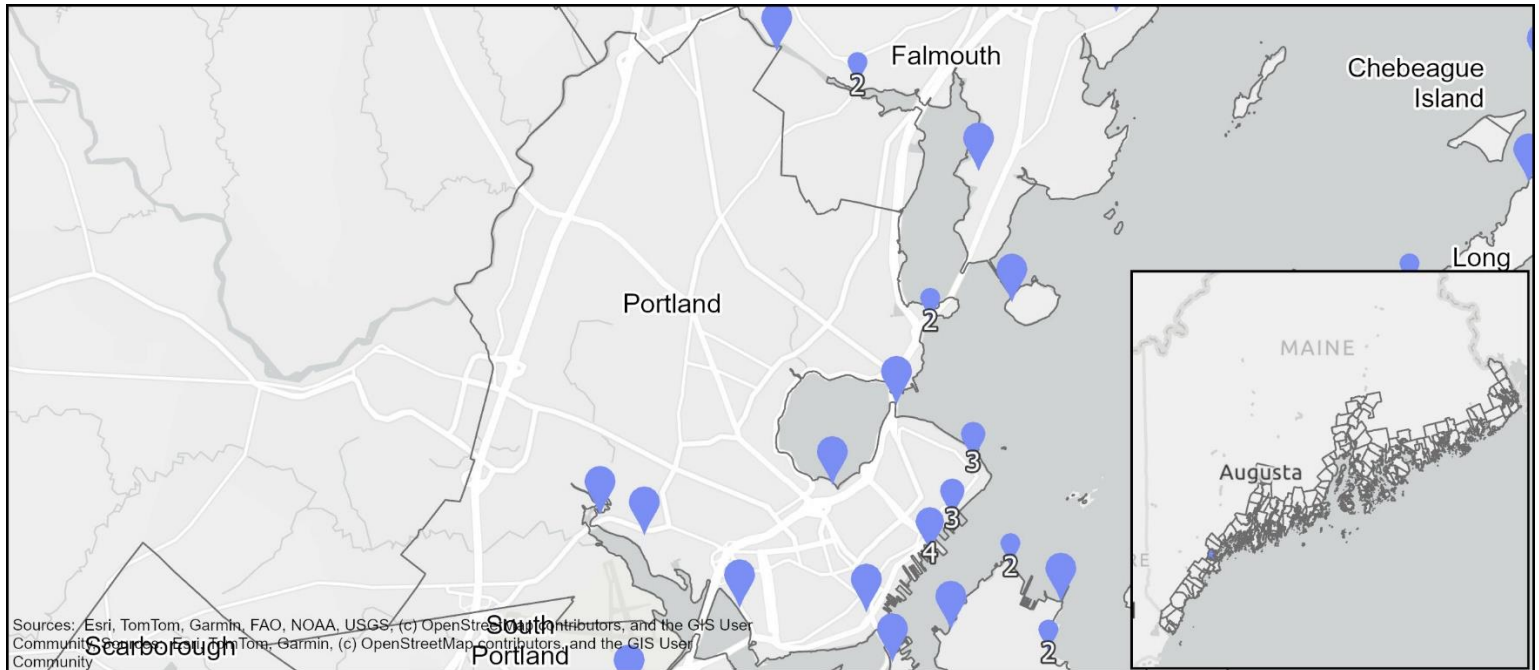




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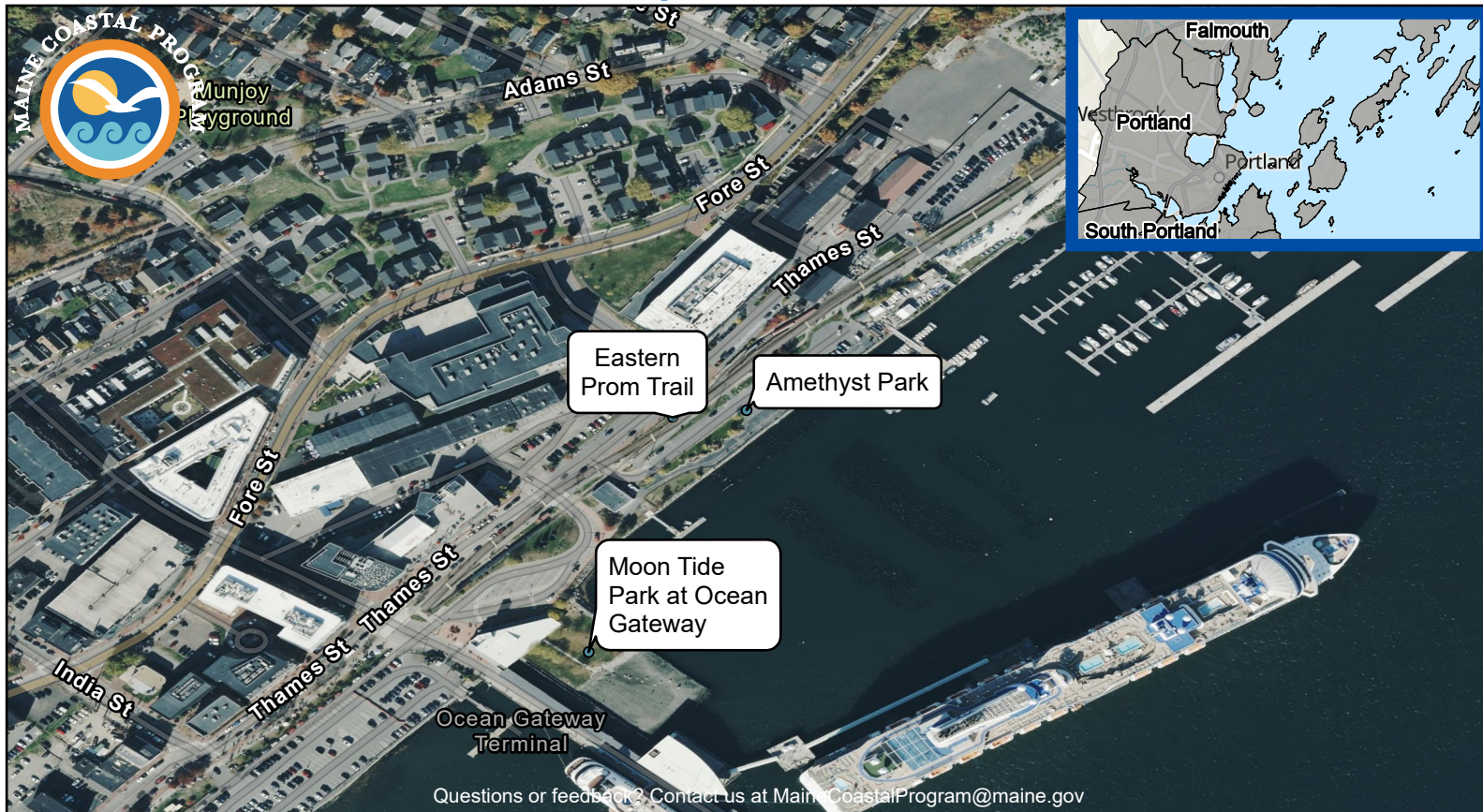
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MAINE COASTAL PUBLIC ACCESS GUIDE

