

Guide to BRUNSWICK Rivers and Coastal Waters

Find out how to:

- **Get to the water – Public access points**
- **Keep our waters clean – Prevent pollution**
- **Enjoy the benefits – Respect all users**

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Get to the water – Public Access Points

Enjoy public water access on the Androscoggin River, New Meadows River, Maquoit Bay, and Middle Bay.

Below and on the next page are brief summaries of public access points on Brunswick rivers and coastal waters. For more information, go here:

<http://www.brunswickme.org/departments/parks-recreation/parks-facilities/boat-launches/>

Androscoggin River

- **Mill Street Canoe Portage:** River access for hand-carry watercraft. Located off Pleasant Street on Mill Street.
- **Pejepscot Fishing Park:** River access for hand-carry watercraft only. Entrance located on River Road, about 4.5 miles from Pleasant Street (Rte 1). Follow the gravel access road at the Pejepscot Fishing Park sign to the end near the dam.
- **Water Street Boat Landings:** Water Street offers 2 public access points. The first is for small watercraft and is also used for river access for ice fishing. The main landing down the road offers multi-vehicle parking and can accommodate larger trailered watercraft on the ramp into the river. A float system makes access user-friendly. Toilet facilities here. *Both located* on Water Street, just past Industry Road.
- **Bay Bridge Landing:** Bay Bridge Landing Wetland Park adjoins Merrymeeting Bay, and features a 0.3 mile perimeter walking path with interpretive signage detailing local habitat, flora, fauna and fisheries. There is also a small gravel-surfaced boat launch location at the site. This park is also utilized in the winter for access to ice fishing in Merrymeeting Bay. *Located* at the end of Bay Bridge Road.

New Meadows River

- **Princes Point Landing:** Half-tide boat launch to the New Meadows River, Long Reach, and Harpswell Sound. It also offers access to bank fishing. *Located* on Princes Point Road, 500 feet from Gurnet Road (Route 24). Limited street parking.
- **Sawyer Park:** Boat launch facility with dock as well as picnic areas. Offers multi-vehicle parking and toilet facilities. *Located* on Bath Road, just before the boundary with West Bath.

Maquoit Bay

- **Wharton Point Landing:** Tidal access to Maquoit Bay with a ramp for boat launching. Tide must be near high for trailered boats. Multi-vehicle parking available. *Located* at the southern end of Maquoit Road.
- **Maquoit Bay Conservation Land:** A 124-acre park with frontage on Maquoit Bay, this wooded conservation land offers a 0.6 mile trail to a rocky outcrop overlooking the Bay. The park's main entrance is located on Bunganuc Road. Multi-vehicle parking available.

Middle Bay

- **Barnes Landing:** Tidal boat launch onto Middle Bay Cove for hand-carry watercraft. Also a spot used by fisherman. *Located* at the southern end of Penneville Road. Parking is extremely limited.
- **Simpson's Point Landing:** Tidal boat launch for hand-carried watercraft. Limited street parking facing in one direction. *Located* at the end of Simpson's Point Road.
- **Mere Point Boat Launch:** Major boat launch facility, providing all-tide, deep water access onto Northern Casco Bay. Toilet facilities and picnic tables here as well. *Located* near the southern tip of Mere Point Road, about 6 miles from the southern end of Maine Street.

Public Access Points

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Pejepscot Fishing Park

Mill Street Canoe Portage

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U.S. Route 1
295

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River Road

Durham Road

Greenwood Road

Pleasant Street

Church Road

McKeen Street

Barbeau Drive

Maine St

Pleasant Hill Road

Highland Road

Casco Road

Woodside Road

Maquoit Road

Maquoit Bay Conservation Land

Wharton Point

Maquoit Bay

Simpson Point

Middle Bay

Mere Point Boat Launch

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**Water Street
Boat Launches**

**Bay Bridge
Landing**

Old Bath Road

U.S. Route 1

Androscoggin River

Bath Road

Bath Road

Thomas Point Road

BRUNSWICK

**Sawyer
Park**

WEST BATH

New Meadows River

Route 123 (Harpeswell Road)

Route 24 (Gurnet Road)

**Princes
Point Boat
Launch**

**Barnes
Landing**

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Keep our waters clean

Help prevent pollution from stormwater runoff!

