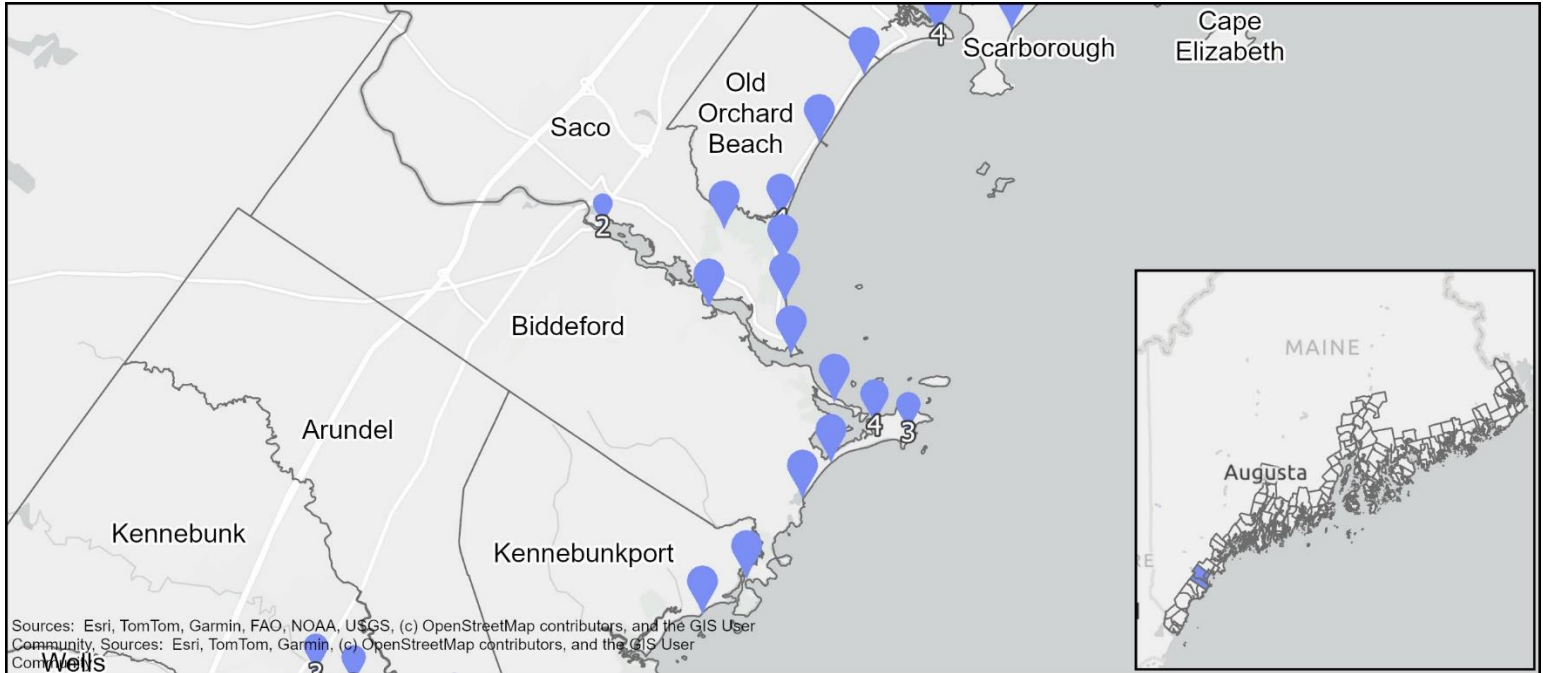




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Biddeford, Saco, Old Orchard Beach



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South Point Ocean Avenue Lands. Photo: Brittney Nickerson.

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East Point Audubon Sanctuary, Biddeford

Lat/Long: 43.4459, -70.3402



SITE DESCRIPTION

Maine Audubon's 27-acre sanctuary on the eastern tip of Biddeford Pool offers visitors a wide, easy trail around the peninsula, with breathtaking panoramic views of the surrounding area. The point looks directly out onto Wood Island Light, with a string of smaller islands to the west. Visitors can also see the sweep of sandy beaches that end in the Prouts Neck headland to the northeast. Birders consider East Point a "must stop" location; extending so far into the water, it's a good area for migration as well as unusual storm-blown species. Due to the fact that all Maine Audubon properties are wildlife sanctuaries, this trail is open for day use hiking and no dogs or pets are allowed at any time. Visitors must respect private land and posted rules. There are no bathroom facilities at this site. Pull onto the shoulder for limited parking. The trail begins at the end of road.



Photo Credit: Maine Audubon

PARKING

- 0 Cars
- 0 Trailers
- 0 Handicap

ACTIVITIES AND AMENITIES

- No Restrooms
- No Dogs Allowed
- No Swimming (Seasonal Lifeguard)
- No Swimming (No Lifeguard)
- No Recreational Fishing
- Yes Hiking
- No Picnic Area
- No Grill
- No Pavilion/Picnic Shelter
- Yes Lighthouse
- No Ferry Terminal

ENVIRONMENT

- Yes Beach
- No Sand Dune
- No Harbor
- No Salt Marsh
- No Tidal River
- Yes Rocky Shore
- No Mudflat

BOATING FACILITIES

- No Trailer Launch
- No Hand Carry Launch
- NA Tidal Use
- No Pier/Wharf
- No Floating Dock
- No Tie-up spaces

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Fortunes Rocks Beach, Biddeford

Lat/Long: 43.4273, -70.3772



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SITE DESCRIPTION

This sandy beach is popular with surfers. Birders look for shorebirds in migration and seek out Lily Pond's songbirds at the edge of the strand. The beach parallels the road, making it easy to access but less private. Lifeguards are seasonal. Portable bathrooms are provided. Dogs and horses are not allowed on the beach from May to September. At other times of the year, dogs must be leashed, and owners must collect waste. Visitors should, if possible, time a visit to avoid full high tide when the beach area is most restricted. A seasonal parking permit is required (available from Biddeford City Hall) between June 15 and Labor Day. Overnight parking is not allowed.