Amethyst Park, Portland

Lat/Long: 43.6613, -70.2448



SITE DESCRIPTION

This 1.75-acre park along Portland's Eastern Waterfront has a public boat landing (Mavadones Landing) that allows boat-based visitors to tie up for short periods (no overnight berthing). Small hand-carry boats can be launched from the floats. The park has native garden beds, a waterfront promenade, and grassy lawns, and visitors can enjoy the view of Portland Harbor from a swinging bench or rent a bike to explore the Eastern Prom and Old Port. Food trucks can occasionally be found here. This site provides parking and pedestrian access to the Eastern Promenade Trail, Maine Narrow Gauge Railroad, Moon Tide Park, and the Old Port. Parking nearby is limited but other parking is available elsewhere in the Old Port. The park also serves as the home base for Portland's Community Sailing program, SailMaine.



Photo Credit: Brittney Nickerson

PARKING

11-25 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
Yes 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
Yes Floating Dock
Yes Tie-up spaces

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Back Cove Trail, Portland

Lat/Long: 43.6648, -70.2672



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SITE DESCRIPTION

This flat, 3-mile loop around a tidal basin, marked every quarter mile, attracts thousands of walkers, runners and bicyclists and is a popular location for organized events, including spectacular fireworks. Some sections are paved and others are surfaced with stone dust. Visitors use the many benches that line the shaded trail, which is at its finest in the spring when trees bloom. Back Cove offers habitat for waterfowl and wading birds that work the mudflats during low tide. Baxter Boulevard, which parallels the trail, is lit at night, so the area is used long after sunset with the city's illuminated skyline creating a dramatic backdrop. This trail joins the Eastern Promenade Trail at Tukey's Bridge, and it abuts two other recreation areas. Back Cove Park is a community space with a soccer field. Across the cove, Payson Park provides an opportunity for families to spread out on lawns for picnics and cool sea breezes. There are soccer and softball leagues, pick-up basketball and a sledding hill. Bathrooms available at both parks. Dogs must be leashed. Large parking lots off Preble Street and Elm Street and on north side of Baxter Boulevard at Payson Park. Car charging stations are available for use.



Photo Credit: Corey Templeton

PARKING

- 100+ Cars
- 0 Trailers
- 6-10 Handicap

ACTIVITIES AND AMENITIES

- No Restrooms
- Yes Dogs Allowed
- No Swimming (Seasonal Lifeguard)
- No Swimming (No Lifeguard)
- No 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
- No Tidal River
- Yes Rocky Shore
- Yes Mudflat

BOATING FACILITIES

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

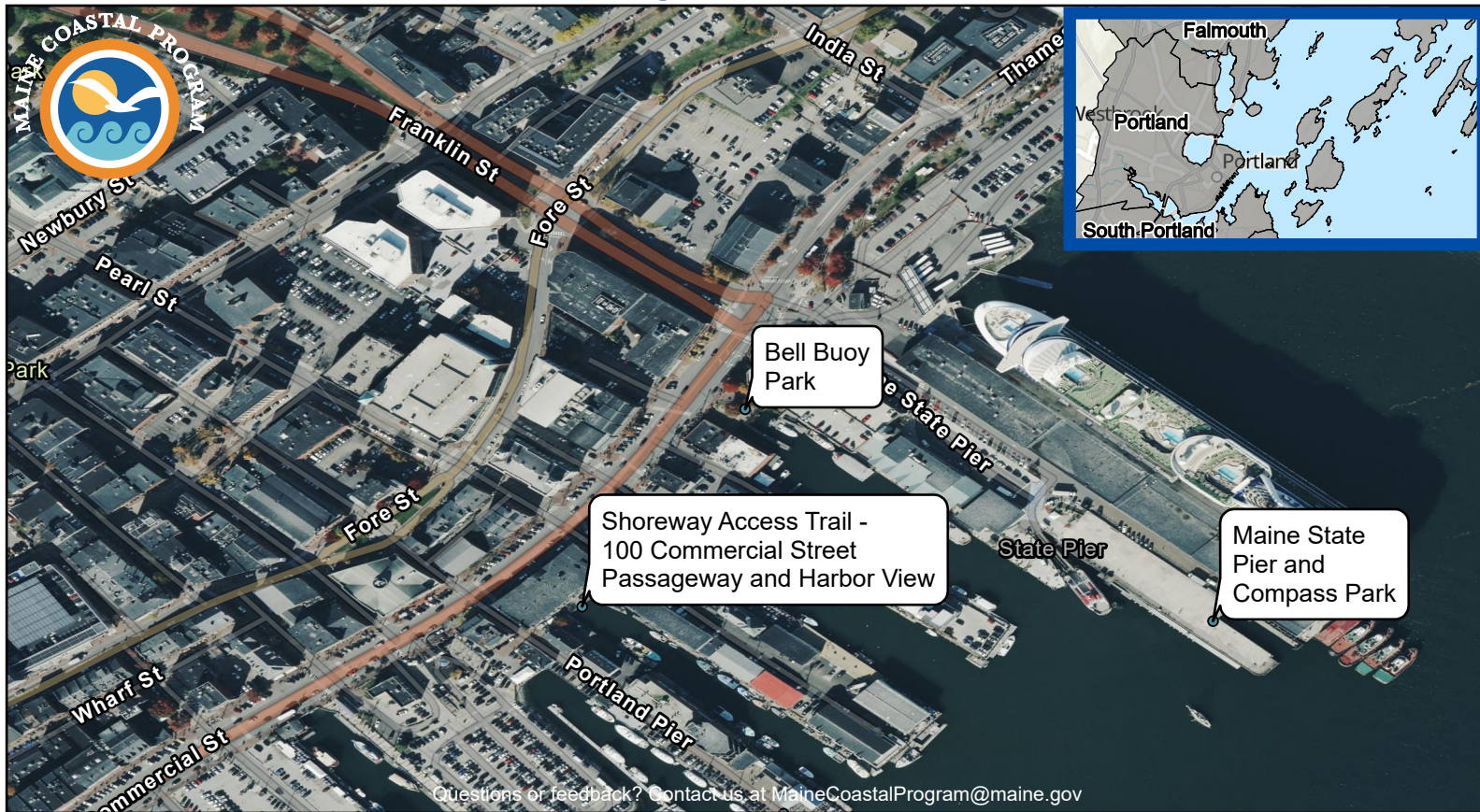
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Bell Buoy Park, Portland

