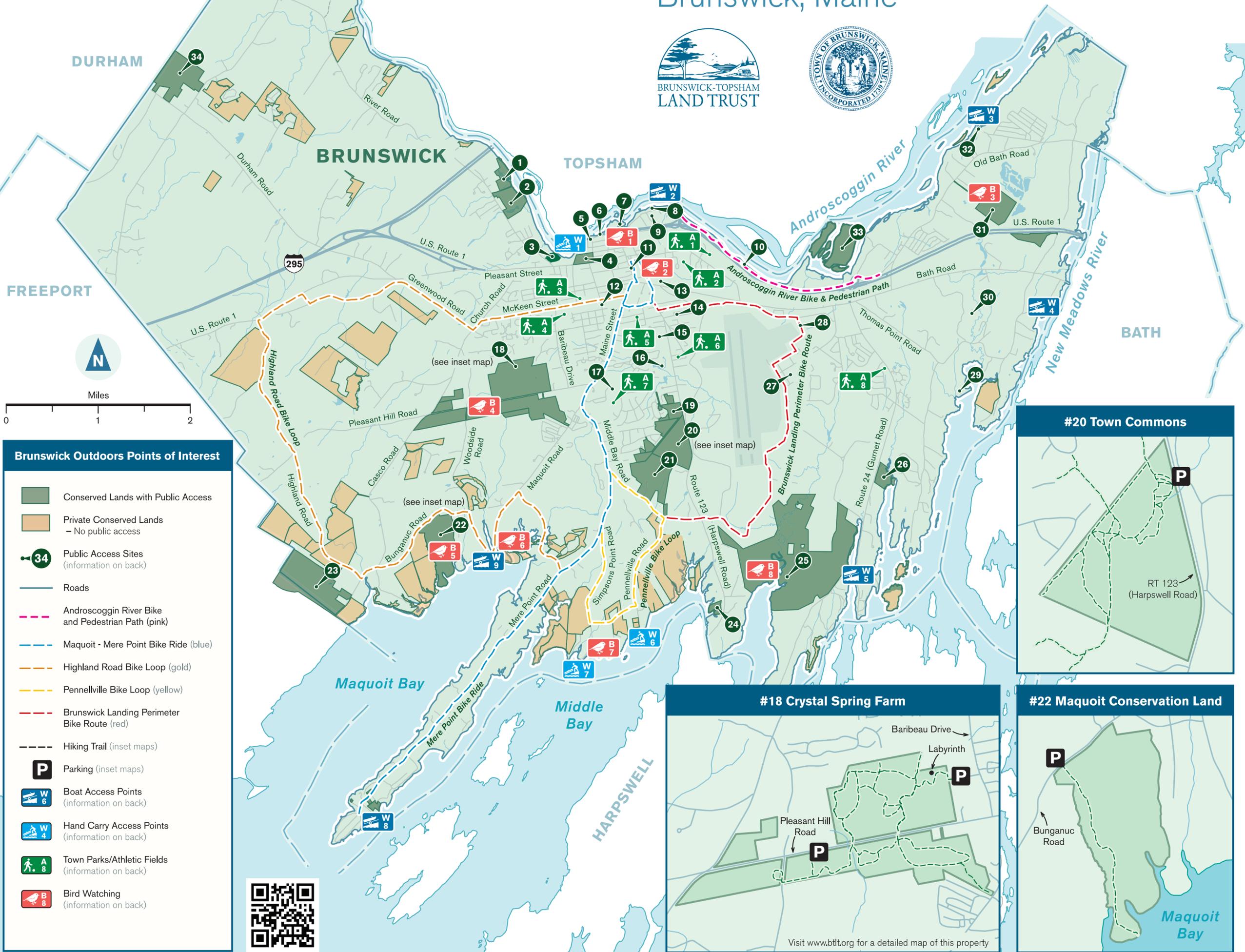


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BRUNSWICK OUTDOORS

Outdoor Recreation and Open Spaces

Brunswick, Maine



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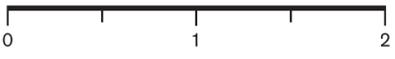
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Brunswick Outdoors Points of Interest

- Conserved Lands with Public Access
- Private Conserved Lands - No public access
- Public Access Sites (information on back)
- Roads
- Androskoggin River Bike and Pedestrian Path (pink)
- Maquoit - Mere Point Bike Ride (blue)
- Highland Road Bike Loop (gold)
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- Brunswick Landing Perimeter Bike Route (red)
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- Bird Watching (information on back)



#20 Town Commons

#18 Crystal Spring Farm

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

#22 Maquoit Conservation Land

Brunswick Outdoors

Points of Interest

PUBLIC ACCESS SITES

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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. The future will bring trails and recreational development to this beautiful property adjacent to Town-owned Coffin's Pond Recreational Area. Location: Androscoggin River, 0.4 miles downstream of I-295 bridge.