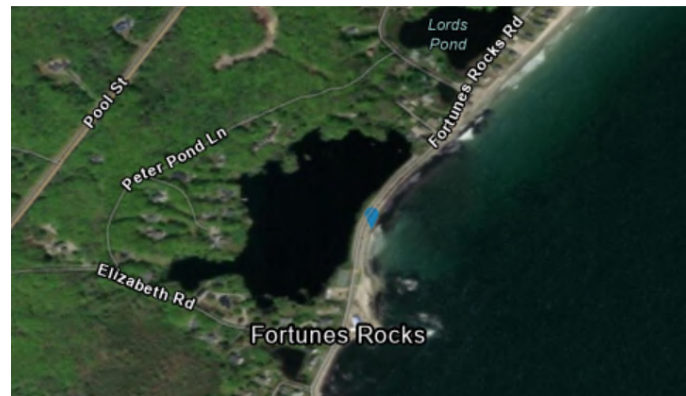


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PARKING

26-50 Cars
0 Trailers
1-5 Handicap

ACTIVITIES AND AMENITIES

Yes Restrooms
Yes Season Dogs Allowed
Yes Swimming (Seasonal Lifeguard)
Yes Swimming (No Lifeguard)
No Recreational Fishing
Yes Hiking
No Picnic Area
No Grill
No Pavilion/Picnic Shelter
No Lighthouse
No Ferry Terminal

ENVIRONMENT

Yes Beach
No Sand Dune
No Harbor
No Salt Marsh
No Tidal River
No Rocky Shore
No Mudflat

BOATING FACILITIES

No Trailer Launch
No Hand Carry Launch
NA Tidal Use
No Pier/Wharf
No Floating Dock
No Tie-up spaces

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Gil Boucher Park-Biddeford Pool Beach, Biddeford

Lat/Long: 43.4424, -70.3517



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SITE DESCRIPTION

Also known as Biddeford Pool Beach, this area includes a big, sandy beach with grassy dunes that offer some privacy from nearby homes. The beach is ideal for swimming and other summer beach activities. A beach wheelchair is available to rent; reservations must be made through the Biddeford Recreation Department website (www.biddefordrec.com). Small-boat users may hand-carry and launch from the beach (difficult with large swells). The site offers seasonal lifeguards and a newly built bathhouse with an outdoor shower. Dogs and horses are not allowed from May to September. At other times of the year, dogs must be leashed, and owners must collect waste. A seasonal parking permit is required (available from Biddeford City Hall) between June 15 and Labor Day. Overnight parking is not allowed.



Photo Credit: NA

PARKING

51-100 Cars
0 Trailers
1-5 Handicap

ACTIVITIES AND AMENITIES

Yes Restrooms
Yes Dogs Allowed
Yes Swimming (Seasonal Lifeguard)
Yes Swimming (No Lifeguard)
Yes Recreational Fishing
No Hiking
No Picnic Area
No Grill
No Pavilion/Picnic Shelter
No Lighthouse
No Ferry Terminal

ENVIRONMENT

Yes Beach
Yes Sand Dune
No Harbor
No Salt Marsh
No Tidal River
No Rocky Shore
No Mudflat

BOATING FACILITIES

No Trailer Launch
Yes Hand Carry Launch
All Tidal Use
No Pier/Wharf
No Floating Dock
No Tie-up spaces

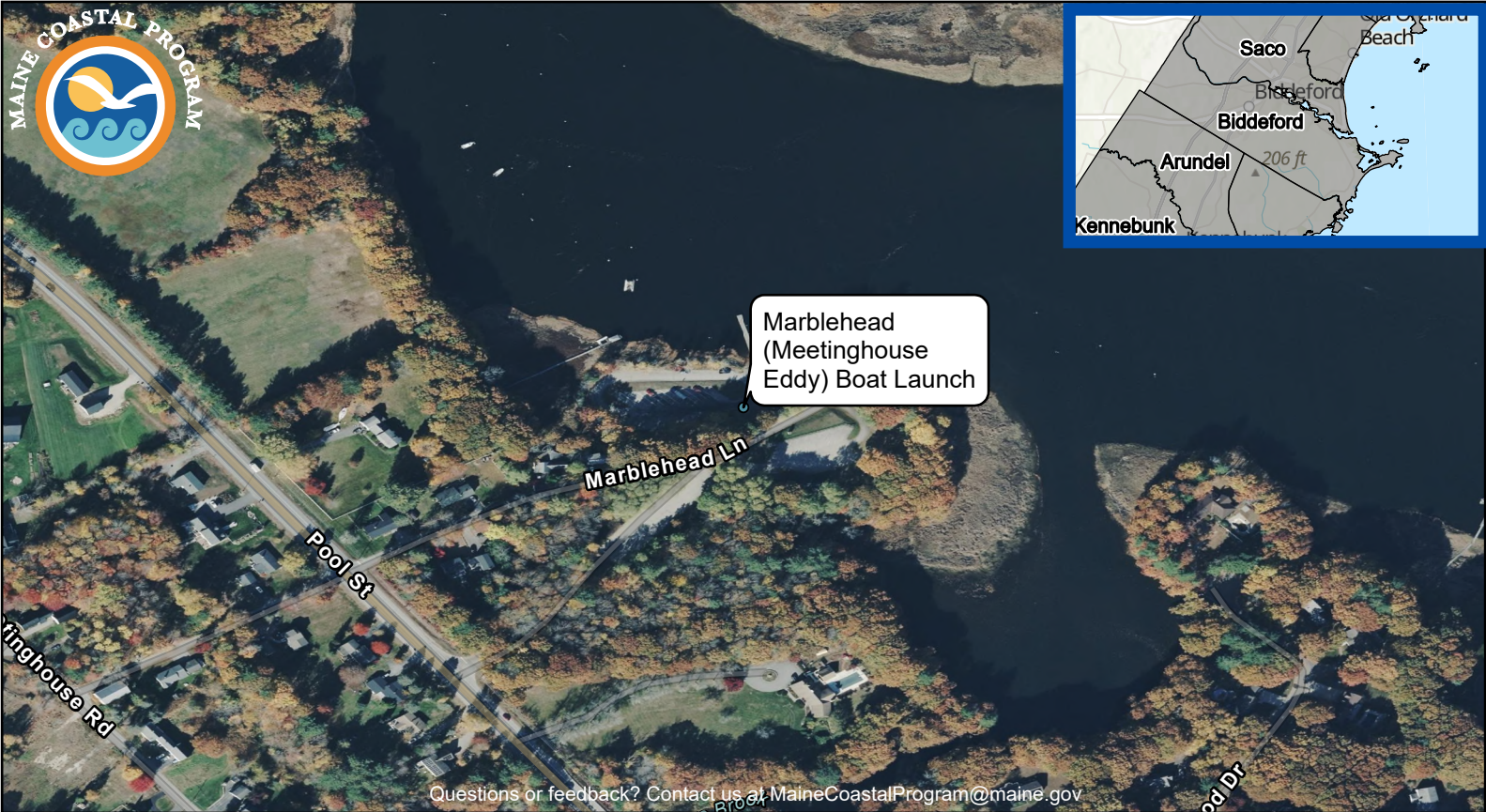
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Marblehead (Meetinghouse Eddy) Boat Launch, Biddeford

