

## Directions to Merrymeeting Bay Preserves Terry Porter, Midcoast Senior College, Fall 2022

### 1

#### **Bowdoinham Wildlife Management Area – Wildes Road**

From the intersection of Routes 125 and 24 at the blinking light in Bowdoinham, proceed north on Route 24 (River Road) for half a mile and take the right turn onto Browns Point Road. After almost a mile turn right onto Wildes Road and follow the road to the end.

If the gate across the road is closed, you may park in the sand turn around to your left. If the gate is open, you may drive down the path until you reach the second parking area. Be mindful however that the road is not maintained regularly and there may be walkers on the road. If you are able, we recommend parking at the gate.

The trail is an extension of the access road, gradually becoming a footpath, 1.5 miles round trip from the parking area to the Bay and back.

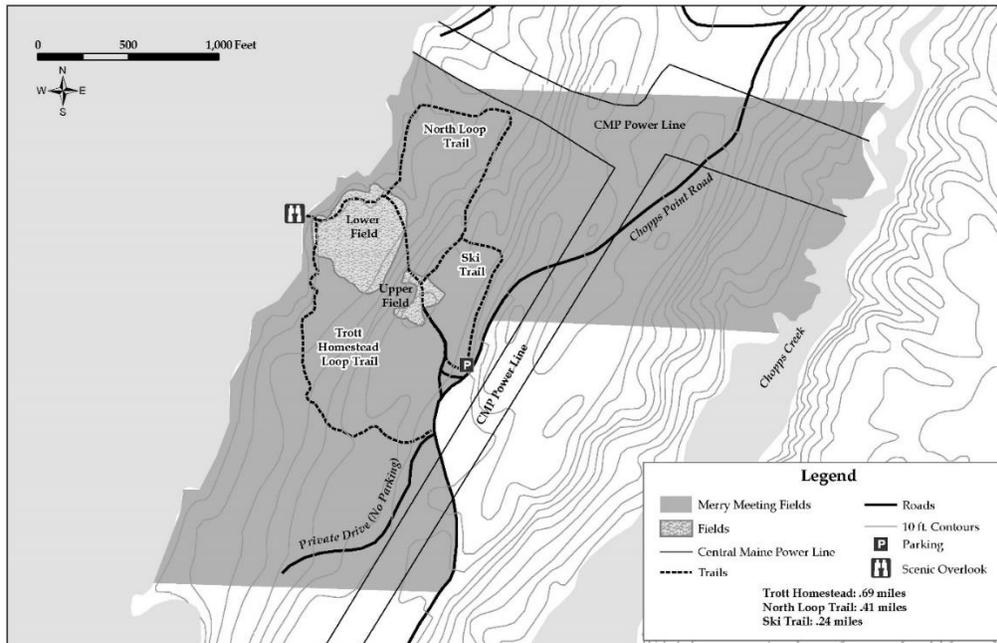
Dogs are allowed at Bowdoinham MBWMA.

### 2

#### **Merrymeeting Fields – Woolrich**

From Brunswick, take Route 1 North to Route 127 (just across Bath bridge on the left). Take North on 127 to Route 128 and turn left. Follow about 6 miles to Chops Point Road, turn left. Follow 0.9 miles to parking lot and kiosk on right.

Trail map (also available at the parking area kiosk):