2. COFFIN'S POND RECREATION AREA (Town). Man-made swimming pond and recreation area. Since the 1950s, this area has been maintained for family-friendly activities, including swimming, hiking, youth fishing and ice skating. Location: River Rd., 0.5 miles from Rt. 1 (Pleasant St.).

3. LAMB PARK (Town). Lamb Park is an eight-acre riverfront nature area with a trail connection to River Rd., providing river access and vistas. Location: River Rd., 0.25 miles north of Rt. 1 (Pleasant St.).

4. NATHANIEL DAVIS PARK (Town). Neighborhood park. This 2.5-acre park offers sloping lawn, mature trees, benches, and small playground. Location: Behind houses on Pleasant St., just before Cushing St.

5. SWINGING BRIDGE PARK (Town). 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: Rt. 1 (Mill St.), 0.3 miles west of Maine St.

6. ANDROSCOGGIN RIVERWALK (Towns). 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 #5). Location: Swinging Bridge parking area on Rt. 1 (Mill St.) 0.3 miles west of Maine St.

7. 250TH ANNIVERSARY PARK (Town, BTLT). Pocket park. This 1.4-acre park offers benches, stunning views of the Androscoggin River, and bank fishing. Location: East side of Maine St. next to the Frank Wood Bridge to Topsham.

8. 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 St., 500 feet before Androscoggin River Bike Path.

9. SENIOR GARDEN (Town). Community garden. Plots are available to senior citizens of Brunswick through the People Plus Center. Location: On Industry Rd. (off Water St.), 0.4 miles from Maine St./Mason St. intersection.

10. ANDROSCOGGIN RIVER BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN PATH (Town). 2.6-mile paved biking/walking path. This popular path, stretching from Water St. 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 St., 0.6 miles from Mason St.; (Cooks Corner) Grover Lane, 0.2 miles from Old Bath Rd.

11. BRUNSWICK MALL (Town). The Lower Mall features a gazebo for performances, war service monument and interpretive plaque, and farmers' market on Tues. and Fri. (May-Nov). This lovely property was conveyed to the Town for 5 cents in 1823. The Upper Mall, close by, is an elongated park adjacent to Bowdoin College. Dogs must be leashed. Location: Between Maine St. and Park Row just south of Pleasant St.

12. SPRING & MCKEEN STREETS LOT (Town). One-acre parcel with mature white pines. Location: Southeast corner of McKeen and Spring St. intersection.

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

14. 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 miles from Rt. 123.

15. BOWDOIN CROSS-COUNTRY COURSE (Private). 8k cross-country course. The course loops around Bowdoin College's Pickard Athletic Field and connects to neighborhood trails. Location: Off Rt. 123 (Harpswell Rd.), 0.4 miles from College St., behind Farley Field House.

16. 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 Rt. 123 (Harpwell Rd.) 0.8 miles from Bath Rd.; enter on gravel road to right of Maine Pines Racquet and Fitness.

17. PARKVIEW WELLNESS TRAILS (Private). Short walking and biking trails. Trails are located behind Parkview Medical Center. Location: 329 Maine St.

18. 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 Rd. and 99 Maurice Drive.

19. BRUNSWICK-TO-THE-OCEAN TRAIL (Town, Private). Public/private trail network. A network of trails west of Rt. 123 (Harpwell Rd.) 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: Parking areas at Coffin's Ice Pond (see #16) and Town Commons (see #20).

20. TOWN COMMONS (Town). Woodland park with trails. This 71-acre park 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. Much of the original commons became part of the Brunswick Naval Air Station during World War II (1943-46) and the Cold War (1951-2011). Today, the Town Commons hosts over one mile of trails which connect with trails on the adjoining Greater Commons. The property harbors a pitch pine barren - a rare plant community in Maine. Location: Rt. 123 (Harpwell Rd.), 1.5 miles south of Bowdoin College.