Lat/Long: 43.4739, -70.4099



SITE DESCRIPTION

This state-owned launch site, the most active on the river, has two hard surface, all-tide ramps and a set of boarding floats that allow boaters to head down the Saco River for open water or tarry on the river to fish. (Striper fishing lures dedicated fishermen to the mouth of the Saco in early summer.) An outhouse is provided. Upper and lower lots offer space for many vehicles and trailers.



Photo Credit: Brittney Nickerson

PARKING

11-25 Cars
51-100 Trailers
1-5 Handicap

ACTIVITIES AND AMENITIES

Yes Restrooms
Yes Dogs Allowed
No Swimming (Seasonal Lifeguard)
No Swimming (No Lifeguard)
Yes Recreational Fishing
No Hiking
No Picnic Area
No Grill
No Pavilion/Picnic Shelter
No Lighthouse
No Ferry Terminal

ENVIRONMENT

No Beach
No Sand Dune
Yes Harbor
Yes Salt Marsh
Yes Tidal River
No Rocky Shore
No Mudflat

BOATING FACILITIES

Yes Trailer Launch
Yes Hand Carry Launch
All Tidal Use
No Pier/Wharf
Yes Floating Dock
Yes Tie-up spaces

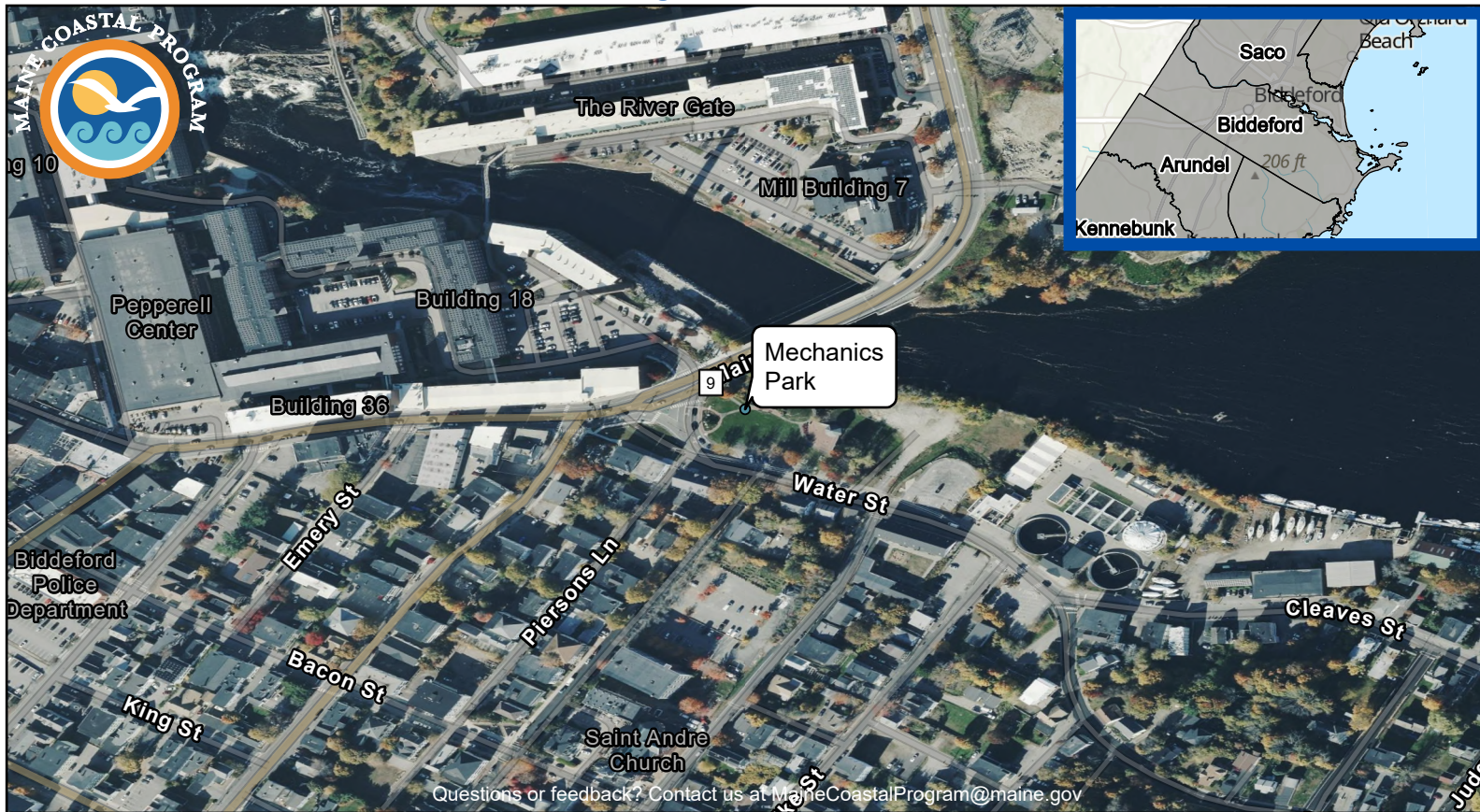
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Mechanics Park, Biddeford

Lat/Long: 43.4926, -70.4495



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SITE DESCRIPTION

This attractive park on the shore of the Saco River offers an observation deck from which visitors can watch gulls wheeling high above and boats plying the river. Interpretive signs provide fascinating details for those interested in history. Landscaping and native flowers border the mowed area with picnic tables, inviting visitors to stay and picnic, or at least enjoy a moment of rest on the benches. Roller blading, skateboarding, ball games, and frisbee are not permitted. The park is open from dawn to dusk; there are no bathroom facilities. Parking is available on-street and in a city lot.