Lat/Long: 43.6575, -70.2498



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SITE DESCRIPTION

This tiny public landing is the drop-off and pick-up location for water taxi services to the Casco Bay islands. Although there is a year-round floating wharf, unattended boats are not allowed. Dogs must be leashed. Park in metered on-street spots or in the nearby garage. The park is open from 6:30am to 10pm.



Photo Credit: Corey Templeton

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
- Yes Harbor
- No Salt Marsh
- No Tidal River
- No Rocky Shore
- No Mudflat

BOATING FACILITIES

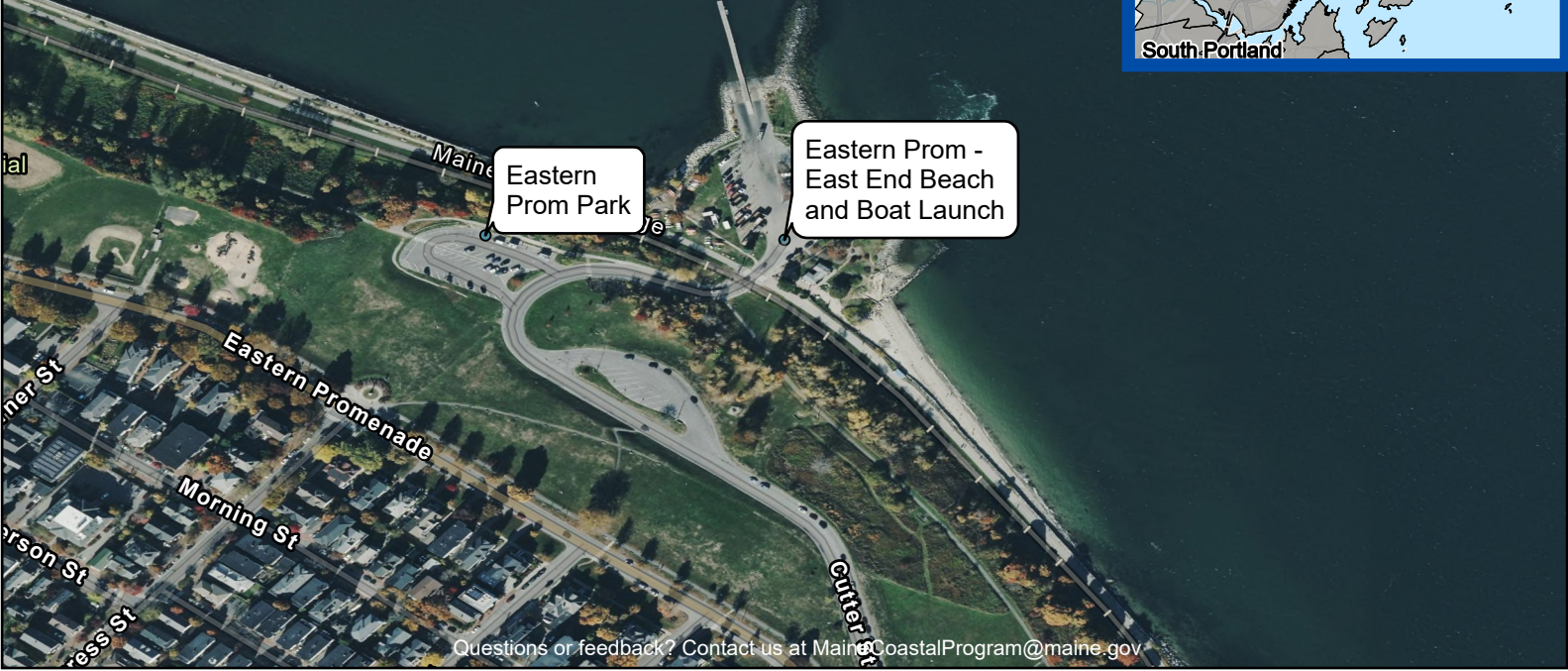
- No Trailer Launch
- No Hand Carry Launch
- NA Tidal Use
- No Pier/Wharf
- Yes Floating Dock
- No Tie-up spaces

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Eastern Prom - East End Beach and Boat Launch, Portland

Lat/Long: 43.6698, -70.2416



SITE DESCRIPTION

This 78-acre recreation complex offers something for everyone. East End Beach, the city's only public beach, provides several hundred yards of sand for family-oriented swimming. Nearby lie two half-tide paved boat launches (fee) that accept all trailer sizes as well as hand-carried boats. Fishermen cast from the docks and rocks and a grassy hillside park with benches and spectacular views of Casco Bay. A playground, ball fields and tennis courts offer some of the most scenic free recreation in Maine. The Eastern Promenade Trail, a 2.1-mile path with several side trips (including Loring Memorial and Fort Allen) connects to both the Back Cove Trail and the Bayside Trail, making this area ideal for biking, walking and running. The Maine Narrow Gauge Railroad Museum is also located on the Eastern Promenade. Parking is available in the beach/launch area and on Cutter Drive (ample trailer parking). There is also parallel parking along the street. A bathroom is located on-site for public use.



