



Klondike Mountain, Lubec



Machias River Preserve, Machias



Pigeon Hill, Steuben



Middle River Park, Machias



Mowry Beach, Lubec



Pike Lands Preserve, Lubec

Downeast Coastal Conservancy

The Downeast Coastal Conservancy (DCC) maintains and conserves fifteen public access preserves and works cooperatively with landowners to conserve other land in coastal Washington County from Steuben to Lubec and up to Calais and Route 9.

These preserves are part of the last frontier on the Northeast coast of peaceful, untrammeled beauty; they include forests, woodlands, wetlands, islands, salt marshes, clam-flats, fishing villages and working waterfronts.

DCC is a membership-driven organization whose mission is to conserve the natural habitats and resources of our 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, DCC brought together two successful land trusts, each with over twenty years of conservation, into a single, stronger organization.

The DCC is responsible for the stewardship and preservation of 7,000 acres and more than 72 miles of shoreline in Downeast Maine.

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Guidelines for Use

Thank you for your stewardship and care of these preserves for present and future generations. The preserves are open from dawn to dusk. Help us protect these special places by observing the following guidelines:

- Please practice "carry-in/carry-out" and "leave no trace" ethics.
- Please stay on or near the trail to avoid damaging the surrounding vegetation.
- For your safety, wear orange during hunting season.
- Do not carve graffiti or initials in rocks, ledges or trees.
- Avoid stepping on moss, lichen or salt marsh grass that does not recover from repeated stress. Collection of lichens or other plants is not permitted.
- Keep dogs on a leash or under voice control at all times.
- Fires, camping, ATVs and snowmobiles are not permitted.
- Do not feed or disturb wildlife.
- Please respect neighboring private property and roads.

TRAIL ACTIVITIES:



TRAIL MAP & GUIDE

PIGEON HILL

Trail Activity:

Difficulty & Length:
Moderate, 1.8 miles of trail network

Description:
Pigeon Hill is the highest coastal property in Washington County with a summit elevation of 317 ft. The 1.8 mile trail system on the mountain features a figure-eight loop that allows hikers to reach the summit and return to the parking area without retracing their steps. Hikers can hike up the Historic Trail to the summit and return via the Summit Loop and Silver Mine Trails for the easiest hiking, best vistas, and evidence of Pigeon Hills human history. The Summit Loop and Silver Mine Trails provide the least steep route to and from the summit. Explore the Ledge Woods Trail for a more challenging and longer hike. It offers more views to the south and open woods with large maple trees along the edge of the western woods. Across the street from the parking lot, the Pigeon Hill Shore Trail begins next to the cemetery. This loop trail traverses through upland forests and provides access directly to the shore.

Trailhead Directions:
Coming west from Milbridge or east from Steuben on Route 1, turn south on Pigeon Hill Road Drive 4.5 miles to the trailhead parking area opposite an old cemetery.

TIBBETT ISLAND

Trail Activity:

Difficulty & Length:
Moderate, 1.0 mile of trail network

Description:
Tibbett is a 23-acre island about 600 feet offshore from Mooseneck at the southern tip of Addison. The island has nearly a mile of beach and rocky coastline to explore. A public beach owned by the Town of Addison provides easy access to the island. The distance across the narrow channel is short; kayaks, skiffs, and canoes can make a quick passage and can launch and land at nearly any level of tide.

Trailhead Directions:
From points east on Route 1, turn south onto Route 187/Indian River Road at Wild Blueberry Land. In 2 miles, turn right on Wescoogus Road. Continue 1.5 miles and turn left on East Side Road. Follow East Side Road about 6 miles and turn right onto Mooseneck Road. Continue on Mooseneck Road for 2.3 miles and turn left onto Narrows Road and park at the end of the road. From points west, take Route 1 to Columbia and turn right onto Addison Road. Continue onto Water Street through the town over the Addison Bridge. Follow the East Side Road for 6 miles and turn right onto Mooseneck Road. Continue on Mooseneck Road for 2.3 miles and turn left onto Narrows Road and park at the end of the road.

MIDDLE RIVER PARK

Trail Activity:

Difficulty & Length:
Moderate, 5.5 miles of trail network

Description:
Middle River Park was set aside as a Community Preserve to create recreation opportunities in the Machias area. Like the Machias River Preserve, Middle River Park is also steeped in history, including a role in the Battle of the Margareta, salt marsh diking, farming and livestock husbandry. The Red Trail, 0.4-mile, reaches out to the heart of the salt marshes on the river. The Blue Trail, a 0.6-mile loop, explores the woodlands and old pastures. Picnic benches in the open field offer a great lunch location while watching wildlife on the river.

