Androscoggin River Trail
Access Sites

Lower Androscoggin - Riverlands

168 miles from its source at Lake Umbagog to Merrymeeting Bay

More than 40 Public Access Sites Available

Androscoggin River Watershed Council
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Maps

Since sites are added and occasionally discontinued, a limited number of printed maps are available. Public information is being furnished by this web site, including maps and a description of access sites that follows. Maps are also located at kiosks at popular access points. Full color, paper maps may be obtained by contacting trek@androscogginwatershed.org at a cost of $20 per set of three covering the full trail.

The Mahoosuc Land Trust has an excellent map of the Androscoggin Canoe Trail. It includes eight access sites from Shelburne, New Hampshire to Rumford, Maine, a beautiful section of river. Maps are available for $7.50. The map may be obtained by calling (207-824-3806), e-mailing info@mahoosuclandtrust.org or writing to the Land Trust at PO.Box 4400, Bethel, ME 04217 (www.mahoosuc.org).

An older, water-resistant overview map of the trail published by the AMC contains the vast majority of access points, although a few are no longer available to the public. The map contains good descriptions of most sections. The map may be purchased from the Androscoggin River Watershed Council for $7.50 by e-mailing trek@androscogginwatershed.org.
Riley Dam
Coordinates:

**Location:** Jay, Maine. Rt 140 near Jay/Canton town Line (river left.)

**Owner:** Verso Paper  **Manager:** Verso Paper

**Launch facilities:**
Hand carry access above and below dam, and portage trail around dam. Upstream takeout is up a set of long, steep stairs.

**Miles to downstream access:** 3.9

**Parking:** limited parking, adequate for 5 vehicles

**Amenities:**
None

**Water conditions:**
Moderate current downstream of dam. Flat water above dam with light current.

**General Comments:**
Access is gated to vehicles. Carry to downstream access approximately 200 feet. Upstream access is approximately 800’ from gate. Portage would be approximately 900’.
Pine Island
Coordinates:

Location: Jay, Maine. From Rt 4 north of Jay downtown take left at traffic light over POW Memorial Bridge. Site is a few hundred feet on right after sharp curve soon after bridge. (Located at Jay end of Crash Road which turns left from Rt. 4 in North Livermore, near the Livermore fire station/town office complex.)

Owner: Verso Paper Manager: Verso Paper

Launch facilities:
Hand carry access at up river end of island, above dam and down river end of island, below dam. Portage trail connecting access sites.

Miles to downstream access: 3 (to Otis Ventures)

Parking:
Adequate gravel parking area midway on island such that hand carry is 200’ from parking. Parking is suitable for trailers hauling multiple kayaks or canoes

Amenities:
Picnic tables
Grills for wood or charcoal fires

Water Conditions:
May paddle upstream from northerly end of island slow current. Slow current downstream. May paddle down to Otis Ventures Mill site just above Otis Dam and return paddle upstream, or may take out at Otis Ventures mill site, a private site that is open to the public.

General Comments:
Pine Island provides a good day use area and offers a portage around the Jay dam. Shopping and several eateries are located within a mile or so of the site on Route 4. Downtown Jay and Livermore Falls are a mile plus downstream of this site on Route 4. Additional shopping and eating places are available. The Paper museum is also located there. Worth the trip to learn more about the heritage of paper making in Maine.

Small motor boat access could be obtained at Snoopy access located upstream on same road as Pine Island - the road to Verso Mill. Look for above ground water type storage tank on right. Access is down steep bank with set of steps. Trailer access is not possible.

Nearby Snoopy Access
Otis Ventures
Coordinates:

Location: This newer access site is located on the grounds of the former Otis Paper Mill on the Jay/Livermore Falls line. From Route 4 north of Livermore Falls bear left onto Mill St. which appears to go through the mill yard. Proceed past the Mill St. Café and the former mill buildings and bear left towards the river. There is plenty of parking in the gravel lot.

Owner: Otis Ventures LLC  Manager: Otis Ventures

Launch Facilities: Hand carry access from the Mill St. and parking lot are easy and available. Launch area may drop off quite steeply, depending on water level.

Miles to downstream access: Otis Dam is located directly downstream of the access site. A downstream put in is located approximately 1.4 miles downstream below two dams.

Parking: Ample parking is available in front of the Mill St. Café and nearer the launch site.

Amenities: The Mill St. Café has bathrooms and offers food and drink.