Photo Credit: Corey Templeton

PARKING

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

ACTIVITIES AND AMENITIES

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

ENVIRONMENT

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

BOATING FACILITIES

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

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MAINE COASTAL PUBLIC ACCESS GUIDE

Eastern Prom Park, Portland

Lat/Long: 43.6699, -70.2434



SITE DESCRIPTION

This 78-acre recreation complex offers something for everyone. East End Beach, the city's only public beach, provides several hundred yards of sand for family-oriented swimming. Nearby lie two half-tide paved boat launches (fee) that accept all trailer sizes as well as hand-carried boats. Fishermen cast from the docks and rocks and a grassy hillside park with benches and spectacular views of Casco Bay. A playground, ball fields and tennis courts offer some of the most scenic free recreation in Maine. The Eastern Promenade Trail, a 2.1-mile path with several side trips (including Loring Memorial and Fort Allen) connects to both the Back Cove Trail and the Bayside Trail, making this area ideal for biking, walking and running. The Maine Narrow Gauge Railroad Museum is also located on the Eastern Promenade. Parking is available in the beach/launch area and on Cutter Drive (ample trailer parking). There is also parallel parking along the street. A bathroom is located on-site for public use.



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PARKING

51-100 Cars
26-50 Trailers
1-5 Handicap

ACTIVITIES AND AMENITIES

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

ENVIRONMENT

Yes 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

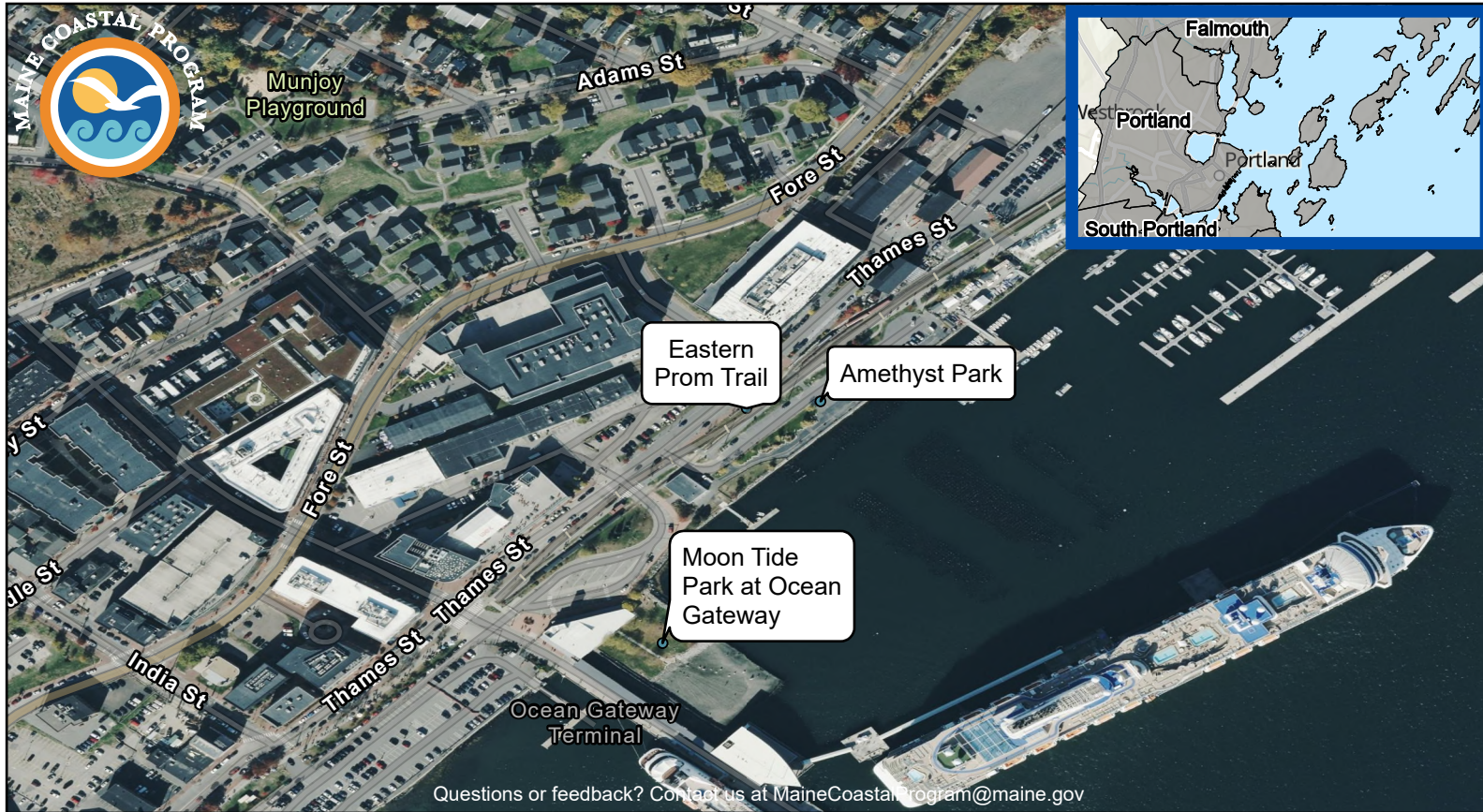
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Eastern Prom Trail, Portland

Lat/Long: 43.6613, -70.2453



SITE DESCRIPTION

This 78-acre recreation complex offers something for everyone. East End Beach, the city's only public beach, provides several hundred yards of sand for family-oriented swimming. Nearby lie two half-tide paved boat launches (fee) that accept all trailer sizes as well as hand-carried boats. Fishermen cast from the docks and rocks and a grassy hillside park with benches and spectacular views of Casco Bay. A playground, ball fields and tennis courts offer some of the most scenic free recreation in Maine. The Eastern Promenade Trail, a 2.1-mile path with several side trips (including Loring Memorial and Fort Allen) connects to both the Back Cove Trail and the Bayside Trail, making this area ideal for biking, walking and running. The Maine Narrow Gauge Railroad Museum is also located on the Eastern Promenade. Parking is available in the beach/launch area and on Cutter Drive (ample trailer parking). There is also parallel parking along the street. A bathroom is located on-site for public use.



Photo Credit: NA

PARKING

- 0 Cars
- 0 Trailers
- 1-5 Handicap

ACTIVITIES AND AMENITIES

- Yes Restrooms
- Yes Dogs Allowed
- No Swimming (Seasonal Lifeguard)
- No Swimming (No Lifeguard)
- Yes Recreational Fishing
- Yes 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
- 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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Fore River Parkway Trail, Portland

Lat/Long: 43.6484, -70.2837



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SITE DESCRIPTION

This 1.3-mile-long, paved urban walking trail along the river runs from the bus and train station at the Portland Transportation Center to Danforth Street, passing Mercy Hospital and its Mercy Pond Loop. (The loop offers excellent birding as migrators converge on a green oasis in an urban landscape.) The trail ends abruptly on West Commercial Street amid highways and heavy industry. Fee parking is available at the Transportation Center, 100 Thompson's Point Rd off Congress Street.

