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# Directions

Take High Street from Bath (Rt 1), 2.4 miles to Campbell Pond Road, after 2.2 miles turn right onto Birch Point Road. Parking is along the roadside 1 mile down on the left.

GPS Latitude/Longitude:  
N43° 50.386min. W069° 51.368min.

# Green Point Preserve

Birch Point Road  
West Bath, Maine



Dedicated to conservation of the natural, historic, scenic, cultural and agricultural resources of the Kennebec Estuary

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# Welcome

The 45-acre Preserve is open free of charge to the public from dawn to dusk. Help us protect what you have come to enjoy. Natural areas are delicate; foot traffic only, stay on trails; no camping, fires or motorized vehicles. Dogs must be on leash, and please clean up after your pet. Enjoy your visit!

# Ecology

The property is on the deep water shore of Winnegance Bay at Green Point. The wooded upland is primarily spruce-pine, with hardwood sections on the southern point. A ridge runs north-south along the center of the property. There are lovely rocky outcrops and views of Winnegance Bay, down the New Meadows River toward Cundy's Harbor in Harpswell.

Access to the preserve is by deeded right of way from Birch Point Road along an old woods road. To the west of the trail is a small stream that drains a wetland into Winnegance Bay. Vernal Pools provide essential breeding ground for fairy shrimp, wood frogs and salamanders.

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# Wildlife

Well managed conservation land provides wonderful habitat for a variety of species. Some that you may see at the preserve are:

**Bald eagles** and **osprey** are often seen flying and catching fish at the end of the point.

Insects and plant material are the main sources of food for the **downy woodpecker**. Deciduous forests are their native habitats and they take 1-3 weeks to build nests in dead trees or dead parts of live trees. The soft wood makes excavating easier.

The **wild turkey** is one of only two domesticated birds originating in the New World. They reside in hardwood forests and feed on acorns, nuts, seeds and salamanders; nesting in a depression of leaves on the ground.

The **red squirrel** feeds on insects, seeds and pine cones. They are most active in the early morning and late afternoon and especially enjoy drinking sap from maple trees.

**White Tailed Deer** are tan in the summer and a gray-brown in the winter. They are herbivores and are able to run up to 30 miles an hour. Fawns are redish at birth (May) with white spots.

**Moose** have been seen browsing on grasses grass, lichen, and plants growing on the forest floor. **Red fox** are present, though rarely seen in the day and once in a while a **coyote** is heard howling.

# History

The Abenaki Indians lived, hunted, fished and stewarded this region for many years before white settlement.

At the head of Brigham's Cove is the old "Indian Carry Road" where the Native Americans carried their boats across a narrow strip of land to reach Winnegance Creek, and the mighty Kennebec River at Doubling Point. A current resident of Brigham's Cove remembers seeing Native women come into Brigham's Cove to collect grasses for basket making.

**1881** Julia, Mary, and Ellen Woodward sell land to John and Emma Campbell for \$110. The Woodwards were a farming family and lived in Brunswick.

**1958** Florence Campbell, daughter of John and Emma, sells the land to Olive Boyd Guild.

**1960s** After lengthy negotiation, Florence's sister sells her portion of land to Olive Guild, doubling the property size.

1974 Eastham Guild inherits the land from his mother, Olive B. Guild. Eastham was married to Mary Newall, whose father was the head of BIW from 1928-1950.

1985 Mr. Guild receives an assignable right of way from Birch Point Road to the property from his dear family friend, John G. Morse, Jr.

December 4, 2004 Eastham Guild, Jr. grants the property to the Land Trust.

Mr. Guild used his property as a place to keep in touch with nature. It was his desire to keep the land undeveloped for locals to enjoy.

August 3, 2009 Opening ceremonies are held at the preserve with neighbors and the Guild family.