21. GREATER COMMONS (Town). 112-acre forested park with trails. The park connects the Town Commons (see #20) with Middle Bay Rd. Dogs must be leashed. Location: Parking area at Town Commons on Rt. 123 (Harpwell Rd.), 1.6 miles south of Rt. 24 (Bath Rd.).

22. 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 Rd., 0.2 miles from Woodside Rd.

23. CHASE RESERVE (BTLT). Privately-owned 194-acre conservation property with one-mile trail. A small parking area is located west of the road adjacent to the Brunswick/Freeport town boundary. The trail leads to the rear of the property and can be used to access trails on adjacent conserved land in Freeport.

24. SKOLFIELD PRESERVE (BTLT). Wildlife preserve with trails. This 8-acre preserve is adjacent to a Native American portage site and used to be home to 18th and 19th ship-yards. The preserve overlooks intertidal flats, and is a good birding spot. Two loop trails totaling 0.6 miles. No dogs. Location: On right side of Rt. 123 (Harpwell Rd.), 3.5 miles south of Bowdoin College.

25. KATE FURBISH PRESERVE (Town). 591-acre open space. The southern, undeveloped portion of the former Brunswick Naval Air Station was granted to the Town in 2013 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 Rd. 0.1 miles east of Rt. 123 (Harpwell Rd.), before golf course.

26. WOODWARD COVE, NEW MEADOWS RIVER (BTLT). This is a public access site. A short trail leads to scenic Woodward Cove – primarily used as access for clam and worm harvesting. Location: Approximately 257 Gurnet Rd./Rt. 24, Brunswick, 2.2 miles east of Cooks Corner.

27. NEPTUNE WOODS (MRR, BTLT). Multi-use trail that interconnects with former Navy fitness trail. A great place for youth or other beginners to be introduced to mountain biking. Located across from Coastal Shores, park in dirt pull-off on south side of Neptune Drive.

28. BRUNSWICK LANDING NORTH PERIMETER ROAD BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN PATH (MRR). A 0.7-mile paved path that runs parallel to Rt. 24 along the northern end of Brunswick Executive Airport. Location: Eastern end of Pine St.

29. 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 Rd. (Cooks Corner area).

30. MID COAST HOSPITAL NATURE TRAILS (Private). On the hospital campus, 0.6 miles of trails offer quiet walks through woods and along the Thompson's Brook estuary and salt marshes. Location: 123 Medical Center Drive, off Rt. 24 (Bath Rd.) behind the hospital.

31. CAPTAIN WILLIAM FITZGERALD RECREATION & CONSERVATION AREA (Town). 33-acre undeveloped open space. The town conducted a prescribed burn on this property in 2013 to maintain a rare natural community that requires periodic fire. Location: Wilderness Way, 0.5 miles from Old Bath Rd.

32. BAY BRIDGE LANDING WETLAND PARK (Town). Four-acre multi-use park. Located at the head of Merrymeeting Bay, this park has a 0.3-mile walking loop around a tidal wetland and hand-carry launch for small watercraft. It was once the site of Bay Bridge, which connected Brunswick and Topsham by railroad in the 19th and early 20th centuries. Dogs must be leashed. Location: End of Bay Bridge Rd., 0.6 miles from Old Bath Rd.

33. 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 St. Landing, 0.6 miles from Mason Rd. off Maine St.

34. 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 Rd., 0.3 miles from Durham Rd.

CONSERVED PRIVATE 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.

BICYCLE ROUTES

Highland Rd. Bike Loop (Merrymeeting Wheelers). Scenic road ride through farm fields and forest. The ride is a 19-mile loop with around 700 feet of elevation change. Suggested parking is in the municipal lot on Federal St.

Pennellville Bike Loop (Merrymeeting Wheelers). Scenic road ride through the historic district of Pennellville. Ride is a 13-mile loop with around 350 feet of elevation change. Suggested parking is in the municipal lot on Federal St.

Mere Point Bike Ride (Merrymeeting Wheelers). Scenic road ride on the peninsula of Mere Point. Out and back ride is 15 miles with around 350 feet of elevation change. Suggested parking is in the municipal lot on Federal St.

Brunswick Landing Perimeter Bike Route. Bike route between the Middle Bay/Merriconeag Rd. entrance and Cooks Corner entrance to the Brunswick Landing. 5.5 miles. Suggested parking is at Merriconeag Rd. entrance.

