



The scenic rail corridor runs along the entire Downeast coastal area, connects multiple scenic conservation areas, intersects Downeast salmon rivers, and is very near two state scenic byways.

The multi-use trail brings economic and recreational benefits to the Washington and Hancock County areas similar to other trails in Central and Northern Maine. Just some of the economic benefits include people visiting area attractions, staying at local hotels, and visiting local restaurants.



Directions to Parking Areas

Washington Junction Parking Lot, Hancock - From Ellsworth: take Main Street east from junction with US 1A, US 1, and Route 3. Go 2.5 miles. Turn left on Railroad Street. From the east travelling on US 1: Two miles west of Route 182 junction turn right on the road that directs you to the Ellsworth Hospital. Travel 2 miles. Turn right on Railroad Street.

Franklin/Route 182 Trailhead: Parking where the Down East Sunrise Trail intersects Route 182 in the center of Franklin.

Route 183/Tunk Lake Road Trailhead: Turn north off US 1 in Sullivan on the Tunk Lake Road/Route 183. Travel 4 miles. Park where the trail intersects Route 183.

Cherryfield Parking at Matthews Grocery or at North Street Cafe: North Street Cafe is at 109 North Street in Cherryfield. From US 1 take Route 193 north for about 1 mile. Turn left on North Street at Matthews Grocery (Parking available). Coming east on Route 182 turn left at North Street just after crossing the Trail.

Columbia Falls/Tibbetstown Road: Turn north from US 1 on the Tibbetstown Road. Park where the Trail crosses Tibbetstown Road less than a block from US 1.

Machias (US 1): Parking at green boxcar and Station 98, just west of the causeway (dike). Also, parking is allowed on the causeway (no trailers).

East Machias (US 1): Turn east off US 1 on to Willow Street. Large parking lot to the left behind Archibold's One-Stop Gas Station, next to Downeast Salmon Federation (DSF) Aquatic Research Center.

East Machias (Route 191): Seven miles north of intersection of US 1 and Route 191 in a gravel lot on the west side of Route 191 where the Trail intersects roadway.

Dennysville (Route 86): On Route 86, 1 mile west of the intersection of US 1 and Route 86 in Dennysville, turn north on Milwaukee Road. Go 100 feet to gravel parking lot on right where Trail intersects roadway.

Ayers Junction (Route 214): On Route 214, 4 miles northwest of intersection of US 1 and Route 214 in Pembroke. The gravel parking lot is on the left at intersection of the tracks and the roadway.

LEGEND

- Parking area
- Historic Site
- Unique Natural Area
- NP- National Park
- NWR- National Wildlife Refuge
- MASC- Audubon Society of Maine
- WMA- Wildlife Management Area
- TNC- The Nature Conservancy
- SP- State Park
- PRL- Public Reserve Land
- MCHT- Maine Coast Heritage Trust
- Designated Scenic Byway (State, All American or National)
- Ayers Junction to Calais Rail system stays in place
- Down East Sunrise Trail Washington Jct. to Ayers Junction
- Ellsworth Jct. to Washington Jct. Proposed Rail with Trail
- Planned Green Lake to Ellsworth Excursion Rail
- Ellsworth to Ellsworth Falls Excursion Rail in Operation
- Brewer to Green Lake Rail system stays in place

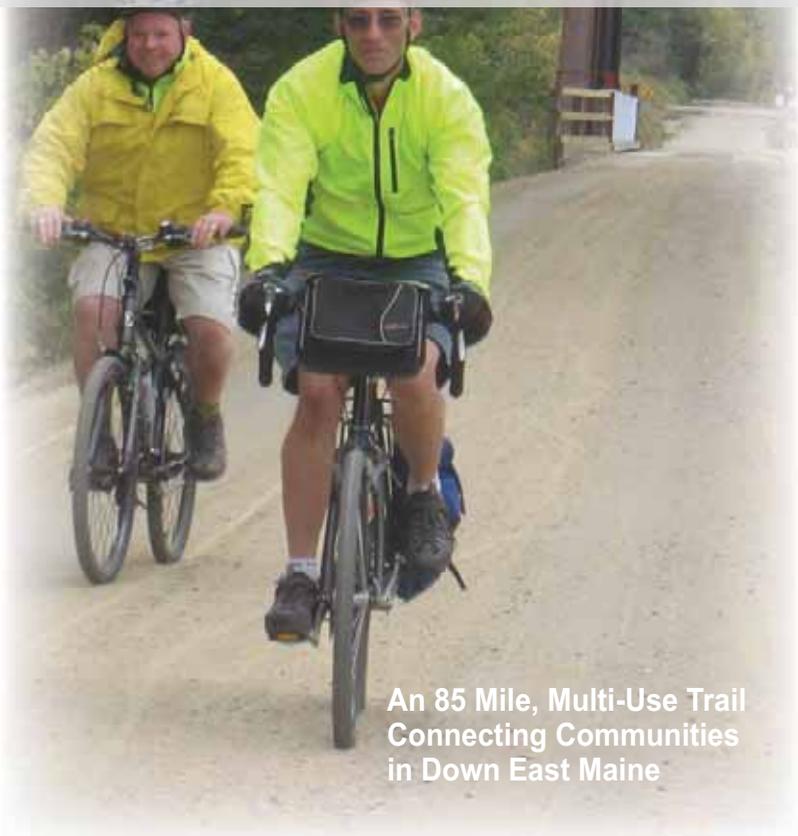


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The Down East Sunrise Trail (DEST) is an interagency project of the Maine Department of Transportation (MaineDOT) and the Maine Department of Conservation. The trail project has rehabilitated 85 miles of the Calais Branch rail corridor for possible future rail use while at the same time providing a wide, compact gravel-based trail for immediate use. The DEST is managed for the use of snowmobiles, ATV-ers, pedestrians, bicyclists, cross-country skiers, and equestrians.



An 85 Mile, Multi-Use Trail Connecting Communities in Down East Maine



The Sunrise Trail Coalition (STC) is the supporting nonprofit membership organization which acts as the management committee working with the Trail Manager, Charlie Corliss. For information about the STC, membership forms, and the latest activity updates and photos of the trail, visit the web site:

www.sunrisetrail.org

For information about DEST visit:

www.maine.gov/doc/parks

For information about on-road bicycle tours visit: www.exploremaine.org

For snowmobile information:

www.mesnow.com

For ATV information: www.atvmaine.org

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