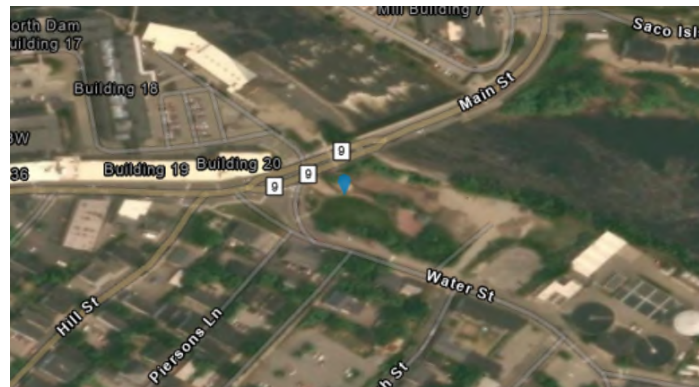


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PARKING

- 6-10 Cars
- 0 Trailers
- 1-5 Handicap

ACTIVITIES AND AMENITIES

- No Restrooms
- Yes Dogs Allowed
- No Swimming (Seasonal Lifeguard)
- No Swimming (No Lifeguard)
- No Recreational Fishing
- No Hiking
- Yes Picnic Area
- No Grill
- Yes Pavilion/Picnic Shelter
- No Lighthouse
- No Ferry Terminal

ENVIRONMENT

- No Beach
- No Sand Dune
- No Harbor
- No Salt Marsh
- No Tidal River
- No Rocky Shore
- No Mudflat

BOATING FACILITIES

- No Trailer Launch
- No Hand Carry Launch
- NA Tidal Use
- No Pier/Wharf
- No Floating Dock
- No Tie-up spaces

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Middle Beach, Biddeford

Lat/Long: 43.4362, -70.3678



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SITE DESCRIPTION

This long, sandy beach offers a flat, wide surface ideal for beach walks and jogging on firm, ocean packed sand. Wide enough to accommodate games and sandcastles, this area also has classic shallow wading for young children as it gently slopes into deeper water. There are no lifeguards or bathroom facilities. Dogs and horses are not allowed on the beach from May to September. At other times of the year, dogs must be leashed, and owners must collect waste. A seasonal parking permit is required (available from Biddeford City Hall) between June 15 and Labor Day; overnight parking is not allowed.

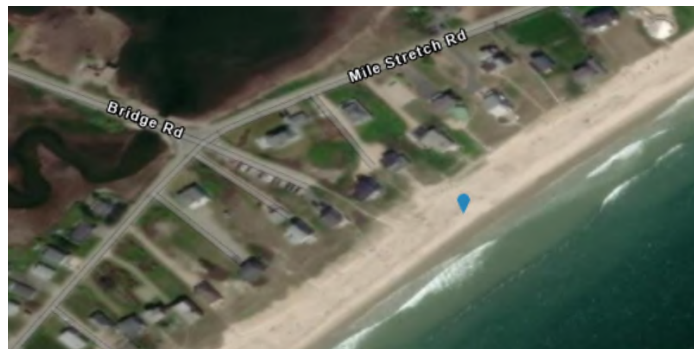


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PARKING

11-25 Cars
0 Trailers
1-5 Handicap

ACTIVITIES AND AMENITIES

No Restrooms
No Dogs Allowed
No Swimming (Seasonal Lifeguard)
Yes Swimming (No Lifeguard)
No Recreational Fishing
Yes Hiking
Yes Picnic Area
No Grill
Yes Pavilion/Picnic Shelter
No Lighthouse
No Ferry Terminal

ENVIRONMENT

Yes Beach
Yes Sand Dune
No Harbor
No Salt Marsh
No Tidal River
No Rocky Shore
No Mudflat

BOATING FACILITIES

No Trailer Launch
No Hand Carry Launch
NA Tidal Use
No Pier/Wharf
No Floating Dock
No Tie-up spaces

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Park in the Pines, Biddeford

Lat/Long: 43.4510, -70.3670



SITE DESCRIPTION

This small, scenic park along tidal Biddeford Pool offers birders access to tide pools, mudflats and a nearby marsh. Other visitors may picnic or sit on shaded benches to watch boats, people and wildlife. Paddlers can hand-carry and launch from a part-tide gravel ramp; low-tide provides a muddy take-out, so timing can be important. There are no bathroom facilities; alcoholic beverages and unleashed dogs are prohibited. Vehicles may enter to drop off kayaks or canoes, but there is no parking lot.



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PARKING

- 0 Cars
- 0 Trailers
- 0 Handicap

ACTIVITIES AND AMENITIES

- No Restrooms
- Yes Dogs Allowed
- No Swimming (Seasonal Lifeguard)
- No Swimming (No Lifeguard)
- No Recreational Fishing
- No Hiking
- No Picnic Area
- No Grill
- No Pavilion/Picnic Shelter
- No Lighthouse
- No Ferry Terminal

ENVIRONMENT

- No Beach
- No Sand Dune
- No Harbor
- No Salt Marsh
- No Tidal River
- No Rocky Shore
- No Mudflat

BOATING FACILITIES

- No Trailer Launch
- Yes Hand Carry Launch
- Part Tidal Use
- No Pier/Wharf
- No Floating Dock
- No Tie-up spaces

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South Point Great Pond Sanctuary, Biddeford

Lat/Long: 43.4440, -70.3448



SITE DESCRIPTION

This sanctuary, owned by Biddeford Pool Conservation Trust, borders Gil Boucher Park, a public beach. The trail runs through woods and dunes, then on to a boardwalk to the beach. Birders find this area to be prime habitat for migrating shorebirds and wading birds. Dogs are not allowed. People can hand-carry from the road. There is limited on-street parking.



