



Georgetown Open Space

A GUIDE TO
WALKING AND HIKING TRAILS
IN GEORGETOWN, MAINE

Compliments of the
Georgetown Conservation Commission

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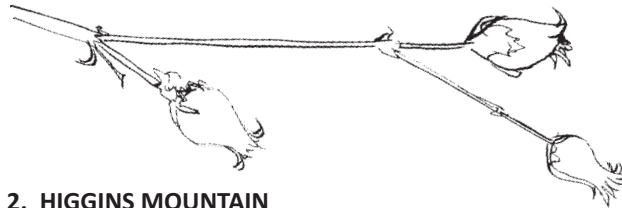
1. FLYING POINT

Trail Length: 0.8 miles, Moderate with hills
The Nature Conservancy

DIRECTIONS: From Route 127, take Robinhood Road. Proceed about 0.5 miles and turn left on Flying Point Road, keep left at Jamison Way. At the end of the road there is a small parking lot for about 4 cars on the left just before the marsh. Don't drive across the marsh as there is no parking or turning on the other side. The path is unpaved road.

HISTORY: Flying Point Preserve was donated to The Nature Conservancy in 1995 by Ken Olsen. The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife holds a conservation easement on the preserve. Flying Point Preserve protects almost 4.5 miles of tidal salt marsh and mudflats along the shoreline of the Back River and Hall Bay and is primarily forested with oak-pine, pitch pine, and coastal spruce-fir.

* No dogs allowed



2. HIGGINS MOUNTAIN

Trail Length: 1.1 miles, Difficult, Steep on rock faces
Kennebec Estuary Land Trust

DIRECTIONS: The trail head is located at the kiosk on Route 127, around the corner from the cemetery.

This is a steep, elevated loop path that, when the trees are not in leaf, has views of the ocean and the entrance to the Sheepscot River. The path at the top is across rock ledge and is blazed with small piles of stone leading to the path down.

HISTORY: This preserve was donated by Mrs. Billie Todd from land that had been in her late husband William Todd's family since 1850. At 250 feet above sea level, Higgins Mountain is the highest point in Georgetown. It is a habitat to a vigorous stand of broom crowberry, designated a rare plant. Also on the mountain is a pitch pine woodland, ranked rare in the state.

* No dogs allowed

3. IPCAR NATURAL PRESERVE

Trail length 0.75 miles, Moderate with hills
Town of Georgetown

DIRECTIONS: From Route 127, use the upper parking lot in Five Islands, on the left before the wharf. At the far end is the trailhead. The trail is steep in parts, requiring vigorous walking.

HISTORY: In 1973 Adolph Ipcar, then chair of the Conservation Commission, approached Maude Steussey to purchase the wharf at Five Islands then rented by the town for commercial and public use. This purchase included 30 acres in two undeveloped parcels in Five Islands. Mr. Ipcar successfully spear-headed fundraising efforts and acquired Ford and Federal Grants to complete the purchase for the town.

* Leashed dogs allowed

4. JOSEPHINE NEWMAN SANCTUARY

Trail Length: 2.6 miles, all 3 trails, Easy to moderate
Maine Audubon Society

DIRECTIONS: From Route 127 in Georgetown Center turn right at the sign for the sanctuary, shortly after crossing the first bridge on Robinhood Cove. Drive a short distance to a small parking lot.

HISTORY: Josephine Newman, born in 1878 to a Georgetown native, spent most of her life exploring the shores of Robinhood Cove. Through her work she discovered at least one new species of moss in Maine. In 1968 she willed 119 acres to the Maine Audubon Society that publishes a Guide to the Natural Communities of the sanctuary.

* No dogs allowed

5. LEDGEWOOD PRESERVE

Trail length: 0.4 miles, Easy to moderate
The Nature Conservancy

DIRECTIONS: From Route 127 in Five Islands, turn right on Ledgemere Road. Proceed to the gate. There are 3 parking spaces at the gate. The entire trail is the paved road which ends at the stone gate. It is a wooded trail, with views of the southern approach to Five Islands, the back side of Mink Island, the southern tip of Southport Island, and the entrance to the Sheepscot River.