

## About this Preserve

The Crooked Farm Preserve was established in 2002 as a result of a community partnership among the Crook family, the Carpenter's Boat Shop, Pemaquid Watershed Association (PWA), and Damariscotta River Association (DRA), along with the financial support of the local community and funding from the Land for Maine's Future Program with the Maine Department of Conservation. The preserve is owned by PWA and is held in conservation easement by and co-managed with DRA.

Crooked Farm Preserve is open to the public for walking, boating, hunting and fishing with nearly 130 acres of forest, wetlands, and open fields, complete with high knolls and ravines. Its gravel streambeds are spawning habitat for game fish, and its wetlands provide edge habitat favored by moose, white-tailed deer, mink, raccoon, fisher, fox, and otter.

In addition to its wildlife and open space values, Crooked Farm Preserve features about 1.25 miles of Pemaquid River shoreline.



# CROOKED FARM PRESERVE

Bristol, Maine

## Trail Guide



Photo by Michael Richards

This preserve is co-managed by Damariscotta River Association & Pemaquid Watershed Association

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Please follow these policies & enjoy your visit:

Preserve open only during daylight hours for hiking & other low-impact uses

Sign in at the kiosk

No motorized recreational vehicles

Well behaved dogs on leash are permitted

No overnight camping or fires

Fishing is allowed in season

Hunting is allowed during season & hikers should be aware of hunting seasons and wear blaze orange for safety

Stay on trails & respect private property; do not go beyond preserve boundary markers

Leave No Trace: carry out what you bring in

Join PWA with a supporting membership or donation. Thank you!

Pemaquid Watershed Association is a 501(c)(3) charitable nonprofit organization dedicated to conserving the natural resources of the Pemaquid Peninsula of Maine through land and water stewardship and education.





## The Trails

The 3-mile trail system at this preserve is designed to afford the maximum amount of appreciation of the natural, forever-wild setting with the least possible damage to the environment.

For those walking the entire loop of the Crook Trail, the recommended route, after crossing the field, is to enter the pine woods to the upland section, where one will find a wide variety of natural habitat, including moss and lichen sections where deer browse.

The descent to the river brings one to the junction of the Boyd Pond Trail, a 10-minute walk to the pond. A clearing and flat rocks provide an expansive view and resting point. The Crook Trail continues along the river, skirting the marshes that, at the start, reach inland for nearly 100 yards. Rich mosses and a variety of ferns attest to the constant dampness of this area.

Bridging crosses the wettest sections, protecting both the walker and the fragile terrain. A grove of ferns and birches is particularly noteworthy. As the trail nears the river, one may spot ducks, great blue herons, eagles, and beavers.

After re-crossing the field, hikers can take the Pine Loop Trail to a grove of large white pines. The trails frequently cross old stone walls that attest to the preserve's former life as a farm with open fields.

### Directions

From Damariscotta, take Bristol Rd (State Rt. 130) 9.9 miles to Old County Road at the Bristol Library. Turn left on Old County Road and travel 0.8 miles & take a left into the preserve parking area.