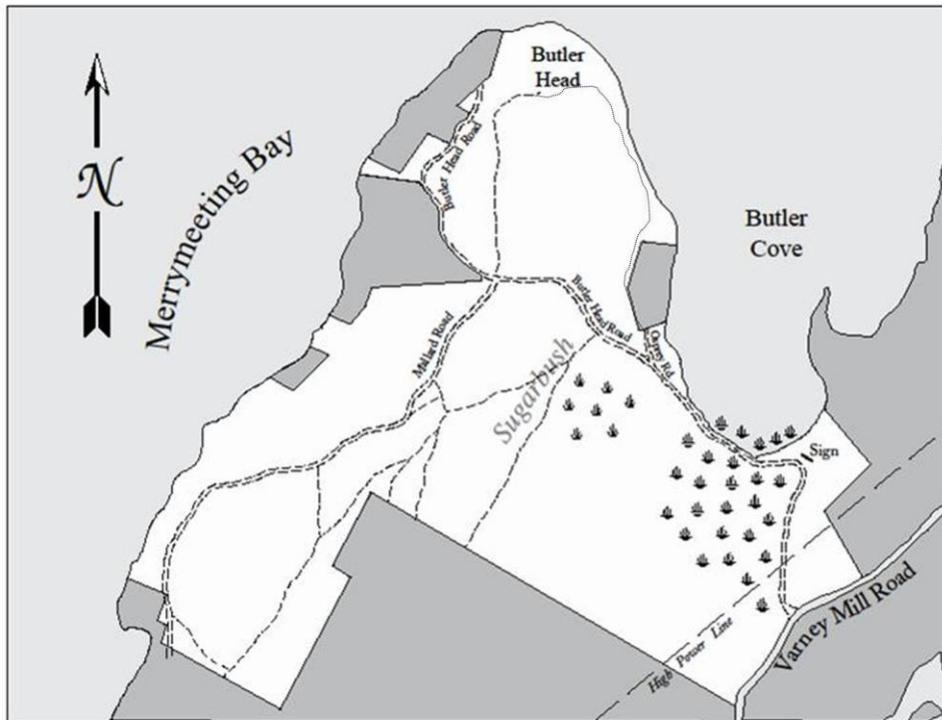
Dogs are not allowed at Merrymeeting Fields.

### 3

#### **Butler Head – Bath**

From Cook's Corner in Bath take highway US-1 N one stop north to the New Meadows Rd exit in West Bath. Turn right at the end of the ramp, heading north on New Meadows Road. When the road ends at Old Brunswick Road, zig right and immediately left onto Ridge Rd. Follow past the Bath Golf Club to another zig right onto Old Bath Road, then immediately left onto Varney's Mill Road. After about ¼ mile, turn left onto Butler's Cove Rd and follow to parking area and kiosk.

Trail map (also available at the parking area kiosk):



Dogs are allowed at Butler Head.

### 4

#### **Bay Bridge Waterfront Park – Brunswick**

From Cook's Corner in Brunswick take Bath Road north about ¼ mile to the second stoplight (opposite Lowes), and from there go left onto Old Bath Road. After about 2.5 miles, take a left onto Bay Bridge Road, bear left at the T-intersection to stay on Bay Bridge Road, and proceed about ½ mile all the way to the end.

The trail is an easy, wheelchair accessible 3/10 mile loop from the parking area.

Dogs are allowed but must be leashed at all times at Bay Bridge.

## 5

### **Dresden Falls Archeological Site, Dresden**

From Richmond take Route 197 to the east and cross the Kennebec river to West Dresden. Turn right at the first 4-corner intersection onto Route 128 south. The preserve entrance is about  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile down 128 on the right. Just before it there is a Victorian style house on the right painted aqua/teal and a white house down off the road. The driveway is dirt/gravel and there is a cable across it about 50' down. Park here and follow the track to the large upper field and storage building. Total distance from Cook's Corner, 8 miles.

The trail is a gravel road leading from the parking area to a storage shed in a field where the archeological digs took place. The route is an easy .8 miles round trip. Please note: there is no interpretive signage here and nothing left from the digs to see. You will simply be visiting a site that our ancestors occupied several thousands of years ago, which itself can be a remarkable experience. The gravel road ends at the shed, but you can continue on a small footpath down to the shore for views of the river.

Dogs are allowed at Dresden Falls Archeological Site.

### **Optional additional walk in Dresden**

#### **Pownalborough Court House Trails**

Again starting in Richmond on Rte. 197, this time turn left at the intersection with the blinking lights onto Rte.128. Go 1.3 miles to the court house on your left. Parking is possible in two places: down the driveway and to your left a bit, or at the side of a field across from the driveway. (Or, if you're already at the Archeological site simply go north on route 128 for 2 miles and look for the white house and parking area on your left.) Trail maps are available at the site.