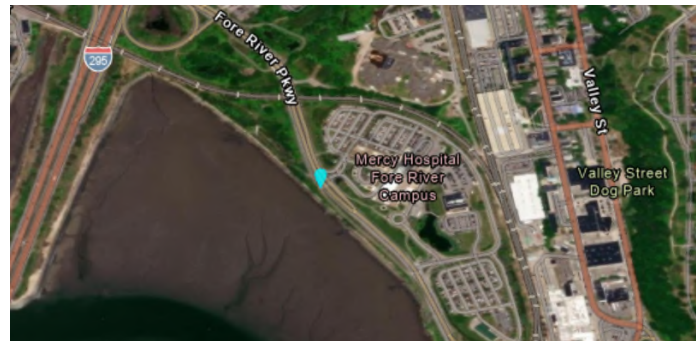


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PARKING

- 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
- Yes Harbor
- Yes Salt Marsh
- No Tidal River
- Yes Rocky Shore
- Yes 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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Fore River Sanctuary, Portland

Lat/Long: 43.6604, -70.3093



SITE DESCRIPTION

This 85-acre wildlife sanctuary offers opportunities for hikers, bikers, skiers and snowshoers. From the Congress Street trailhead, the route follows the flat towpath of the Cumberland and Oxford Canal for more than half a mile before turning north across a wetland. It later joins the Fore River and a hilly loop leading to Jewell Falls, Portland's only natural waterfall. Red oak and white pine provide songbird habitat; lowlands where freshwater and salt marsh mingle attract birds. The site has kiosks with interpretive information as well as benches with views of the river's densely vegetated shoreline. The area is open from dawn to dusk; leashed dogs are allowed. A short excursion along Congress St links this area with the Fore River Trail and Stroudwater Trail as well as the Capisic Brook Trail.



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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
- 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
- Yes 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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Fore River Trail, Portland

Lat/Long: 43.6578, -70.3012



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SITE DESCRIPTION

This scenic path, which links to the Fore River Parkway, offers lush fields, singing red-winged blackbirds and vibrant riparian wetlands. A gravel trail with boardwalks runs along the river and rail tracks, through woods and marshes east to Thompson's Point. Signs along the way describe the area's fragile ecosystem and damage caused by an oil spill in Portland Harbor in 1996. To the west, a short walk along Congress St connects hikers to the Stroudwater Trail and the Fore River Sanctuary, an unusual opportunity to experience coastal nature sites and Portland's famous eateries on the same hike. Park along Hobart Street; the trail crosses over the street to the south.

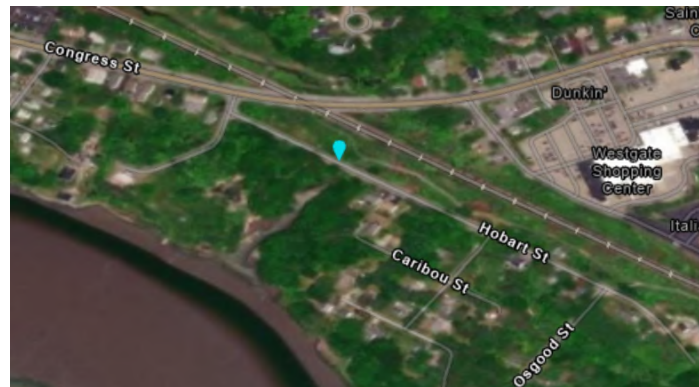


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PARKING

26-50 Cars
0 Trailers
6-10 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
Yes Rocky Shore
Yes 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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Fort Allen Park, Portland

Lat/Long: 43.6652, -70.2401



SITE DESCRIPTION

An extension of Eastern Promenade, this 9.3-acre park offers sweeping views of Portland Harbor, Casco Bay islands, wind-driven sailboats, and majestic cruise ships. The shaded promontory is rich with military history: The park was named for Revolutionary War hero Ethan Allen, who captured Fort Ticonderoga in 1775; a granite bench dedicated in 1929 honors the Union army; the giant mast of the U.S.S. Portland, commissioned in 1933 as a U.S. Navy cruiser, is housed here. While much of the Eastern Prom is busy and active, this quiet site invites serenity and contemplation – except on the Fourth of July, when it is the prime spot for viewing Portland’s fireworks. The park is open from 6:30am to 10pm. Dogs must be leashed. Park in a small turn-out lot.



Photo Credit: Corey Templeton

PARKING

- 26-50 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
- Yes 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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Harbor View Memorial Park, Portland

Lat/Long: 43.6481, -70.2607



SITE DESCRIPTION

This park sits on a hill overlooking the Casco Bay Bridge and the marine terminal on the waterfront. The park has grassy spaces and sidewalks throughout. Benches and picnic tables are available, and a playground can be found at the Tyng/Tate Playground across the street. Dogs are welcome but must be leashed. The park is open from 6:30 am to 10:00 pm. Two-hour parking is available on-street.



Photo Credit: Brittney Nickerson, Corey Templeton

PARKING

- 11-25 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
- Yes 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