Trailhead Directions:
From Route 1 in Machias, across the street from Helens Restaurant, turn onto Kilton Lane. Cross over the Sunrise Trail and immediately turn left. Take the second right and park in the lot at the top of the hill. The trails begin atop the field. Hand-carry boat access is available below the end of the parking area.

PIKE LANDS

Trail Activity:

Difficulty & Length:
Easy, 2.0 miles of trail network

Description:
The four trails at Pike Lands each offer unique landscapes. On the south side property, Huckins Beach, and the East and West Loop Trails all begin in old farmlands and apple orchards and then cross into spruce and cedar forests. Each trail is about 1 mile in length. The Huckins Trail leads to a beautiful shingle beach. Choose either the East or West Loops for a different return experience. On the north side of North Lubec Road, DCC has a 30 acre easement property, owned by the Bulter Conservation Fund. The Cove Trail includes Radcliffe Pike's historic arboretum with its unusual trees and shrubs and one of Maine's most diverse apple orchards. The short trail continues to the tidal cove, a great location for birdwatching, at the beach or near the salt marshes beyond.

Trailhead Directions:
Take Route 1 to Route 189 to Lubec. After 9 miles, turn left on the North Lubec Road at McFadden's Variety. Go approximately 5 miles and the DCC parking lot will be on your left.

BEAVER DAM STREAM

Trail Activity:

Difficulty & Length:
Easy, 1.0 mile of trail network

Description:
The Beaver Dam Stream Preserve is a 105-acre preserve bordering on 5,000' of Beaver Dam Stream. A tributary to the East Machias River, Beaver Dam Stream is home to many native fish species including the endangered Atlantic salmon. Beaver Dam Stream has seen many habitat restoration projects within the watershed. On the mile-long trail at Beaver Dam Stream, signage at a couple of stops describes DCC's important restoration work that has significantly improved the habitat for resident and migratory fish alike. The trail follows the river and loops into the woods along an old woods road. Be sure to bring the bug spray; a healthy stream means lots of bugs!

Trailhead Directions:
Traveling east on Route 9, the preserve is on the right, roughly 2.6 miles from the intersection of Route 192 and Route 9. Traveling west on Route 9, the preserve is on the left, roughly 1.5 miles from the Crawford Rest Stop on the East Machias River.

INGERSOLL POINT

Trail Activity:

Difficulty & Length:
Moderate, 3.4 miles of trail network

Description:
The Ingersoll Point Preserve consists of 145-forested acres with over one mile of rocky shoreline on Carrying Place Cove and Wohoa Bay in South Rockey.

Adler Woods Trail, 1.3 miles, starts from the back of the South Addison Community of Christ Church parking lot by the Ingersoll Point Preserve sign. After a short walk through alder bushes, hikers find themselves enraptured by the lush green of a forest carpeted with moss, lichen, sedges and other plant species. The trail passes the cellar hole of the Ingersoll homestead before opening up to the beach at Ingersoll Point. Wohoa Bay Trail, 0.8 mile, runs parallel to the Adler Woods Trail and opens onto the beach at Wohoa Bay. The trail continues along the beach, where it connects with the Adler Woods Trail and Carrying Place Cove Trail. Carrying Place Cove Trail, 1.0 mile, leaves from the Adler Woods Trail at Polypody Rock, so named for its beautiful fern grove. The trail arrive at the shore at Carrying Place and follows the shoreline to the beach, the Adler Woods Trail, and the Wohoa Bay Trail. The forestland along the Cove is quite different from the interior trails. Moss Trail, 0.3 mile, is a short but beautiful connector trail between Wohoa Bay Trail and Adler Woods Trail. The Moss Trail is a great area to enjoy the woods, lichen mosses and lichen landscapes.

Trailhead Directions:
From Route 1, turn south onto Route 187/Indian River Road at Wild Blueberry Land. In 2 miles, turn right on Wescoogus Road. Continue 1.4 miles, then turn left on East Side Road. Follow East Side Road 6 miles and turn right onto Mooseneck Road. Continue on Mooseneck Road 1.5 miles to the South Addison Community of Christ Church on the left. Park at the back of the Church. The trailhead begins at the southeast corner of the parking lot.

