



PIKE LANDS CONSERVATION AREA

DOWNEAST COASTAL CONSERVANCY

The Downeast Coastal Conservancy (DCC) maintains and protects the Pike Lands Conservation Area and also works cooperatively with land owners to protect other land in coastal Washington County from Steuben to Lubec and up to Calais and Rt. 9. This area is part of the last frontier on the Northeast coast of peaceful, untrammelled beauty, including forests, woodlands, wetlands, islands, salt marshes, clam flats, fishing villages and working waterfronts.

DCC is a membership organization whose mission is the conservation of natural habitats and resources of the coastal watersheds, islands and communities of Washington County, Maine, for present and future generations.

Formed in 2009 through the merger of Great Auk Land Trust and Quoddy Regional Land Trust, Downeast Coastal Conservancy brought together two successful land trusts, each with over twenty years of conservation into a single, stronger organization.

To join DCC, make a charitable contribution, or obtain advice and assistance in conserving your land, please contact us.

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Aerial view of southern shore of Pike Lands Conservation Area

Explore Lubec!



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PRESERVE GUIDELINES

We welcome your visit to the Pike Lands Conservation Areas, which is open from dawn to dusk. Help us protect this special place by observing the following guidelines:

- Please stay on the walking path so as not to damage surrounding vegetation. The salt marsh, tidal lagoons and wooded "island" adjacent to the beach on the Cobscook Bay side are easily damaged.
- Keep pets on leash.
- Practice "carry-in/carry-out" and "leave no trace" ethics.
- Leave all objects and plants as you found them.
- Do not feed or disturb wildlife.

Thank you for helping preserve Pike Lands for current & future generations!



The shores of the Pike Lands Conservation Area 'collect' trash from the ocean. You can lend a helping hand on your visit. Carry a small bag and remove some of the debris from the shoreline on your trip.

Please contact the DCC office if you are interested in becoming a volunteer.

ACQUISITION

The Pike Lands named in honor of Radcliffe and Sumner Pike, were acquired in 2005 by Quoddy Regional Land Trust (now DCC) and Health Ways/Regional Medical Center at Lubec (RMCL) with support from the Land for Maine's Future program. DCC now owns the South Bay side of the property and holds a conservation easement on the Cobscook Bay side, which is owned by RMCL and designated the Health Ways North Lubec Community Site.

Trails at the Pike Lands are part of a larger network of hiking trails known as Cobscook Trails. Cobscook Trails is a cooperative project of conservation landowners and community partners that seeks to expand opportunities for nature-based recreation and tourism in eastern Washington County. The group produces "Cobscook Trails: A Guide to Walking Opportunities around Cobscook Bay and Bold Coast Region".

DIRECTIONS

Take US Route 1 to ME Route 189, leading to Lubec. After 9 miles, turn left on the North Lubec Road at McFadden's Variety. Go 5 miles to the Downeast Adventures sign (on the right) near the end of the paved road. Park past the sign on either side of the road.



ENJOY THE PIKE LANDS!

TRAIL DESCRIPTION

There are two maintained trails at Pike Lands, each offering a unique experience.

Huckins Beach Trail and West Loop Trail (*1 mile round trip*)

The trail starts from the parking area on the left side of the North Lubec Road opposite the Downeast Adventures sign. From the back of the parking area, the trail crosses the field and continues gently uphill through patchy woods and old fields to the height of land (the West Loop Trail diverges to the right part-way up the slope).

From the height of land, the trail starts downhill through spruce-fir and cedar woods. At the junction with the return portion of the West Loop Trail, turn left to continue through the woods to emerge at the pocket shingle beach, known locally as Huckins Beach. The beach can also be reached by a marked spur (use care when descending the rocks).

You can retrace your steps to return, or return via the West Loop Trail to vary the route.

Cove Trail (*0.5 mile round trip*)

This easy walk starts at the Downeast Adventures sign on the north side of the North Lubec Road. Walk down the lane to emerge at a small field with apple trees and an old barn, used by the Regional Medical Center at Lubec's Downeast Adventures outdoor education/community health program. Continue across the field to the woods on the far side.

The trail slopes down gently through woods past two lean-tos that are used for Downeast Adventures overnights. At the shore, the trail hooks right to end at the stony beach midway along the tidal cove. At most stages of the tide, the beach can be walked to the cove mouth. The salt marsh, tidal lagoons, and wooded "island" adjacent to the beach on the Cobscook Bay side are easily damaged by trampling, so please keep to the beach and rocky shore.

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