Water conditions: Because of a downstream dam the paddling is easy and pleasant. Paddling from here would be upstream towards Pine Island, the landing for which is located near the downstream end of the island, on the river right side. Upstream paddling is quite easy with a short distance of 50 feet or so of swifter current.

General comments: The Otis Ventures site is located close to downtown Jay and Livermore Falls and the shopping and eateries can be found in the vicinity.
**Foundry Road**
Coordinates:

**Location:** Livermore Falls, Maine. Located on Foundry Road off Rt 133 southerly of Livermore Falls downtown. Foundry Rd on right just before Rt. 17 turns off to left to reach Augusta. After turning onto Foundry Road, drive upriver (north). One can put in on left just near the wastewater treatment plant.

**Owner:** Verso  
**Manager:** Verso

**Launch facilities:**
Hand carry over gentle slope of sand and silt.

**Miles to downstream access:** 12

**Parking:**
Parking available on very low traffic road.

**Amenities:**
None

**Water Conditions:**
Moderate current with 2 sets of Class I/II rapids. Tolla Wolla Rapids and Rock Garden adjacent to IFW public lot and Dead River Rips just prior to mouth of Dead River. Rapid sections require good boat handling. See Twin Bridges concerning take out or information on paddling through.

**General Comments:**
See Pine Island for nearby amenities near this put in. Section is relatively long and remote and is one of the longest stretches between access sites. Few opportunities to get out of river. Much of it is a considerable distance to any road, making it quite peaceful. Be aware of weather before venturing onto this section.
Twin Bridges
Coordinates:

**Location:** Turner, Maine. Located on Route 219 easterly of Route 4. Site is on island between the two bridges crossing the Androscoggin River.

**Owner:** NextEra Energy Resources  
**Manager:** NextEra Energy Resources

**Launch facilities:**
Hand carry access over wooded path about 400 feet from the parking lot. Access is gated. (Hand carry path adjacent to parking area (river left) provides access to upstream areas. The portage trail is equipped with canoe rests. Follow them to the downriver access site. Near the river the trail breaks out onto a cobble area with large rocks including some submerged rocks near the put in. Caution is prudent when walking on submerged rocks as the drop off can be sudden and quite deep.

**Miles to downstream access:** 3 to Freeman’s Landing, river left in Leeds, and 8 to Center Bridge, which is the normal destination of most paddlers from this location. Center Bridge access is located river right just after Center Bridge and is located in a small cove just above Riverlands State Park.

**Parking:**
More than ample parking

**Amenities:**

**Water Conditions:**
Moderate current with ledge drop rapids on river right at island. Island offers portage around these rapids for through paddlers from Livermore Falls. River left channel passable at higher flows. Below island there is low to moderate current. This is where main hand carry access enters river over short relatively rocky carry. Area is head of the backwater from Gulf Island Pond Dam. Channel is still river-like and dotted with islands. Remote experience with excellent wildlife viewing. Great section of river.

**General Comments:**
Corner stores located at corner of Rt 4 and 219 and Rt 106 and 219. Downstream from mouth of Nezinscot River, the land on river left is part of Riverlands State Park. No amenities are available along this section. Explore wetlands, backwaters, and mouth of Nezinscot River for wildlife viewing.
Freeman’s Landing (formerly Ferry Landing)
Coordinates:

Location: Leeds, Maine. Located off River Road in Leeds. Road is located off Route 219 just to the east of Twin Bridges.

Owner: NextEra Energy Resources

Launch facilities: Hand carry access over several hundred feet of smooth trail.

Parking:
    Ample parking available
    Port-a-Potty, Picnic tables, fire ring

Amenities:
    Picnic tables, fire pits, portable toilet during peak season.

Water Conditions:
    River is backwater of Gulf Island Dam, but retains riverine conditions. Relatively wide with a slow current. Many islands, backwaters and shoreland wetlands make for excellent wildlife viewing.
**Center Bridge**

Coordinates: 44.25730-70.18320

**Location:** Turner, Maine. Take Route 117 east from Rt. 4 through Turner Village and past the school complex to 5-way intersection. At intersection go to right of corner store on Center Bridge Road. Site is on right immediately before bridge over Androscoggin River. Site provides motor craft access to Gulf Island Pond, a large impoundment above Gulf Island hydroelectric dam.

**Owner:** NextEra Energy  
**Manager:** NextEra Energy

**Launch facilities:**
Concrete boat ramp as well as several hand carry access points

**Miles to downstream access:** 3.8

**Parking:**
Adequate gravel parking area, but can be tight during nice summer weekends with combination of trailers and hand carry boats. Additional parking on state land approximately 600 feet westerly of site, but no good connecting pedestrian path.