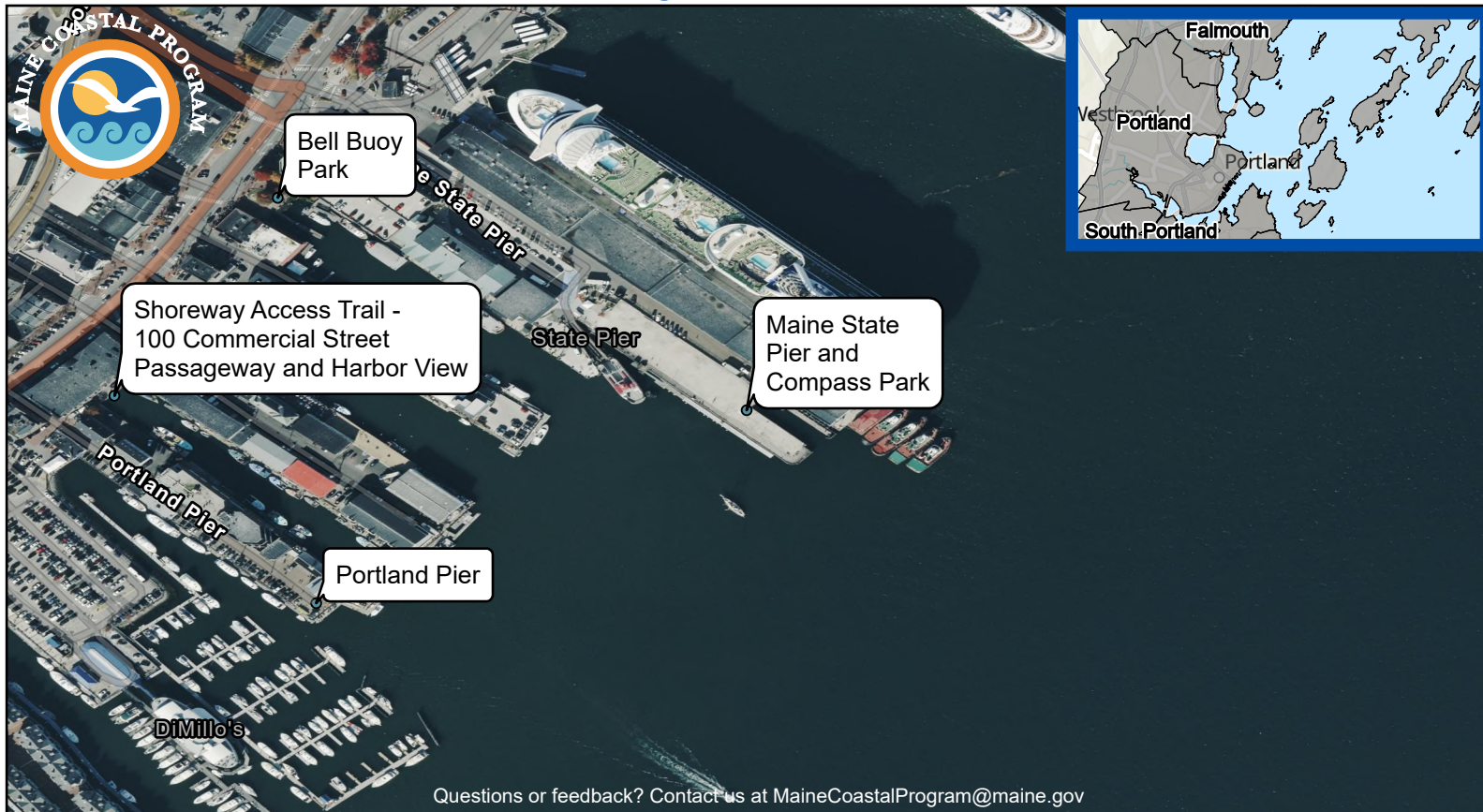
- No Trailer Launch
- No Hand Carry Launch
- NA Tidal Use
- No Pier/Wharf
- No Floating Dock
- No Tie-up spaces

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Maine State Pier and Compass Park, Portland

Lat/Long: 43.6560, -70.2469



SITE DESCRIPTION

This extensive pier in Portland Harbor supports the Casco Bay Islands Transit District's ferry terminal as well as tiny Compass Park. Ferries that serve the islands operate year-round, ceasing operations only for severe storms. Year-round restrooms are available at the terminal. There are also scenic summer cruises (these include music cruises, private charters and lobster bakes); music from a wedding held on a chartered ferry can sometimes be heard drifting across the harbor. Boaters may tie up at the pier for short periods at the attached public wharf and dock; commercial and passenger-carrying schooners also berth on floating docks here. Despite all the activity, there's plenty of room to fish at the end of the concrete pier. Compass Park, open space on the pier itself, is occasionally a venue for concerts and festivals. Pedestrians may watch pier activity from benches, then venture into the cobblestone streets of the Old Port to find a rich assortment of eateries and shops. Use the on-site parking garage or, as the pier lot is often full, on-street metered parking and parking garages in the Old Port.



Photo Credit: Corey Templeton

PARKING

- 0 Cars
- 0 Trailers
- 0 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
- Yes 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
- Yes Pier/Wharf
- Yes Floating Dock
- No Tie-up spaces

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Martin's Point Trail, Portland

Lat/Long: 43.6876, -70.2483



SITE DESCRIPTION

This trail wraps around Martin's Point Health Center and provides views of Casco Bay and the city of Portland. The trail is approximately a quarter-mile long. Dogs are welcome. Picnic tables and benches can be found along the trail. Part of the trail is universally accessible, and a bus stop connects this site to other locations in Portland. A memorial to the USS Reuben James is also present. Ample parking can be found at the site, but there are no restrooms or other amenities.

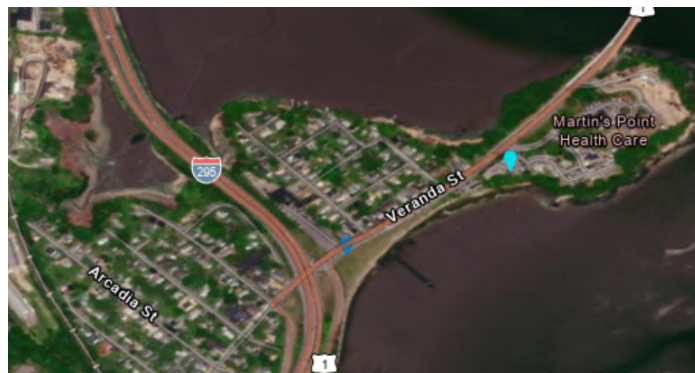


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PARKING

100+ 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
Yes Hiking
Yes 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
Yes Rocky Shore
Yes Mudflat

