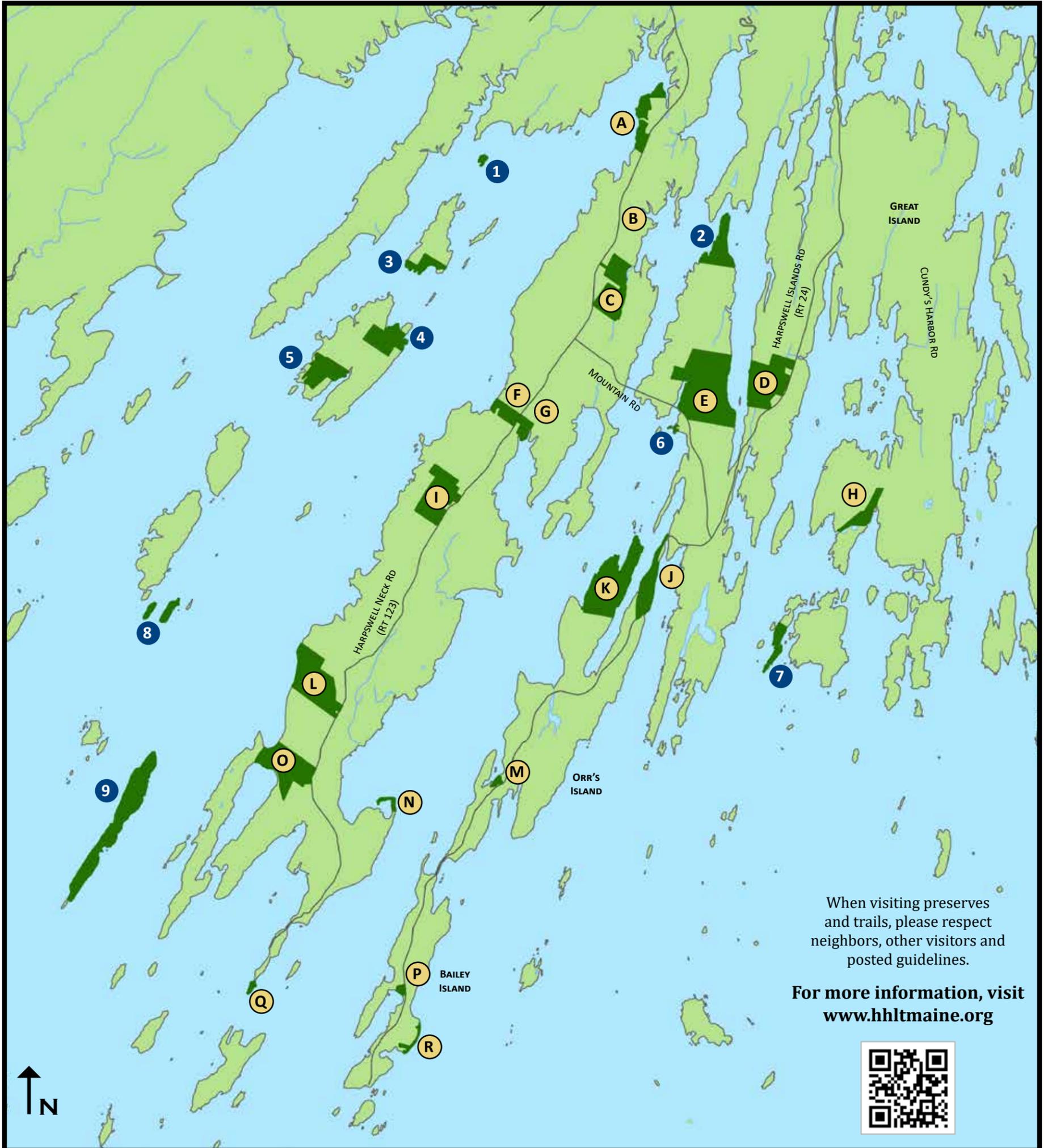


# GET OUTDOORS IN HARPSWELL



## Access by Water Only

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|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. Crow Island Preserve            | 6. Strawberry Creek Preserve       |
| 2. Doughty Point & Island Preserve | 7. Little Yarmouth Island Preserve |
| 3. White Island Preserve           | 8. The Goslings*                   |
| 4. Helen & Walter Norton Preserve  | 9. Whaleboat Island*               |
| 5. Birch Island South              |                                    |

\*Maine Coast Heritage Trust

## Access by Land

- A. Skolfield Shores Preserve
- B. Harpswell Heritage Land Trust Office
- C. Otter Brook Preserve
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- E. Cliff Trail\*
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- G. Widgeon Cove Trail
- H. Little Ponds Preserve
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\*Town of Harpswell



# EXPLORE HARPSWELL



## Cliff Trail

Town of Harpswell

This rugged 2.3-mile trail includes a shore walk along tidal Strawberry Creek, spectacular views from 150-foot cliffs overlooking Long Reach and fairy house zones for play and creativity.