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 7)
- B2. BOWDOIN PINES** – (Site 13)
- B3. CAPTAIN FITZGERALD** – (Site 31)
- B4. CRYSTAL SPRING FARM** – (Site 18)
- B5. MAQUOIT BAY CONSERVATION LAND** – (Site 22)
- B6. WHARTON POINT/MAQUOIT BAY** – (Site W9)
- B7. SIMPSON'S POINT & PENNELLVILLE** – (Site W7)
- B8. KATE FURBISH PRESERVE** – (Site 25)

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 St. Canoe Portage, Androscoggin River (Town, MDOC, MDOT, FPL). Access for hand-carry watercraft, and portaging around dam, fishing, and scenic river views. Location: Rt. 1 (Mill St.), 350 feet north of Pleasant St.

W2. Water St. Landings, Androscoggin River (Town). Boat landings for small watercraft and trailered boats (concrete ramp). Location: Eastern end of Water St., 0.6 miles from Maine St.

W3. Bay Bridge Landing, Androscoggin River (Town). Small gravel boat launch. Provides water access to Merrymeeting Bay via the Androscoggin River, including for ice fishing. Location: End of Bay Bridge Rd, 0.7 miles from Old Bath Rd.

W4. Sawyer Park, New Meadows River (Town). Boat launch, dock, and picnic tables. Location: Bath Rd., 2.25 miles east of Cooks Corner intersection.

W5. Princes Point Landing, New Meadows River (MDOT). Bank fishing and half tide boat launch. Provides access to river, Long Reach and Harpswell Sound. Location: Princes Point Rd., 500 feet from Rt. 24 (Gurnet Rd.).

W6. Barnes Landing, Middle Bay Cove (Town). Boat launch for canoes and kayaks. Limited parking. Location: South end of Pennellville Rd.

W7. Simpson's Point Landing, Middle Bay (Town). Hand-carry watercraft access. Location: South end of Simpson's Point Rd. Limited parking.

W8. Mere Point Launch, Casco Bay (MDIFW). All-tide, deep water access. No swimming. Dogs must be leashed. Location: Birch Island Rd, off Mere Point Rd, 6 miles from southern end of Maine St.

W9. Maquoit Landing, Maquoit Bay (Town). Shallow water, small boat access at historic Wharton Point. Location: South end of Maquoit Rd., 2.1 miles from Pleasant Hill Rd. intersection.

W10. Pejepscot Dam Recreation Area, Androscoggin River (Town, Pejepscot Hydropartners). Access for hand-carry watercraft and portaging around dam. Location: Gravel access road on right off River Rd., 4.5 miles north of Rt. 1 (Pleasant St).

ATHLETIC FIELDS



A1. Lishness Park (Town). Athletic fields, seasonal hockey rink, and short trail system for preschool kids. Location: Pine Tree Rd., 0.2 miles from Jordan Ave (next to Brunswick Sewer District).

A2. Edwards Field (Town). Athletic fields and playground. These fields are used for baseball, softball, soccer, basketball, and track and field. Location: Jordan Avenue, 0.5 miles from Federal St.

A3. Stowe Field (Town). Athletic field for soccer, football, and lacrosse at Harriet Beecher Stowe Elementary School. Location: Intersection of McKeen and Stanwood Sts.

A4. Crimmins Field (Town). Athletic fields for soccer, football, and lacrosse. Location: Baribeau Drive, 500 feet south of McKeen St.

A5. Longfellow Playground (Town). Playground with swings and slides. Location: Longfellow Avenue, 0.3 miles from Rt. 123 (Harpwell Rd.).

A6. Hambleton Ave. Playground (Town). A neighborhood playground with swings and slides. Location: Hambleton Avenue, 400 feet east of Harpswell Rd.

A7. Shulman Field (Town). Athletic field for soccer and lacrosse. Location: Hemlock Rd. in Meadowbrook neighborhood.

A8. Wildwood Field (Town). Athletic field for youth soccer and field games. Location: Basswood Rd. in Wildwood subdivision.

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Brunswick Outdoors - Points of Interest

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Brunswick-Topsham Land Trust (BTLT) was founded in 1985 to conserve the remarkably diverse natural heritage of Brunswick, Topsham, and Bowdoin. With 2,500 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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