BOATING FACILITIES

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

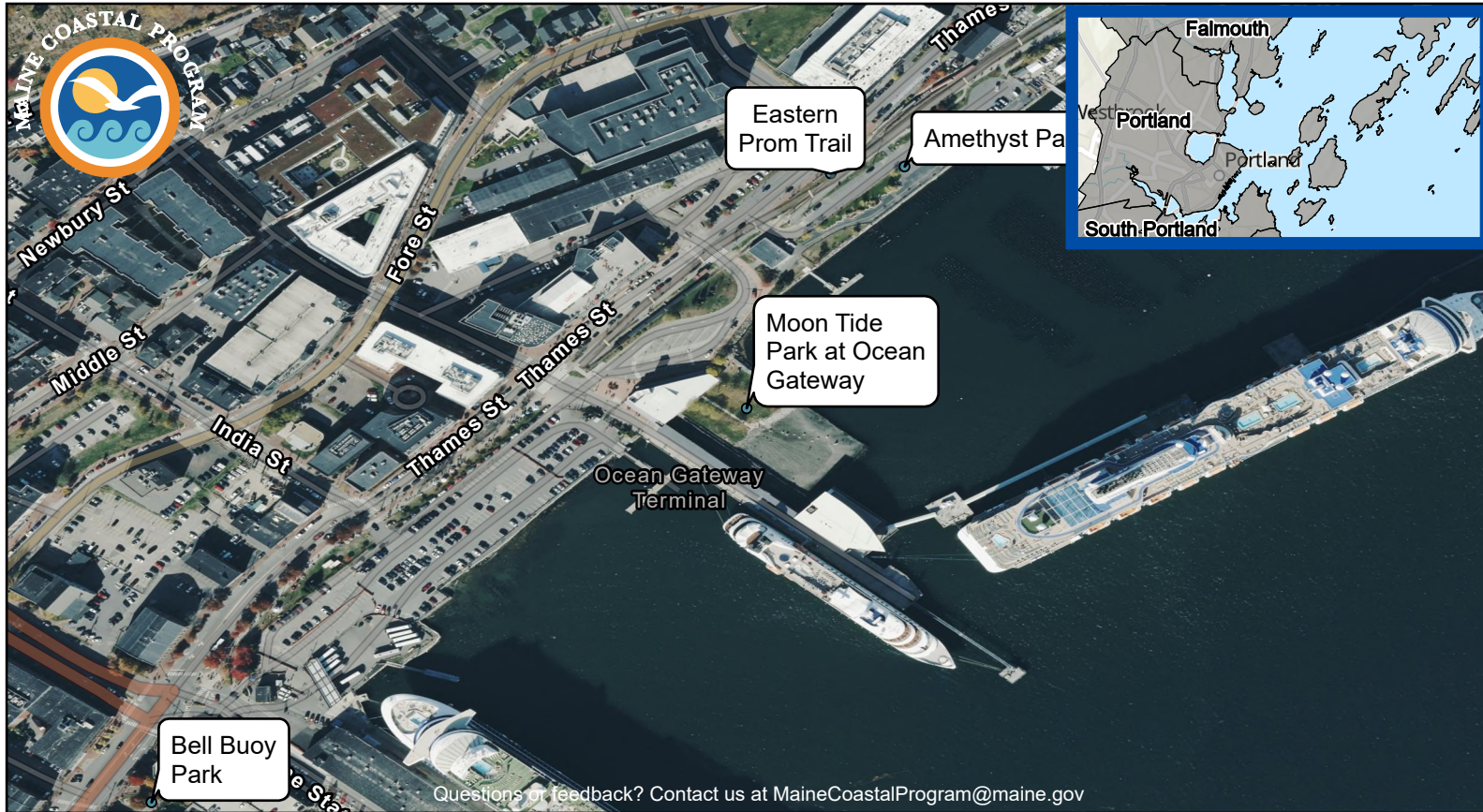
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Moon Tide Park at Ocean Gateway, Portland

Lat/Long: 43.6598, -70.2459



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SITE DESCRIPTION

Architects designed Ocean Gateway (a terminal in Portland Harbor for ferries and cruise ships) to resemble the prow of a ship; the sleek building overlooks a park, pier and inner harbor waterfront. The park is not well signed, but it is an inviting space with benches, trees and lawns, all of which lead to a high berm along the water. Portland's restaurants and shops can be found farther east on Commercial St. Dogs must be leashed. There is minimal parking in a small lot; more parking is available in city garages or at on-street meters. Year-round restrooms can be found on-site.



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PARKING

- 0 Cars
- 0 Trailers
- 0 Handicap

ACTIVITIES AND AMENITIES

- Yes 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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Portland Pier, Portland

Lat/Long: 43.6549, -70.2497



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SITE DESCRIPTION

This pier provides excellent views of Portland Harbor. Although it is primarily used by Portland's commercial fishing industry, the public can access a right-of-way that leads to the end of the pier. Public visitors are asked to be mindful of those who work on the pier and to avoid taking up too much space. A restaurant can be found at the end of the pier, while some parking is available on the wharf and more can be found on side streets in the Old Port or in nearby parking garages.

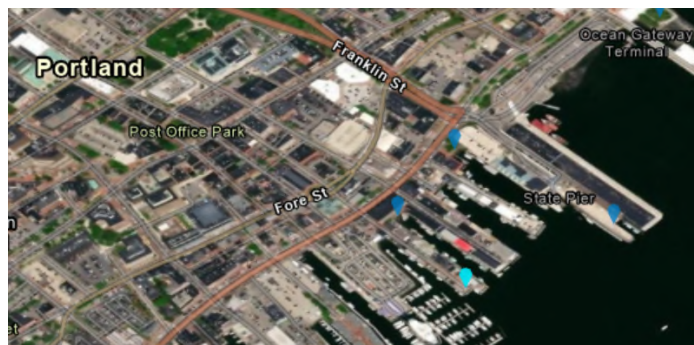


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PARKING

- 0 Cars
- 0 Trailers
- 0 Handicap

ACTIVITIES AND AMENITIES

- No Restrooms
- Yes Dogs Allowed
- No Swimming (Seasonal Lifeguard)
- No Swimming (No Lifeguard)
- 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
- 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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Presumpscot River Preserve, Portland

Lat/Long: 43.7218, -70.2785



SITE DESCRIPTION

This beautiful preserve offers well maintained paths and clear signage on 48 wooded acres. The trail starts in a residential neighborhood and follows a deep ravine into dense vegetation. The trail is occasionally very steep; boardwalks and bridges cross wet areas. At the Presumpscot, signs direct visitors either up or downstream with both directions offering spectacular views, rugged rock outcrops and lush vegetation. Downstream, on property protected by the Falmouth Conservation Trust, the trail goes to Presumpscot Falls, where a marked portage directs boaters around a small gorge and swift rapids flowing into salt water. Upstream, the trail offers short loops in wooded uplands but essentially follows the river's edge until crossing under the highway overpass. The preserve is popular with joggers, hikers and mountain bikers. Several smooth ledges that extend into the river invite quiet contemplation. Visitors should respect abutting private property and obey all signs. Park at the end of the street, as signs indicate.