ORANGE RIVER CONSERVATION AREA

Trail Activity:

Difficulty & Length:
Moderate, 5.9 miles of trail network

Description:
The Orange River Conservation Area provides boating access from either Reynolds Marsh Overlook or Orange River Landing. The two access sites are close enough to offer an easy one-way or round-trip paddle between them. The Orange River offers miles of flat-water to explore. Paddlers may use DCC's shoreline at designated day-use areas to enjoy picnicking, wildlife watching, and relaxing. The Orange River is dammed to provide optimal habitat for birds. Paddlers should expect higher water in the spring and early summer and lower water levels in late summer and fall. A paddle-accessed hiking trail leading to the summit of Estey Mountain offers stunning views of Roaring Lake and the surrounding wild landscape. The Estey Mountain trail, 0.75 mile, is relatively easy with a short steep pitch at the end.

Trailhead Directions:
Reynolds Marsh Overlook parking area is located on the north side of Route 1 in Whiting, 3 miles south of the Route 189 turnoff. A short trail starts on the left side of the parking area; Reynolds Marsh Overlook provides hand-carry launch only. The Orange River Landing is located 0.8 mile south of the Route 189 turnoff to Lubec. Turn right onto Playhouse Lane, then onto Landing Road. Follow the road to a 2-car parking area and launch, suitable for small trailered boats as well as hand-carry boats. The parking area is very small; space for turning and parking is limited.

VINING LAKE COMMUNITY PRESERVE

Trail Activity:

Difficulty & Length:
Easy to Moderate, 2.0 miles of trail network

Description:
The Vining Lake Community Preserve consists of 406 acres of rich habitat surrounding the 26-acre undeveloped Vining Lake. This diverse and ecologically important property is home to many of Maine's freshwater fish, birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians. Two miles of easy to moderate trails expose the visitor to granite outcroppings, wetlands, and woodland, as well as picnicking, fishing and swimming sites. The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife stocks the lake annually. Hand-carry boat access is available for canoe and kayak launching 100 feet from the parking lot. Moose can be seen frequently browsing in the wetlands or cooling off in the lake mid-summer. An important area to the surrounding community, Vining Lake will forever remain as it is: undeveloped and available for everyone to enjoy!

Trailhead Directions:
Turn west onto the Vining Lake Road off of Route 191 (16.3 miles from the intersection of Route 191 and Route 1 in East Machias, or 17.8 miles from the intersection of Route 191 and Route 1 in Barling). Continue 0.4 mile; stay left at the Y in the road to the parking lot.

TIDE MILL CREEK

Trail Activity:

Difficulty & Length:
Moderate, 2.0 miles of trail network

Description:
The property includes more than two miles of gentle trails 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 and its saltmarshes. The Honey Pot Trail, 1 mile, can be wet and muddy. We recommend that hikers avoid this section after rains. The Honey Pot Trail is most suitable for winter use.

Trailhead Directions:
In Jonesboro on Route 1 across from Station Rd, turn east onto Old Route 1. Go about 0.3 mile and turn east onto the Roque Bluffs Road (also called Great Cove Road). Continue about 1.5 miles to the Tide Mill Creek Conservation Land sign on your right.

REVERSING FALLS

Trail Activity:

Difficulty & Length:
Easy, 0.6 mile of trail network

Description:
The Town of Pembroke owns and maintains 32 acres including the parking area and fields at Mahar Point. DCC's hiking path starts from the eastern parking lot and continues along the wooded shore to a rocky viewpoint. Hikers can return to the parking lot via the same path or on an old woods road. Traditionally called Cobscook Falls, the reversing falls are an unusual phenomenon of boiling tidewater on the Maine coast. The channel between the Preserve and Falls Island provides a different experience at each stage of the tidal cycle. As the tide dramatically rises or falls (up to 24 feet every 6.4 hours), the channel transforms from peaceful, still water to a raging torrent and back again. Visitors are likely to see ospreys and eagles fishing and seals playing in the rushing waters.

Trailhead Directions:
Take Route 1 to West Pembroke. Turn east onto the extension of Route 214 next to the Irving gas station. From the Route 214 extension, turn right at the stop sign and then an immediate left up a small hill onto the Leighton Point Road (also called Leighton Neck Road). Continue 3.3 miles; then turn right onto Clarkside Road for 1.2 miles. At the end of Clarkside Road, turn left onto Youngs Cove road. Go 1.5 miles to the Town of Pembroke land and parking areas.