*Directions: The trailhead is in the back parking lot at the Harpswell Town Office, 263 Mountain Rd.*

## Curtis Farm Preserve

Harpowell Heritage Land Trust

This preserve includes nearly 2,000 feet of shoreline on both Curtis Cove and Basin Cove, gravel beaches, a freshwater pond, a field, forest, freshwater wetlands and intertidal mud flats for shellfish and wildlife nursery areas. The 1.25-mile trail system takes visitors to field, forest and shore, with scenic views along the way. An accessible picnic area provides a place for relaxation on Basin Cove.

*Directions: There are two access points to the preserve. For the upland access, from the intersection of Rt 123 and Bath Rd at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, follow Rt 123 south for 11.4 miles. The parking lot is in a field on the right. For the shore access, follow Rt 123 south another .2 miles and then turn right on Ash Point Rd. Take your first right on Basin Point Rd and drive .5 miles to a parking lot on the right.*



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## Devil's Back Trails

Town of Harpswell

The Devil's Back Trails provide two lovely walks on the east and west side of the road through woods and along rocky shoreline. Be on the lookout for osprey in large stick nests and seals sunning on rocks.

*Directions: From Cook's Corner in Brunswick, follow Rt 24 south for 9.4 miles. Soon after crossing onto Orr's Island, look for a parking lot on the left.*

## Giant's Stairs Trail & McIntosh Lot Preserve

Town of Harpswell

Harpowell Heritage Land Trust

For dramatic coastal scenery in Harpswell, nothing beats the Giant's Stairs. Named for its interesting geologic history, the Giant's Stairs Trail follows the rocky coastline with gorgeous views of eastern Casco Bay and crashing waves glinting in the sunlight.

*Directions: From Cook's Corner in Brunswick, follow Rt 24 south for 14.5 miles, crossing the Cribstone Bridge. Turn left on Washington Ave. Park at the Episcopal Chapel (except during services) or in the designated parking spots along Washington Ave.*

## Hackett & Minot Trails

Harpowell Heritage Land Trust

The Hackett and Minot Trails take visitors through a verdant, mossy forest and to a vernal pool. Visible to the west of Harpswell Neck Rd, this property complements Harpswell's historic center, which includes the 1757 Meeting House, the 1842 Elijah Kellogg Church, the 1876 Centennial Hall and the 1783 Tarr-Eaton House, which is protected with a historic preservation easement.

*Directions: From the intersection of Rt 123 and Bath Rd at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, follow Rt 123 south for 8.4 miles. Park at the Harpswell Historical Society on the left. Cross the road and walk down private Littlefield Road until you see signs for the trail.*



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## Houghton Graves Park

Harpowell Heritage Land Trust

Located in the middle of Orr's Island village, Houghton Graves Park provides visitors with mown grassy paths, picnic tables, views of beautiful Beal's Cove on Harpswell Sound and access to the muddy shoreline. This three-acre "pocket park" is a great place to spend a few minutes, or a few hours.

*Directions: From Cook's Corner in Brunswick, follow Rt 24 south for 11.9 miles. Just past the Orr's Island Library, the park is on the right, opposite Lowell's Cove Rd. Park by the side of the road. Follow the trail between the rail fence and the marsh.*

## Johnson Field Preserve & Mackerel Cove Lot

Harpowell Heritage Land Trust

Town of Harpswell

The open field at the head of Mackerel Cove has been a Bailey Island landmark for generations. Overlooking one of Maine's most scenic working harbors, Johnson Field offers a great place to swim, explore the beach or have a picnic. The Town-owned Mackerel Cove Lot is located next to Johnson Field.

*Directions: From Cook's Corner in Brunswick, follow Rt 24 south for 14.2 miles. The field comes into view at the intersection with Abner Point Rd. Turn right on Abner Point Rd and left into a parking lot.*

## Little Ponds Preserve

Harpowell Heritage Land Trust

This Cundy's Harbor area preserve features parts of two freshwater ponds and surrounding woods. A 1/4-mile loop trail offers an easy walk through a peaceful forest with views of a cattail marsh.

*Directions: From Cook's Corner in Brunswick, follow Rt 24 south for 4.1 miles. Turn left onto Cundy's Harbor Rd. In 3 miles, turn right onto Bethel Point Rd. Drive one mile to a parking lot on the right.*



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## Long Reach Preserve

Harpowell Heritage Land Trust

This preserve is part of more than 500 acres of uninterrupted conserved land, which provides habitat for wildlife and public access to the woods and waters of Harpswell. A 1.5-mile loop trail winds through different forest types, passes a peat bog nestled between two prominent bedrock ridges and finally descends to the shores of Long Reach.