**Amenities:** Port-a-potty

**Water Conditions:**
On the upper reaches of Gulf Island Pond, flat water similar to lake experience. This long, narrow section can be prone to windy conditions. However excellent scenery abounds; several day use islands that are carry in/carry out; several islands are not available for public use because of eagle nesting sites. Please use caution to insure use of correct islands.

**General comments:**
Corner store located within easy drive in Turner Center. Several additional stores located near Turner Village at intersection of Rt 4 and Rt 117.
Cherry Pond
Coordinates:

Location: Greene, Maine. Go to the South end of North River Road. Be careful not to take the left onto Meadow Hill Road.

Owner: NextEra

Launch facilities:
Hand carry access.

Miles to downstream access: No formal downstream access on pond at this time. Approximately 2 miles to Gulf Island Dam portage, a relatively long portage trail around the dam. Most paddlers use this site for round trips, fishing and duck hunting.

Parking:
Small, parking area.

Amenities:
Sandy beach area with suitable area for picnic at shoreline.

Water Conditions:
Located on Gulf Island Pond with slow moving current. Similar to paddling on a lake. Good wildlife viewing.

General Comments:
Area is used extensively by Greene residents for picnics, fishing and occasionally swimming. Beach and area consists of a very fine sand/silt.
Gulf Island Dam and Deer Rips Dam Portages

**Owner:** NextEra

**General Comments:** NextEra has installed portages around both dams. Security at the dam locations causes these portages to be quite long. Canoe rests are available along the routes. The Gulf Island to Deer Rips section is quite short and portages are most often used by paddlers going some distance on the river. The Deer Rips portage provides access to a short but interesting section of river that includes access to Rancourt Preserve and a take out on river right just above the Great Falls dam. (See following access sites for more information).
**Rancourt Preserve**
Coordinates:

**Location:** Lewiston, Maine. Traveling from downtown Lewiston on US Route 202, turn left onto Northwood Road, then take left turn before road turns to dead end. Preserve is approximately 500 feet on right.

**Owner:** Androscoggin Land Trust  
**Manager:** Androscoggin Land Trust

**Launch facilities:**
Hand carry access approximately 250 feet from parking. Follow path from kiosk near road. Nice but small, sandy beach area for access.

**Miles to downstream access:** 1.8

**Parking:**
Along road. Light usage of water access

**Amenities:**
- Kiosk at street
- Walking trails with scenic overlook to Androscoggin River northerly of launch site
- Nice tranquil forest area near bustling residential and commercial area

**Water Conditions:**
Flat water downstream with more rapidly moving current upstream near Deer Rips Dam.

**General Comments:**
Easy round trip paddle downstream to the area just above the NextEra dam at Great Falls, aka Lewiston Falls. Take out near dam is in Auburn, on opposite side of river. See next listing.

A quiet 14 acre preserve offering great views of the Androscoggin River from both River level and cliffs located on a shaded walking path. Nice sandy beach.

Amenities of downtown Lewiston, Maine’s second largest city nearby. Lewiston is home to the growing Museum L/A and many other cultural and heritage attractions. The museum chronicles the history of textile mill development along the Androscoggin River. Restaurants, hotels, and shopping are located in both Lewiston and its twin city of Auburn. The downtown areas along the river feature several parks and walking pathways. Downtown Lewiston features several shops on Lisbon Street carrying native Somali textiles, goods and foods, thanks to a small immigrant population of Somalies. The area also has a developing food and cultural scene worth some additional research.
North River Road
Coordinates: 44.108197,-70.224207

Location: Auburn, Maine. From Center Street (Rt. 4) turn easterly toward river at signal near Wendy’s and Cumberland Farms store. The launch site is about 0.2 miles behind Wendy’s.

Owner: City of Auburn Manager: City of Auburn

Launch facilities:
Concrete boat launch and dock.

Miles to downstream access: 1

Parking:
Adequate parking for trailers and hand carry vehicles. Can be busy at times.

Amenities:
Dock

Water Conditions:
Slow moving current further upstream as paddlers approach Deer Rips Dam. Almost no current at put in. Paddlers must go upstream from here since Great Falls (Lewiston Falls) dam is located immediately downstream.