Photo Credit: Brittney Nickerson

PARKING

- 6-10 Cars
- 0 Trailers
- 0 Handicap

ACTIVITIES AND AMENITIES

- No Restrooms
- No Dogs Allowed
- No Swimming (Seasonal Lifeguard)
- Yes Swimming (No Lifeguard)
- No Recreational Fishing
- Yes Hiking
- No Picnic Area
- No Grill
- No Pavilion/Picnic Shelter
- No Lighthouse
- No Ferry Terminal

ENVIRONMENT

- Yes Beach
- Yes Sand Dune
- No Harbor
- No Salt Marsh
- No Tidal River
- No Rocky Shore
- No Mudflat

BOATING FACILITIES

- No Trailer Launch
- Yes Hand Carry Launch
- NA Tidal Use
- No Pier/Wharf
- No Floating Dock
- No Tie-up spaces

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South Point Ocean Avenue Lands, Biddeford

Lat/Long: 43.4432, -70.3405



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SITE DESCRIPTION

This small, undeveloped parcel, which is protected by Biddeford Pool Conservation Trust, provides excellent views towards East Point Audubon Sanctuary and the open ocean. A dirt trail leads to a small beach and a bench allows for a rest while enjoying the view. There are no restrooms or parking spaces available at this site.



Photo Credit: Brittney Nickerson

PARKING

- 0 Cars
- 0 Trailers
- 0 Handicap

ACTIVITIES AND AMENITIES

- No Restrooms
- Yes Dogs Allowed
- No Swimming (Seasonal Lifeguard)
- No Swimming (No Lifeguard)
- No Recreational Fishing
- No Hiking
- No Picnic Area
- No Grill
- No Pavilion/Picnic Shelter
- No Lighthouse
- No Ferry Terminal

ENVIRONMENT

- Yes Beach
- No Sand Dune
- No Harbor
- No Salt Marsh
- No Tidal River
- Yes Rocky Shore
- No Mudflat

BOATING FACILITIES

- No Trailer Launch
- No Hand Carry Launch
- NA Tidal Use
- No Pier/Wharf
- No Floating Dock
- No Tie-up spaces

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Staples Street Beach, Biddeford

Lat/Long: 43.4480, -70.3518



SITE DESCRIPTION

An access path, bordered by beach roses and other wildflowers, leads to a small, rocky beach with patches of white sand overlooking the outer harbor. At low tide there are a few large rocks ideal for sunning or picnicking. Because of limited on-street parking, the beach is most often used by locals. Biddeford Pool Conservation Trust maintains the path and beach.



Photo Credit: 2013 Maine Coastal Access Guide

PARKING

- 1-5 Cars
- 0 Trailers
- 0 Handicap

ACTIVITIES AND AMENITIES

- No Restrooms
- Yes Dogs Allowed
- No Swimming (Seasonal Lifeguard)
- Yes Swimming (No Lifeguard)
- No Recreational Fishing
- No Hiking
- No Picnic Area
- No Grill
- No Pavilion/Picnic Shelter
- No Lighthouse
- No Ferry Terminal

ENVIRONMENT

- Yes Beach
- No Sand Dune
- No Harbor
- No Salt Marsh
- No Tidal River
- No Rocky Shore
- No Mudflat

BOATING FACILITIES

- No Trailer Launch
- No Hand Carry Launch
- NA Tidal Use
- No Pier/Wharf
- No Floating Dock
- No Tie-up spaces

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Timber Point Trail and Little River Fishing Access, Biddeford

Lat/Long: 43.4073, -70.3956



SITE DESCRIPTION

This universally accessible trail (crushed gravel surface) is just over one mile and leads to the tip of Timber Point on the Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge. It provides views of Timber Island and Goose Rocks Beach, as well as marshes and coastal forests. Interpretive signs and a viewing platform can be found along the trail. Timber Island can be visited at low tide; to avoid being stranded, make sure to consult a tide table before crossing. Visitors can hand-carry launch into the Little River and fish from two locations along the shore. Both refuge regulations as well as Maine fishing regulations apply. Dogs are not allowed. A small parking area can be found at the end of Granite Point Road.



Photo Credit: NA

PARKING

6-10 Cars
0 Trailers
0 Handicap

ACTIVITIES AND AMENITIES

No Restrooms
No Dogs Allowed
No Swimming (Seasonal Lifeguard)
No Swimming (No Lifeguard)
Yes Recreational Fishing
Yes Hiking
Yes Picnic Area
No Grill
No Pavilion/Picnic Shelter
No Lighthouse
No Ferry Terminal

ENVIRONMENT

No Beach
No Sand Dune
No Harbor
No Salt Marsh
Yes Tidal River
Yes Rocky Shore
No Mudflat

BOATING FACILITIES

No Trailer Launch
Yes Hand Carry Launch
All Tidal Use
No Pier/Wharf
No Floating Dock
No Tie-up spaces

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Vines Landing, Biddeford

Lat/Long: 43.4471, -70.3552



SITE DESCRIPTION

This park in the center of town provides a terrific view of Wood Island Light, whose stone tower rises above low vegetation and rock ledges on an island just offshore. A gravel, part-tide boat ramp with slabs of concrete can support small trailers and light craft; paddlers may hand-carry as well. Anglers can fish from the shore or launch and try their luck in the pool or open water. Kayak rentals, a grocery store, shops and a post office are within easy walking distance. Those interested in a lighthouse tour can contact Friends of Wood Island Lighthouse. There are no bathroom facilities; leashed dogs are allowed. Time-limited parking is available on Yates Street.



Photo Credit: NA

PARKING

- 1-5 Cars
- 0 Trailers
- 1-5 Handicap

ACTIVITIES AND AMENITIES

- No Restrooms
- Yes Dogs Allowed
- No Swimming (Seasonal Lifeguard)
- No Swimming (No Lifeguard)
- Yes Recreational Fishing
- No Hiking
- No Picnic Area
- No Grill
- No Pavilion/Picnic Shelter
- No Lighthouse
- No Ferry Terminal

ENVIRONMENT

- No Beach
- No Sand Dune
- No Harbor
- No Salt Marsh
- Yes Tidal River
- No Rocky Shore
- No Mudflat

BOATING FACILITIES

- Yes Trailer Launch
- Yes Hand Carry Launch
- Part Tidal Use
- No Pier/Wharf
- No Floating Dock
- No Tie-up spaces

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Yates Street Park, Biddeford

Lat/Long: 43.4461, -70.3546



SITE DESCRIPTION

This small park, which overlooks the inner harbor, boasts a wide variety of native plants, benches, and a view of both yachts and commercial fishing boats – a slice of the dual life of every coastal village. It's a nice place to picnic or watch birds cruise around the harbor. The park is open from dawn to dusk; leashed dogs are allowed; owners must clean up after pets. There is limited on-street parking for three hours.