Runoff from household waste, yard waste, and lawn chemicals impact the water quality of our rivers and coastal waters.

When it rains or snows, runoff from our streets and yards flows into storm drains, dragging along pet waste, lawn chemicals, litter, spilled oil and gas, etc. This runoff goes **untreated** into our rivers and coastal waters.

Here's how you can help:

- **Pets** – If you have a pet, pick up all waste, even in your own yard. Don't let it run into storm drains. When it reaches our rivers and coastal waters, pet waste kills fish and shellfish.
- **Lawn and garden chemicals** – Use chemicals on your lawn and garden with great care or not at all. They are toxic to kids and pets, and they wash into storm sewers and then our rivers and bays.
- **Washing cars and trucks** – Use the carwash. If you use your driveway, road dirt, soap, and other pollutants run off into storm drains and then into our rivers and bays.
- **Trash** – Don't litter. And don't rake yard waste into the street.
- **Paint and household chemicals** – Take leftover paint or household chemicals to Brunswick Public Works collection day. This is usually scheduled in the fall. Don't dump into drains or storm sewers.

To learn more:

<http://www.brunswickme.org/departments/public-works/>

Or call: (207) 725-6654

Help prevent pollution from treated waste water!

The Brunswick Sewer District asks us to keep certain items OUT of our drains and toilets. Some clog sewer pipes. Others cannot be completely removed from the treated wastewater discharged into the Androscoggin River.

Do not drain or flush pipe-clogging items.

- **Fats, oils, and grease from cooking** – These can clog sewer pipes. Repairs can be costly to homeowners and the District. Pour fats into a container, seal, and place in the trash.
- **Wipes, diapers, and feminine hygiene products** – Even if the package says they can be flushed, put these in the garbage. These products do not break down in the sewer lines. They cling to each other and create masses that block the lines. Repairs increase costs for the entire community.

Do not drain or flush substances that cannot be completely treated.

The current treatment system uses “friendly” bacteria to break down human waste. But, they cannot digest the items listed below.

- **Motor oils and paints** – Take leftover paint back to the store where you bought it or to Brunswick Public Works collection day (*see page 6*).
- **Pesticides and herbicides** – Take yard chemicals, liquid medicines, and other toxics to the Brunswick Public Works collection day.
- **Unused medicine in either pill or liquid form** – Take unused pills to the Brunswick Police Station. Enter through the front door and place pills in the bin labeled for medicine collection. You can access this bin 24/7. Place unused liquid medicines in household trash.

The only items for the toilet are human waste and toilet paper!

Enjoy the Benefits. Respect all users.

Our rivers and coastal waters provide stunning benefits:

• **Economic**

Diverse community businesses depend directly and indirectly on clean oceans and waterways:

- ✓ Commercial fishing, shellfish and worm harvesting, and aquaculture development
- ✓ Marinas and boat sales and services
- ✓ Beach and camping facilities
- ✓ Visitor services – Lodging and food establishments, real estate rentals and sales, downtown businesses

• **Recreation**

Clean waters offer locals and visitors a chance to:

- ✓ Swim ✓ Boat ✓ Fish
- ✓ Explore nature and relax at waterfront spots

• **Education**

Our rivers, bays, and tidelands serve as outdoor classrooms for:

- ✓ Junior high and high school students
- ✓ Bowdoin College students
- ✓ Researchers who study changes in Casco Bay, green crab infestations, eel grass changes, etc.

For more information about swimming, contact:

Brunswick Parks & Recreation: (207) 725-6656

<http://www.brunswickme.org/departments/parks-recreation/coffin-pond/>

For more information about boat moorings, contact:

Brunswick Harbormaster: (207) 725-6631

<http://www.brunswickme.org/departments/marine-resources-and-harbor-management/>