General Comments:
Site is located near Center Street, Auburn, which has numerous eateries and shops along it. Site also is located near downtown Auburn, and downtown Lewiston is easily accessible by bridge. Just below the dam there is a system of pedestrian amenities (See Festival Plaza). West Pitch Park at the northerly end of the walking path along Great Falls Plaza provides good view of the Falls. Path continues downstream to Bonney Park in Auburn with small playground, and pedestrian trestle crosses to additional pedestrian amenities in Railroad Park in Lewiston. See previous two access site comments as well as next access site comments for additional information.
Festival Plaza
Coordinates:

Location: Auburn, Maine. Located behind Festival Plaza (between the Plaza and the river) on Main St. in downtown Auburn.

Owner: City of Auburn  Manager: City of Auburn

Launch facilities:
Prefer use of site for hand carry access. Concrete boat ramp available for launching of hand carry craft. No parking for trailers, and site was installed primarily for emergency water rescue operations.

Miles to downstream access: 1

Parking:
Parking off-site. Two hour parking in lot and parking garage across Main St. from Plaza. Longer term parking in lot approximately 1/3 mile up river past Hilton Garden Inn at Great Falls Plaza.

Amenities:
Festival Plaza
River Walk with benches and other enhancements, connects via Bike/Ped Trestle to Railroad Park in Lewiston and inner city bike route in Lewiston
Nearby restaurants and Hotel

Water conditions:
Moderate current with some shallow sections near railroad trestle downstream.

General Comments:
Paddle upstream to view Great Falls. Strong current for short section near/under bridge but then moderate above bridge. Downstream check out the Lewiston canal outlets on river left.

Site provides easy access to good restaurants in downtowns of both Lewiston and Auburn and a hotel at Great Falls Plaza. There is a series of pedestrian amenities starting at West Pitch Park located upstream of the L/A bridge. Auburn’s River walk extends downstream to an old railroad trestle that now provides pedestrian access to Lewiston’s expansive Railroad Park, redeveloping mill buildings in Lewiston and downtown Lewiston. If making round trip, paddle upstream on river left (Lewiston side of river).

Museum L/A, dedicated to the history of Lewiston’s and Auburn’s development around textile mills and shoe shops, is located in and old mill in Lewiston and is planning to relocate to a mill along the river.

Amenities of downtown Lewiston, Maine’s second largest city nearby. Restaurants, hotels, and shopping are located in both Lewiston and its twin city of Auburn. The downtown areas along the river feature several parks and walking pathways. Downtown Lewiston features several shops on Lisbon Street carrying native Somali textiles, goods and foods, thanks to a small immigrant population of Somalies. The area also has a developing food and cultural scene worth some additional research.
**Little Androscoggin River**  
Coordinates: 44.08878-70.22348

**Location:** Auburn, Maine (New Auburn). After crossing Main Street Bridge over Little Androscoggin River, take left on Riverside Drive. Then take an immediate left into a small riverside park.

**Owner:** City of Auburn  
**Manager:** City of Auburn

**Launch facilities:**  
Good hand-carry access

**Distance to downstream access:** 1

**Parking:**  
Park your vehicle on city streets adjacent to small park at site.

**Amenities:**  
Picnic Tables

**Water Conditions**  
Moderate current. Site launches to Little Androscoggin River at its mouth with the Androscoggin.

**General Comments:**  
Eateries available in New Auburn Area. Site is also close to downtown Auburn and Lewiston. Paddle upstream or downstream on main stem of Androscoggin. Limited paddling available upstream on Little Androscoggin River.

See comments for three previous access sites for pedestrian amenities as well as services.
**Lincoln St.**
Coordinates:

**Location:** Lewiston, Maine. Located on Lincoln Street in Lewiston. Lincoln St. runs along river from Main St. in a southerly direction.

**Owner:** City of Lewiston  **Manager:** City of Lewiston

**Launch facilities:**
Concrete launch ramp suitable for trailered and hand-carry boats. Paved above launch ramp.

**Miles to downstream access:** 5

**Parking:**
Fourteen vehicle places and 3 places for vehicles with trailers.

**Amenities:**
- Picnic tables
- Benches

**Water conditions:**
Moderate current with short section of Class II rapids (Dresser Rips) located a short distance from launch area. Dresser Rips can present various obstacles depending on flow conditions. Good boat handling skills needed. Paddling upstream is possible (best to use river left) and offers an urban experience with nice views upriver.