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PARKING

- 6-10 Cars
- 0 Trailers
- 0 Handicap

ACTIVITIES AND AMENITIES

- No Restrooms
- Yes Dogs Allowed
- No Swimming (Seasonal Lifeguard)
- No Swimming (No Lifeguard)
- No Recreational Fishing
- No Hiking
- No Picnic Area
- No Grill
- No Pavilion/Picnic Shelter
- No Lighthouse
- No Ferry Terminal

ENVIRONMENT

- No Beach
- No Sand Dune
- Yes Harbor
- No Salt Marsh
- No Tidal River
- No Rocky Shore
- No Mudflat

BOATING FACILITIES

- No Trailer Launch
- No Hand Carry Launch
- NA Tidal Use
- No Pier/Wharf
- No Floating Dock
- No Tie-up spaces

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Bayview Beach, Saco

Lat/Long: 43.4851, -70.3852



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SITE DESCRIPTION

This white sand beach is part of the continuous expanse that curves around Saco Bay from Pine Point in the north to Camp Ellis in the south. Wide and either flat or gently sloping, it is ideal for spreading out blankets and chairs, swimming, beach combing for sand dollars and colorful shells, and – during quieter hours – watching birds scoop up scraps of dinner from the departing waves. Dunes and waving sea grass shelter part of the beach, providing some privacy; private homes run along another part of the beach. The site has seasonal lifeguards and bathroom facilities; leashed dogs are allowed. Limited parking is available at the end of Bayview Rd where a right-of-way leads to the beach. A larger lot is located nearby at the intersection of Seaside Ave and Bayview. Overnight parking is not allowed.

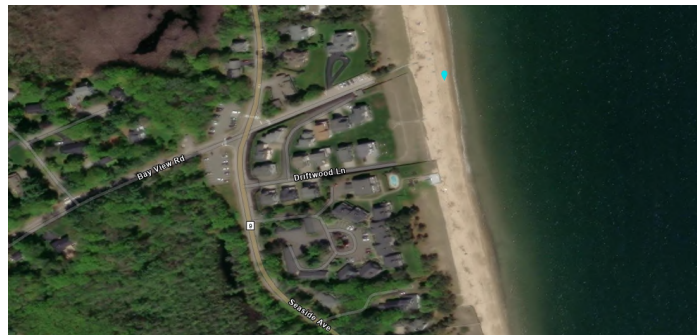


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PARKING

26-50 Cars
0 Trailers
1-5 Handicap

ACTIVITIES AND AMENITIES

Yes Restrooms
Yes Dogs Allowed
Yes Swimming (Seasonal Lifeguard)
No Swimming (No Lifeguard)
Yes Recreational Fishing
No Hiking
No Picnic Area
No Grill
No Pavilion/Picnic Shelter
No Lighthouse
No Ferry Terminal

ENVIRONMENT

Yes Beach
Yes Sand Dune
No Harbor
No Salt Marsh
Yes Tidal River
No Rocky Shore
No Mudflat

BOATING FACILITIES

No Trailer Launch
No Hand Carry Launch
NA Tidal Use
No Pier/Wharf
No Floating Dock
No Tie-up spaces

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MAINE COASTAL PUBLIC ACCESS GUIDE

Camp Ellis, Saco

Lat/Long: 43.4627, -70.3818



SITE DESCRIPTION

This area, part of the city's seaside community at the mouth of the Saco River, includes a small beach (at half and low tide), boat launch, jetty, extensive seawall of granite blocks extending northward and moorings for sail and motor craft. The site offers excellent fishing from docks. The paved boat ramp accommodates trailers, although larger boats need half-tide or higher conditions. Land-based guests can stroll along the long breakwater out to deeper water and visit the area's seafood restaurants, a lobster pound and a general store. Use of docks and floats is by permit. Full-service restrooms are open from May to September; for the rest of the year, there are portable bathrooms. The town charges a fee for parking and an additional fee to launch a boat. Additional fee parking may be found at nearby Ferry Beach State Park. Public parking is also available in these locations: Camp Ellis Ave, Eastern Ave and Lower Beach Rd.



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PARKING

26-50 Cars
0 Trailers
1-5 Handicap

ACTIVITIES AND AMENITIES

Yes Restrooms
Yes Dogs Allowed
Yes Swimming (Seasonal Lifeguard)
No Swimming (No Lifeguard)
Yes Recreational Fishing
No Hiking
No Picnic Area
No Grill
No Pavilion/Picnic Shelter
No Lighthouse
No Ferry Terminal

ENVIRONMENT

Yes Beach
Yes Sand Dune
No Harbor
No Salt Marsh
Yes Tidal River
No Rocky Shore
No Mudflat

BOATING FACILITIES

Yes Trailer Launch
Yes Hand Carry Launch
Part Tidal Use
Yes Pier/Wharf
Yes Floating Dock
No Tie-up spaces

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Ferry Beach State Park, Saco

Lat/Long: 43.4756, -70.3843



SITE DESCRIPTION

This 123-acre park offers a beach, 1.4 miles of trails and plentiful information about natural history. The undeveloped strand is protected by forest and wetland. The wooded trails – wide and level with boardwalks across wetlands – offer views of wetlands, ponds and a rare stand of tupelo (black gum) trees. Facilities include seasonal changing rooms, bathrooms and nature center. Maps and interpretive material are available at the parking lot; staff offer some guided programs. Leashed dogs are permitted on the beach only from October 1 to March 31. The entrance fee includes parking. Summer parking is prohibited on ME 9; winter on-street parking is allowed near park gates on Bayview Road or on ME 9.



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PARKING

26-50 Cars
0 Trailers
1-5 Handicap

ACTIVITIES AND AMENITIES

Yes Restrooms
Yes Season Dogs Allowed
Yes Swimming (Seasonal Lifeguard)
No Swimming (No Lifeguard)
Yes Recreational Fishing
Yes Hiking
Yes Picnic Area
No Grill
Yes Pavilion/Picnic Shelter
No Lighthouse
No Ferry Terminal

ENVIRONMENT

Yes Beach
Yes Sand Dune
No Harbor
No Salt Marsh
No Tidal River
No Rocky Shore
No Mudflat

BOATING FACILITIES

No Trailer Launch
No Hand Carry Launch
NA Tidal Use
No Pier/Wharf
No Floating Dock
No Tie-up spaces

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Goosefare Brook Fishing Access, Saco

Lat/Long: 43.4970, -70.3881



SITE DESCRIPTION

The southern side of the Goosefare Brook outlet, which is part of Rachael Carson National Wildlife Refuge, is open for fishing. Both refuge regulations as well as Maine fishing regulations apply. User cooperation is important for the site to remain available; visitors should obey refuge rules and respect private property. There is limited parking nearby, but visitors can park at the public parking lot on Bayview Road a mile south of the site.