*Directions: From Cook's Corner in Brunswick, follow Rt 24 south for 6.8 mi. The preserve shares a parking lot with the Trufant-Summerton Ball Field. The trailhead is to the right as you enter the parking lot.*



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## Mitchell Field

Town of Harpswell

This Town-owned property offers a variety of recreational offerings with several miles of paved and gravel paths, a beach, a bandstand that hosts outdoor concerts and the Harpswell Community Garden. It's a great place for walking, bicycling, swimming, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, picnicking and much more.

*Directions: From the intersection of Rt 123 and Bath Rd at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, follow Rt 123 south for 11 miles. Look for a sign on the right.*

## Otter Brook Preserve

Harpowell Heritage Land Trust

All-season trails meander through the forest and provide 1.5 miles of pleasant walking, cross country skiing and snowshoeing. Visitors here enjoy quiet woods trails and glimpses of the brook and the wildlife that rely on it, including great blue herons, ducks and dragonflies.

*Directions: From the intersection of Rt 123 and Bath Rd at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, follow Rt 123 south 6.1 miles to a parking lot on the left.*

## Potts Point Preserve

Harpowell Heritage Land Trust

If you love exploring the ocean shoreline, this tiny preserve has just about everything you could want. There are extensive tide pools teeming with life, a gravel beach and dramatic views of Casco Bay islands.

*Directions: From the intersection of Rt 123 and Bath Rd at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, follow Rt 123 south 13.9 miles to its end. Park by the side of the road. Walk along private Potts Point Rd to the preserve.*



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## Schiller Coastal Studies Center

Bowdoin College

Bowdoin College's Schiller Coastal Studies Center provides lovely coastal walking trails. A fine old farm with 2.5 miles of coastline, 3.6 miles of trails and a variety of habitats, it offers great views of Long Cove and Harpswell Sound and opportunities to go for a walk, view wildlife and explore the rocky shore.

*Directions: From Cook's Corner in Brunswick, follow Rt 24 south for 10.7 miles. Turn right onto Bayview Rd and drive for 1 mile to a kiosk on the right.*

## Skolfield Shores Preserve

Harpowell Heritage Land Trust

Two trail loops, for a total of one mile, wind through varied forest habitat and provide views of the cove, the saltwater marsh separating Brunswick and Harpswell and the fields of historic Merruconeegan Farm. A spur trail leads to a historic boathouse at the shore.

*Directions: From the intersection of Rt 123 and Bath Rd at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, follow Rt 123 south for 4.6 miles. Turn right into Skolfield Place and then take an immediate left into the parking lot for the preserve.*

## Stover's Point Preserve

Harpowell Heritage Land Trust

Stover's Point Preserve is a small gravel sandbar that wraps itself around a sensitive salt marsh. The public is welcome to enjoy the peaceful beauty of the preserve. Please help us protect this habitat by staying off the marsh grass and following posted guidelines. Bring water shoes to protect your feet from numerous barnacles.

*Directions: From the intersection of Rt 123 and Bath Rd at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, follow Rt 123 south for 12.2 miles. Turn left on Stover's Cove Rd. Take your first right on Stover's Point Rd. Veer left. Stay straight and follow the road as it curves to the right. Take a left on a gravel road. Being very careful of the undercarriage of your car, drive onto the beach. Please park on gravel surfaces only.*

## Widgeon Cove Trail

Harpowell Heritage Land Trust

This half-mile loop trail is the perfect way to take in beautiful Widgeon Cove on Harpswell Sound. The path winds through woodlands, along ravines and to wonderful views of the cove.

*Directions: From the intersection of Rt 123 and Bath Rd at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, follow Rt 123 south for 7.4 miles. Immediately after the Wilson's Cove Trail parking lot on the right, look for the Widgeon Cove Trail parking lot on the left.*



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## Wilson's Cove Trail

Harpowell Heritage Land Trust

This short out-and-back trail brings hikers to a cliff overlooking Wilson's Cove with impressive views up and down Middle Bay and across to Birch Island. The end of the trail provides a quiet place to take in the water, land and sky.

*Directions: From the intersection of Rt 123 and Bath Rd at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, follow Rt 123 south for 7.4 miles. Look for a small parking lot and sign on the right.*

For information about trails and preserves in Harpswell, events and programs for all ages, membership, volunteering and more, visit [www.hhltmaine.org](http://www.hhltmaine.org).