**General Comments:**
Downtown Lewiston is located approximately 1 mile upstream of the launch area. See comments for other Lewiston and Auburn launch facilities.
Durham
Coordinates:

Location: Durham, Maine. Located on the westerly side of the Androscoggin on Rt 136 a short distance south of the Auburn/Durham town line.

Owner: NextEra Energy Resources  Manager: NextEra Energy Resources

Launch facilities:
Concrete boat ramp

Miles to downstream access: 2.75 miles

Parking:
Ample parking for vehicles and trailers

Amenities:
Large expanse of mowed grass area. Adequate areas for picnics and outings. No tables or benches.
Kiosk

Water conditions:
Light to moderate current

General Comments
Corner store in Durham Village area. This section of river has an undeveloped shoreline reminding users of being much further from the urban areas located up and downstream
**Durham River Park**

Coordinates:

**Location:** Durham, Maine. Located on Rt. 136 just north of Durham village area.

**Owner:** Town of Durham  
**Manager:** Town of Durham

**Launch facilities:**
Hand carry access over trail (approximately 250 feet) from parking area to river bank.

**Miles to downstream access:** 3.25

**Parking:**
Adequate parking for hand-carry vehicles

**Amenities:**
Interpretative information on site including butterfly garden  
Picnic Tables

**Water conditions:**
Light to moderate current short section of swifter current

**General comments:**
This section continues the undeveloped shoreline and good wildlife viewing opportunities. Corner store nearby in Durham Village (downriver of site).
Miller Park  
Coordinates:

**Location:** Lisbon, Maine. Located on Rt. 196 at mouth of Sabattus River.

**Owner:** Town of Lisbon  
**Manager:** Town of Lisbon

**Launch facilities:**  
Paved ramp to Sabattus River approximately 100 feet from confluence with Androscoggin. This site is 1 ¾ miles upriver from the Worumbo Dam in Lisbon Falls. There is no portage trail around the dam.

**Miles to downstream access:** 1 ¾ to dam but no formal access point.

**Parking:**  
Paved parking for 11 vehicles and 10 vehicles with trailers.

**Amenities:**  
Port-a-Potty  
Kiosk  
Benches  
Picnic tables  
Access to Papermill Trail (Bike/Ped) along Sabattus River, and Lisbon’s developing Androscoggin River Trail, a bike/ped pathway to Lisbon Falls downtown.

**Water Conditions:**  
Light to moderate current. The river becomes wide, but the shoreline remains undeveloped.

**General Comments**  
Eateries and stores in Lisbon Center and Lisbon Falls as well as along Rt 196 between the two. Nearby Beaver Park offers trails and swimming opportunities. There is a nice bike/pedestrian (paper-mill trail) trail running from Miller Park along the Sabattus River. See town web site for more information.
Topsham Hydro
Coordinates: 43.99050, -70.04800

Location: Topsham, Maine. Off Route 196, just downriver from Lisbon Falls.

Owner: Topsham Hydro Partnership  Manager: Topsham Hydro Partnership

Launch facilities:
Good concrete launch ramp with asphalt above suitable for trailered and hand-carry boats. However, it is across the railroad tracks and is gated. It may be inaccessible at times.

Miles to downstream access: 2.5

Parking:
Space for 10-15 vehicles on a sloping gravel lot. The surface is eroded and rutted.

Amenities:
None

Water conditions:
Provides access below dam

General Comments:
Eateries and small stores in Lisbon Falls. Further south on Rt 196 in Topsham, there is a shopping mall area with grocery store, discount stores and some chains including fast food and other restaurants. Downtown Topsham has a small downtown with an adjacent area of well-kept older homes. A bike/pedestrian path starts on the road (Rt 196) at the mall and then turns to a bike-ped path paralleling the Androscoggin River in Brunswick.
Pejepscot Fishing Park
Coordinates:

**Location:** Brunswick, Maine. Off River Road 3.5 miles north of Brunswick

**Owner:** Topsham Hydro Partners  **Manager:** Topsham Hydro Partners

**Launch facilities:**
This site offers a take out, trail, and put in to enable people to portage around the Pejepscot Dam. At high water, the take-out is in current and very near the dam. The put in uses metal stairs and a boat slide, then ledge on which the footing is challenging. The stairway and boat slide are coming unbolted from the ledge. Caution is advised.

**Miles to downstream access:** 4

**Parking:**
Site accommodates about 4 vehicles.

**Amenities:**
None

**Water Conditions:**
Slow to moderate current.

**General Comments:**
See Mill St.
Mill Street
Coordinates: 0421529 4862790

Location: Brunswick, Maine. Off Route 1, Mill Street, near Pleasant Street and downtown Brunswick

Owner: NextEra Energy  Manager: Town of Brunswick

Launch facilities:
Asphalt ramp gated off to permit only hand-carry boat launching.

