

## About this Preserve

Donated to the Pemaquid Watershed Association by Allison Bearce Allen in 1991, the Bearce-Allen Preserve consists of 40 diverse forested acres with 3 trails and a rich history.

The area was used as a tannery from the 1820s to the 1890s. The red house to the left of the kiosk was the tannery office and is one of the oldest houses in Bristol, dating from the 1780s. The preserve was planted to a white pine tree farm during the 1940s, and these same pines now can be seen via the green and blue trails. In 1953, a forest fire swept through eastern parts of Bristol. The edge of this burn area can be seen at the point the yellow trail splits into the loop. The dominant vegetation type in the burned area is gray birch, and, in the non-burned area, red oak/Eastern white pine forest and red maple swamp.

The 3 trails total just over one mile, and an informational kiosk is established at the trail head. The preserve is open to the public during the day for low-impact recreational use and hunting in season.

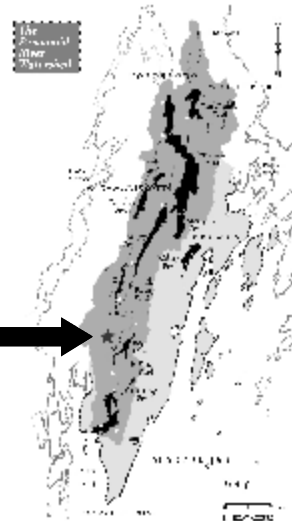
The property is held in conservation easement by the Damariscotta River Association.



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## Directions

From Damariscotta, take the Bristol Road (Route 130) 7.1 miles to Sproul Hill Rd. Make a left on to Sproul Hill Rd and travel 0.2 miles; then turn right on to Austin Road.



The preserve and trail head are on the left, with a small pullout for parking on the right.

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# BEARCE-ALLEN NATURE PRESERVE



Bristol, Maine



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## Enjoy Your Visit!

- ✓ Visitors are welcome to enjoy this preserve during daylight hours for hiking, skiing, hunting in season and other low impact uses.
- ✓ Please sign in at the kiosk.
- ✓ Well behaved dogs on leash are permitted.
- ✓ Motorized vehicles are prohibited.
- ✓ Please stay on preserve property – Do not cross any unmarked stone walls or go beyond preserve boundary markers.
- ✓ **Leave No Trace:** carry out what you bring in.
- ✓ Return this brochure to the kiosk so someone else can use it.
- ✓ Pick up a PWA brochure at the kiosk and join us!

## What's New at the Bearce-Allen Preserve...

As you meander through the preserve, you may notice trees that are marked with paint. In 2007, PWA completed a comprehensive resource stewardship plan for this preserve. As recommended by that plan, PWA may conduct a timber harvest in the future for purposes of forest health.

**Please note that the Bearce-Allen Preserve is open for hunting in season – Hikers are encouraged to be aware of hunting seasons and to wear blaze orange or other brightly colored clothing for safety.**