MOWRY BEACH

Trail Activity:

Difficulty & Length:
Easy, 0.8 mile of trail network

Description:
Mowry Beach is designated as an important birding area, the beach supports nesting, migrating and wintering birds. From the sign and kiosk at the parking area at the end of Pleasant Street, a short stretch of gravel path leads to a 1,700-foot long boardwalk. The raised trail passes through typical coastal scrub-shrub woodland and skirts sphagnum bog and cattail swamp. The final section of the trail is gravelled and emerges at the south end of the Lubec Consolidated School near South Street. Return the way you came or, for a longer walk, return by road. The trail can be accessed from the parking area at the south end of the Lubec Consolidated School for a walk to the beach and back. The raised trail is smooth and almost level and is designed for wheelchair access.

Trailhead Directions:
Take Route 1 to Route 189 to Lubec. Bear right on Washington Street and then take the third right onto Pleasant Street. Follow Pleasant Street to the parking area for the trail and beach. The property can also be reached by turning right off Route 189 at South Street immediately after the cemetery. South Street leads to the Lubec Consolidated School. Park at the south end of the school building; find the trailhead at the edge of the lawn at the sign.

ALAN BROOKS SALT PONDS

Trail Activity:

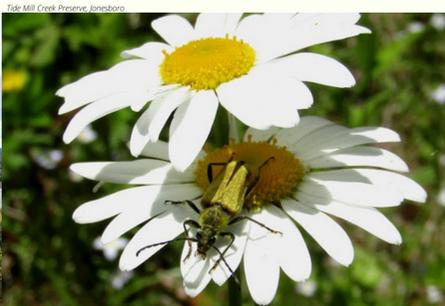
Difficulty & Length:
No trail - Views of ocean, beach, and saltmarsh

Description:
This property is named in honor of Alan Brooks—the original director of Quoddy Regional Land Trust (later incorporated as DCC). Approximately half of the 4.4-acre property is composed of Spartina salt marsh, a rare, natural community type in Maine. This preserve was acquired with the support of the Land for Maine's Future Program in 2008.

Trailhead Directions:
Take Route 1 to Route 189 East. In 10 miles, turn right onto South Lubec Road and in 0.6 mile, the salt marsh will be on the left.



Estey Mountain, Whiting



Tide Mill Creek Preserve, Jonesboro



Orange River Conservation Area, Whiting



Mowry Beach, Lubec

Land Conservation

- DCC conserves land that preserves:
- Public access to natural areas
 - Recreational and cultural resources
 - Scenic views and landscapes
 - Biological diversity and ecological corridors
 - Land and water resources
 - Climate change mitigation projects
 - Productive working landscapes (includes forestry, farming, fishing)

Educational Outreach

DCC provides outreach programs that highlight the value of our conserved lands and nurture the next generation of stewards, including:

- Educational and recreational programs for youth on DCC properties as well as in local schools
- Informative guided walks
- Guest lectures
- Community skill-building workshops
- Citizen-scientist programs
- Stewardship workdays

Please visit our website for a full calendar of events.

How to Get Involved

For many projects, volunteer support is critical in ensuring that we have the people-power to make them happen.

A variety of volunteer opportunities are available. Finding the best fit will depend on your skills, interests and time availability.

Currently we are recruiting volunteers for the following projects:

- Property monitoring
- Trail construction and maintenance
- Boundary line marking and maintenance
- Naturalist guides and trip leaders
- Assistance with in-office mailings and data entry
- Events planning and assistance
- Photography of DCC's beautiful natural areas and working landscapes
- Marketing and graphic design
- Tabling at community events

It's easy and fun to become a DCC volunteer. Contact the office to learn more!

Support DCC

By donating to DCC, you become a member of a diverse network of individuals united in the common goal of conserving the natural beauty and resources of coastal Washington County.

As a member, you are ensuring that our woods, waters and wild places are conserved for generations to come. You create opportunities for people to connect to and learn from nature. You give voice to the voiceless by protecting the habitats for numerous animal and plant life. When you donate to DCC, YOU make a difference.

- Ways to Give:
- Secure Online Donations - Scan the Qr Code
 - Cash or Check mailed to Downeast Coastal Conservancy, PO Box 760 Machias, ME 04654
 - Memorial Gifts - Donate in memory or honor of a friend or loved one.
 - Planned Giving - A gift to DCC in your will or trust will leave a lasting legacy in your name.
 - Gift of Stocks and other Securities - A gift of appreciated securities can provide tax benefits to you and will protect lands right here in our Downeast community.