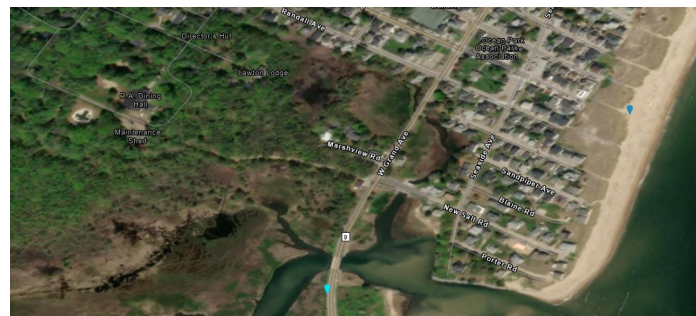


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PARKING

- 0 Cars
- 0 Trailers
- 0 Handicap

ACTIVITIES AND AMENITIES

- No Restrooms
- No Dogs Allowed
- No Swimming (Seasonal Lifeguard)
- No Swimming (No Lifeguard)
- Yes Recreational Fishing
- No Hiking
- No Picnic Area
- No Grill
- No Pavilion/Picnic Shelter
- No Lighthouse
- No Ferry Terminal

ENVIRONMENT

- No Beach
- No Sand Dune
- No Harbor
- Yes Salt Marsh
- No Tidal River
- No Rocky Shore
- No Mudflat

BOATING FACILITIES

- No Trailer Launch
- No Hand Carry Launch
- NA Tidal Use
- No Pier/Wharf
- No Floating Dock
- No Tie-up spaces

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Goosefare Brook Wildlife Observation Platform, Saco

Lat/Long: 43.4959, -70.3878



SITE DESCRIPTION

This wooden deck, encircled by vegetation, offers a limited view of the marsh and beach where Goosefare Brook empties into Saco Bay. A thousand-foot, wheelchair accessible, stone-dust path leads to a ramp and platform. There is no beach access from this site. There is a small off-street parking lot.

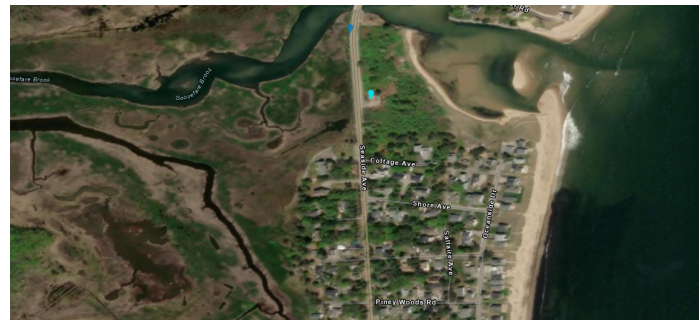


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PARKING

- 6-10 Cars
- 0 Trailers
- 0 Handicap

ACTIVITIES AND AMENITIES

- No Restrooms
- No Dogs Allowed
- No Swimming (Seasonal Lifeguard)
- No Swimming (No Lifeguard)
- No Recreational Fishing
- No Hiking
- No Picnic Area
- No Grill
- No Pavilion/Picnic Shelter
- No Lighthouse
- No Ferry Terminal

ENVIRONMENT

- No Beach
- No Sand Dune
- No Harbor
- Yes Salt Marsh
- Yes Tidal River
- No Rocky Shore
- No Mudflat

BOATING FACILITIES

- No Trailer Launch
- No Hand Carry Launch
- NA Tidal Use
- No Pier/Wharf
- No Floating Dock
- No Tie-up spaces

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Kinney Shores Beach, Saco

Lat/Long: 43.4918, -70.3854



SITE DESCRIPTION

This sandy beach – a great destination for a bike ride given the limited parking available – lies on the south side of Goosefare Brook, south of Ocean Park. At low tide visitors may wade between the two beaches but beware of rip tides. Seasonal lifeguards are provided; leashed dogs are allowed. Limited parallel parking is available on side streets.

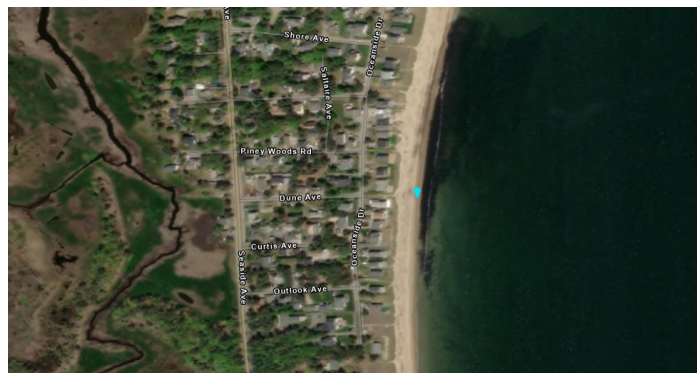


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PARKING

- 0 Cars
- 0 Trailers
- 0 Handicap

ACTIVITIES AND AMENITIES

- No Restrooms
- Yes Dogs Allowed
- Yes Swimming (Seasonal Lifeguard)
- No Swimming (No Lifeguard)
- Yes Recreational Fishing
- No Hiking
- No Picnic Area
- No Grill
- No Pavilion/Picnic Shelter
- No Lighthouse
- No Ferry Terminal

ENVIRONMENT

- Yes Beach
- Yes Sand Dune
- No Harbor
- No Salt Marsh
- No Tidal River
- No Rocky Shore
- No Mudflat

BOATING FACILITIES

- No Trailer Launch
- No Hand Carry Launch
- NA Tidal Use
- No Pier/Wharf
- No Floating Dock
- No Tie-up spaces

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Wildwood Trail and Branch Brook Loop, Saco

Lat/Long: 43.4931, -70.4051



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SITE DESCRIPTION

This trail cuts through the forest and leads to several views of the Goosefare Brook salt marsh in the Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge. There is one primary out and back trail and a second side loop with extra views of the marsh. Dogs are allowed on leash and benches are available, but there are no restrooms at this site. There is limited parking at the trailhead at the end of Abby Lane.



