



Tide Mill Creek is a 4 season preserve, great for snowshoeing or searching for signs of wildlife in the winter months!

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DOWNEAST COASTAL CONSERVANCY

The Downeast Coastal Conservancy (DCC) maintains and protects Tide Mill Creek Preserve 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, untrammled 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 the 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 assistance in conserving your land, please contact us.

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HISTORY & ACQUISITION

Tide Mill Creek takes its name from a Revolutionary-era sawmill located at the mouth of the creek. The mill operated by impounding the incoming tide behind a dam and releasing the water to turn the mill. Although the mill has disappeared, remnants of the dam are still visible at low tide.

The Tide Mill Creek Preserve was acquired by the Great Auk Land Trust (now DCC) in 2000 partly funded by the Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Tide Mill Creek consists of a ~200-acre forested peninsula with, salt marsh, tidal inlets, and freshwater creeks. The property is bordered by the Chandler River to the south and an estuary to the east and west. This location provides excellent waterfowl, wading bird, and shore-bird habitat and prime black duck wintering habitat. The forest interior is predominantly spruce-fir forest which provides habitat for moose, deer, coyote, fox, snowshoe hare, woodland birds, and a host of smaller wildlife.

BEAVERS

Beginning in 2013, a family of beavers (*Castor canadensis*) created dams that washed out the access path which limited visitor access throughout the year. The beavers are not currently active at this site but it is possible that other beavers may reclaim this site in the future. An interpretive panel onsite describes their ecological influence on the property. DCC plans to accommodate for other beavers altering this habitat while continuing to provide public access to the property.



Building bog bridges at Tide Mill Creek.



Students learn about and observe the ecosystem created by the beavers



TRAIL INFORMATION

The property includes approximately two miles of gentle trails that are open to hiking, snowshoeing, and cross country skiing. The Bear Creek Trail (~1 mile) follows the eastern portion of the property offering direct views of Tide Mill Creek. The Honey Pot Trail (~1 mile) has extremely wet and muddy conditions. We recommend that hikers avoid this section and return to the trailhead via the Bear Creek Trail while we consider options to improve the trail. The Honey Pot Trail is open and suitable for winter use.

GETTING TO TIDE MILL CREEK

From Machias or points east, travel south on U.S. Route 1. About 5.5 miles from Machias turn left onto Old Route 1. Go about 0.3 miles and turn left onto the Roque Bluffs Road. Continue about 1.5 miles to the Tide Mill Creek Conservation Land sign on your right.

From Jonesboro or points west on Route 1, take a slight right onto Old Route 1 (At the sign for Roque Bluffs State Park). Bear right onto Roque Bluffs Road and follow about 1.5 miles to the Tide Mill Creek Conservation Land sign on your right.

PRESERVE GUIDELINES

Thank you for your stewardship and caring for the Tide Mill Creek Preserve for all to enjoy. The Preserve is open from dawn to dusk. Help us protect this special place by observing the following guidelines:

- Please practice “carry-in/carry-out” and “leave no trace” ethics.
- Do not feed or disturb wildlife.
- Visit only during daylight hours and at own risk.
- Hunting is permitted. Remember to wear safety orange during hunting season.
- Fires, camping, and motorized vehicles are not allowed.
- Please stay on walking path to avoid damage the surrounding vegetation.
- Keep dogs on a leash or under voice control at all times.

Thank you for helping preserve Tide Mill Creek for current & future generations!