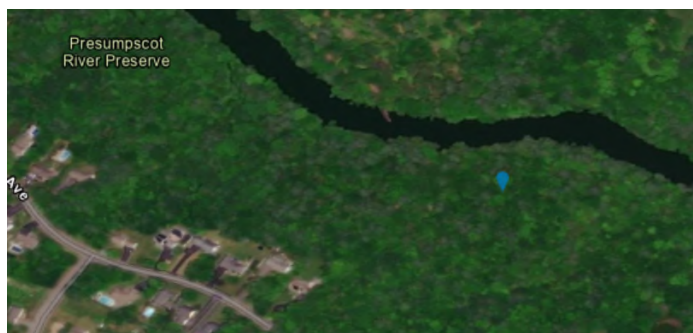


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PARKING

1-5 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

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

BOATING FACILITIES

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

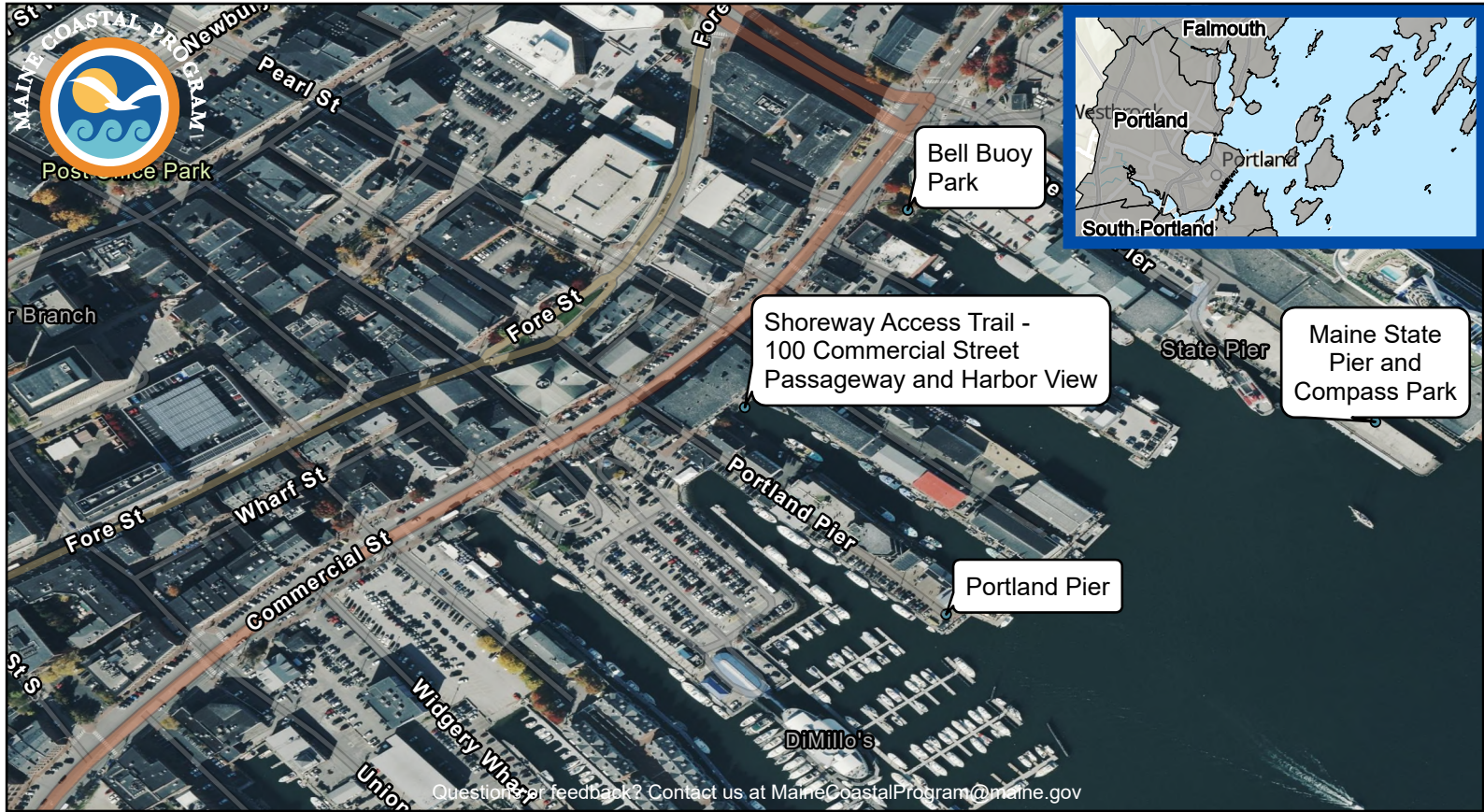
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Shoreway Access Trail - 100 Commercial Street Passageway and Harbor View, Portland

Lat/Long: 43.6563, -70.2509



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SITE DESCRIPTION

This short walkway allows pedestrians view the water between Portland Pier and the Custom House Wharf. The walkway crosses behind the large building at 100 Commercial Street, allowing pedestrians to see the commercial boats moored along both wharves and escape the busyness of Commercial Street. Parking can be found on side streets in the Old Port or in nearby parking garages.

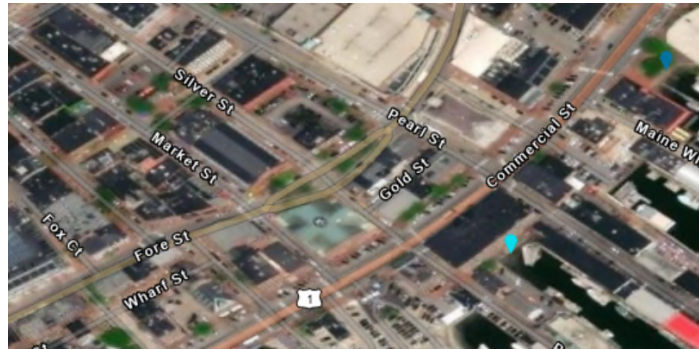


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PARKING

- 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
- Yes 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
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Veranda Street Green Space, Portland

Lat/Long: 43.6860, -70.2515



SITE DESCRIPTION

This small park was created during the replacement of two nearby bridges on Interstate 295. The park provides excellent views of Casco Bay and Portland. Parking is available on the side of the road, although no other improvements have been made to the site.



Photo Credit: Brittney Nickerson

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
- No Harbor
- No Salt Marsh
- No Tidal River
- No Rocky Shore
- Yes Mudflat

BOATING FACILITIES

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