Photo Credit: Brittney Nickerson

PARKING

- 1-5 Cars
- 0 Trailers
- 0 Handicap

ACTIVITIES AND AMENITIES

- No Restrooms
- Yes Dogs Allowed
- No Swimming (Seasonal Lifeguard)
- No Swimming (No Lifeguard)
- No Recreational Fishing
- Yes Hiking
- No Picnic Area
- No Grill
- No Pavilion/Picnic Shelter
- No Lighthouse
- No Ferry Terminal

ENVIRONMENT

- No Beach
- No Sand Dune
- No Harbor
- Yes Salt Marsh
- Yes Tidal River
- No Rocky Shore
- No Mudflat

BOATING FACILITIES

- No Trailer Launch
- No Hand Carry Launch
- NA Tidal Use
- No Pier/Wharf
- No Floating Dock
- No Tie-up spaces

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Ocean Park (Old Orchard Beach), Old Orchard Beach

Lat/Long: 43.4996, -70.3833



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SITE DESCRIPTION

Located south of the town of Old Orchard Beach in a residential summer community founded in the 1880s, this sandy beach is considered part of the continuous 7 miles of Old Orchard. Southern portions of the beach, near the outflow of Goosefare Brook, are popular with fishermen casting from shore. Because this area often has a strong undertow, swimmers are advised to use caution; seasonal lifeguards are provided. This beach is more steeply sloped and not as wide as other nearby beaches but is quieter and less commercial. In summer, dogs are not allowed between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. There is convenient access to a general store, gift shops and restaurants. There is limited on-street and side-street parking.

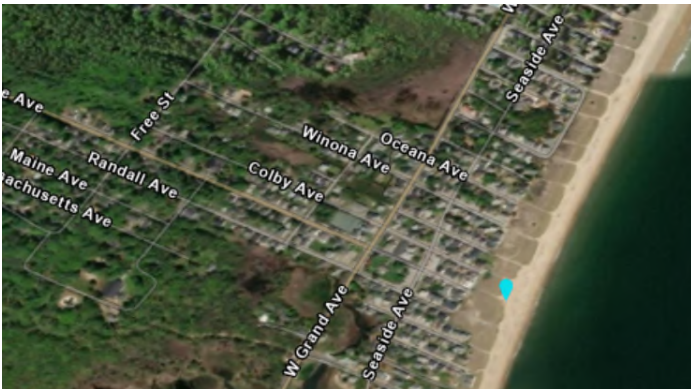


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PARKING

- 0 Cars
- 0 Trailers
- 0 Handicap

ACTIVITIES AND AMENITIES

- No Restrooms
- No Dogs Allowed
- Yes Swimming (Seasonal Lifeguard)
- No Swimming (No Lifeguard)
- Yes Recreational Fishing
- No Hiking
- No Picnic Area
- No Grill
- No Pavilion/Picnic Shelter
- No Lighthouse
- No Ferry Terminal

ENVIRONMENT

- Yes Beach
- Yes Sand Dune
- No Harbor
- No Salt Marsh
- No Tidal River
- No Rocky Shore
- No Mudflat

BOATING FACILITIES

- No Trailer Launch
- No Hand Carry Launch
- NA Tidal Use
- No Pier/Wharf
- No Floating Dock
- No Tie-up spaces

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Old Orchard Beach, Old Orchard Beach

Lat/Long: 43.5148, -70.3735



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SITE DESCRIPTION

A well-known summer resort colony and popular tourist attraction, Old Orchard has open ocean views and 7 miles of white, fine sand that connect to Scarborough's Pine Point Beach. This active town is an ideal destination for people, groups, and families seeking both a beach and destination with shops, restaurants, lodging, evening entertainment, arcade, games, rides, and a long pier with vendors. The beach itself has seasonal lifeguard stations, public restrooms and changing areas. Dogs are not allowed during summer between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. The beach is accessible from many points along Grand Ave; visitors staying in the area may be close enough to walk from their accommodations. Parking is on-street with meters or in fee lots. Amtrak Downeaster provides seasonal service to a station that is within walking distance of the beach.



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PARKING

- 100+ Cars
- 0 Trailers
- 1-5 Handicap

ACTIVITIES AND AMENITIES

- Yes Restrooms
- No Dogs Allowed
- Yes Swimming (Seasonal Lifeguard)
- No Swimming (No Lifeguard)
- Yes Recreational Fishing
- No Hiking
- No Picnic Area
- No Grill
- No Pavilion/Picnic Shelter
- No Lighthouse
- No Ferry Terminal

ENVIRONMENT

- Yes Beach
- Yes Sand Dune
- No Harbor
- No Salt Marsh
- No Tidal River
- No Rocky Shore
- No Mudflat

BOATING FACILITIES

- No Trailer Launch
- No Hand Carry Launch
- NA Tidal Use
- Yes Pier/Wharf
- No Floating Dock
- No Tie-up spaces

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Surfside Beach, Old Orchard Beach

Lat/Long: 43.5315, -70.3587



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SITE DESCRIPTION

This long, wide, segment of beach is part of Old Orchard Beach's 7 miles of fine, white, sandy beach. Located east of the pier, this area has a quieter and more private atmosphere. In summer, dogs are not allowed between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Parcher Ave and nearby streets offer public access with limited on-street parking.



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PARKING

- 0 Cars
- 0 Trailers
- 0 Handicap

ACTIVITIES AND AMENITIES

- No Restrooms
- No Dogs Allowed
- No Swimming (Seasonal Lifeguard)
- Yes Swimming (No Lifeguard)
- Yes Recreational Fishing
- No Hiking
- No Picnic Area
- No Grill
- No Pavilion/Picnic Shelter
- No Lighthouse
- No Ferry Terminal

ENVIRONMENT

- Yes Beach
- Yes Sand Dune
- No Harbor
- No Salt Marsh
- No Tidal River
- No Rocky Shore
- No Mudflat

BOATING FACILITIES

- No Trailer Launch
- No Hand Carry Launch
- NA Tidal Use
- No Pier/Wharf
- No Floating Dock
- No Tie-up spaces

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