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Reversing Falls, Pembroke

DOWNEAST COASTAL CONSERVANCY PUBLIC ACCESS PRESERVES

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DCC Public Access Preserves

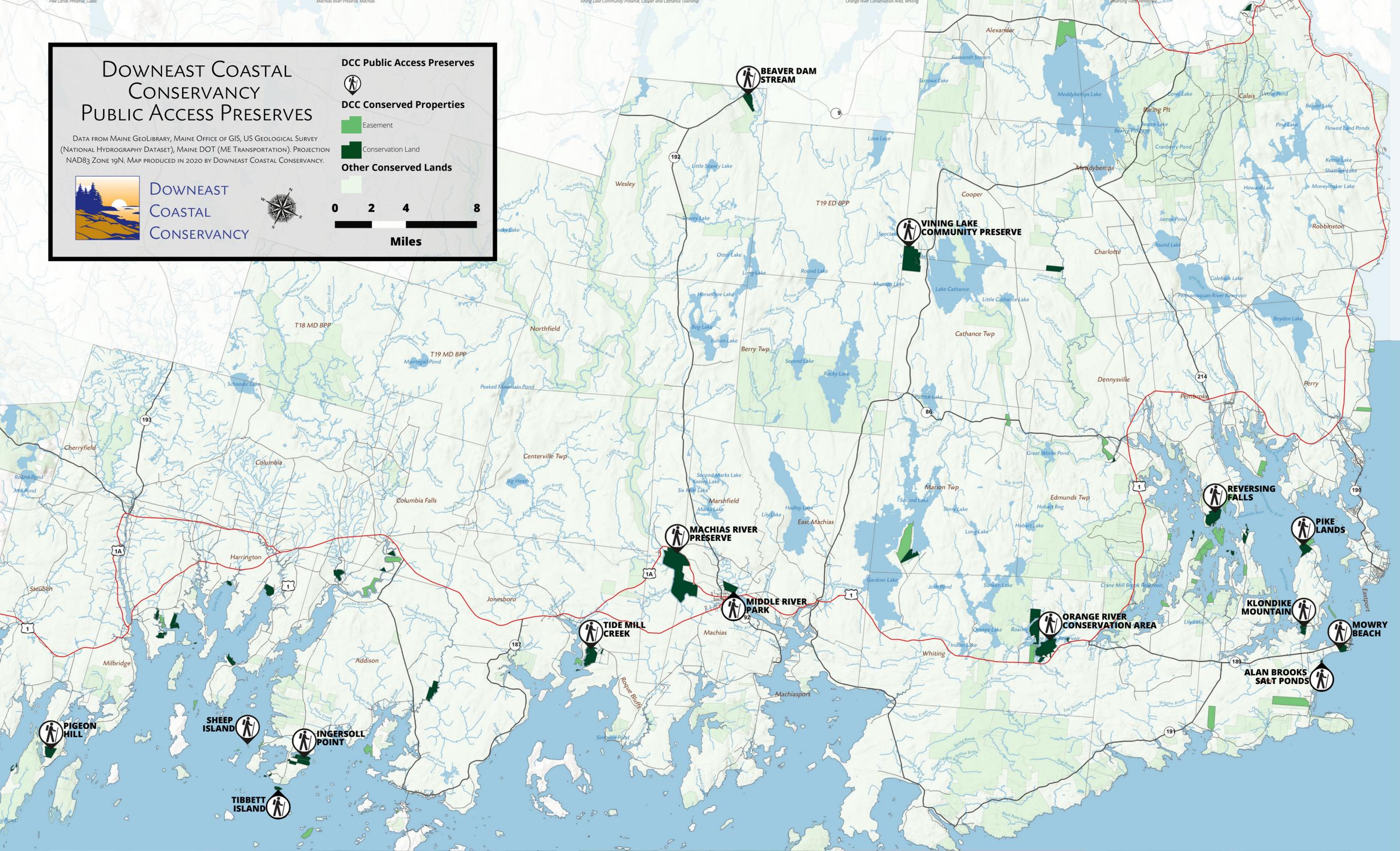
DCC Conserved Properties

- Easement
- Conservation Land
- Other Conserved Lands

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