Miles to downstream access: ¾

Parking:
Space for about 10 vehicles including handicapped access in a gravel lot.

Amenities:
Granite benches
Small park

Water Conditions:
Slow current

General Comments:
Numerous amenities in downtown Brunswick, including lodging, restaurants, local shops, and many other services. Brunswick’s main street is wide and flanked by a lovely green. Brunswick is home to Bowdoin College, which is located near the far end of the green.
Water Street  
Coordinates: 0423305  4863664

Location: Brunswick, Maine.  At the end of Water Street near downtown Brunswick. Provides access to Merrymeeting Bay.

Owner: Town of Brunswick  Manager: Town of Brunswick

Launch facilities:
Asphalt drive to concrete ramp suitable for trailered and hand-carry boats. Launch area includes 90 degree turning area for trailers.

Miles to downstream access: 5

Parking:
Fifteen vehicles with trailers, including one handicapped access space. Approximately 20 vehicles without trailers. Note that this parking area also provides access to the very popular Androscoggin River Bicycle and Pedestrian Path. There may be competition for space at some times of year.

Amenities:
Portable toiler in season  
Androscoggin River Bicycle and Pedestrian Path

Water conditions:
Light to moderate current for 2 miles. In approximately 3.5 miles the river opens to the head of Merrymeeting Bay.

General Comments:  
Downtown Brunswick, home to Bowdoin College, has many local stores lining a Main St with linear park. A variety of shopping experiences including noted chain stores are available further north on Route 1 at Cook’s Corner.
Bay Bridge, Topsham – Water Access Only
Coordinates:

**Location:** Westerly side of Merrymeeting Bay

**Owner:** Town of Topsham  
**Manager:** Town of Topsham

**Launch facilities:**
Water Access Only – please stay close to shoreline due to private property concerns

**Amenities:**
None

**Water Conditions:**
Slow to virtually no current. Tidal water. Can be windy.
Bay Bridge Landing
Coordinates:

Location: Brunswick, Maine. At the end of Bay Bridge Road, which intersects with Driscoll Road off of Old Bath Road in eastern Brunswick.

Owner: Maine Department of Transportation  Manager: Town of Brunswick

Launch facilities:
Gravel launch at an angle to a long causeway, which all vehicles need to back the length of. Challenging but possible for trailers. Easier for hand-carry boats.

Parking:
Total parking in several lots could accommodate as many as 20 vehicles. There is also room for two school busses or vehicles with trailers.

Amenities:
Trail with interpretive signs around a restored wetland.

Water conditions:
Provides access to Merrymeeting Bay. Flat water paddling experience, but use caution as currents, tides and wind can cause difficult conditions. At “The Chops” Merrymeeting Bay waters flow through a relatively narrow passage on their way to the ocean. This area should only be navigated by experienced paddlers or with the help of a guide.

General Comments
Great wildlife viewing on Merrymeeting Bay. May see large sturgeons jumping, depending on time of summer and conditions.
Other Merrymeeting Bay Sites

Two additional sites that are not part of the Androscoggin River Trail are shown on the maps. One is a public boat launch in Bowdoinham located on the Cathance River, and the other is a water access only site managed by the Maine Island Trail Association, the oldest water trail in the United States.

Cathance River Site:
Location: Bowdoinham, Maine.

Owner: Town of Bowdoinham  Manager: Town of Bowdoinham

Launch facilities:
Full boat Ramp. Adequate parking.

Amenities:
Trail with interpretive signs around a restored wetland.

Water conditions:
Provides access to Merrymeeting Bay by following the river downstream. Flat water paddling experience, but use caution as currents, tides and wind can cause difficult conditions on Merrymeeting Bay. At “The Chops” Merrymeeting Bay waters flow through a relatively narrow passage on their way to the ocean. This area should only be navigated by experienced paddlers or with the help of a guide.

General Comments
Great wildlife viewing on Merrymeeting Bay. May see large sturgeons jumping, depending on time of summer and conditions.

Maine Island Trail Connection (Water Access Only)
Location: Island in Merrymeeting Bay

General Comments: Water Access only. Offers connection to the Maine Island Trail. See Maine Island Trail for details. (www.mita.org)
Nice respite from paddling.