Downeast Region

Directions
In East Machias, turn right onto Route 191 and proceed 16.9 miles (3 miles past Cutler village) to the trailhead and parking area marked by a Maine Public Land sign.
From Lubec, take Route 189 to Route 191. Turn left and travel 10 miles to the parking area/trailhead. Parking is limited to 20 cars.

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Guide & Map

Cutler Coast Public Land

Overview
Cutler Coast Public Land offers a taste of wilderness along Maine’s coast in a 12,234-acre expanse of blueberry barrens, woodlands and peatlands, plus 4.5 miles of headlands interlaced by pocket coves and cobbles beaches overlooking the Bay of Fundy. Ten miles of trails, five remote tent sites, and spectacular views from the property’s steep cliffs—part of the dramatic “Bold Coast” that extends from Cutler to Lubec—await.

Wildlife Watching: Birders have recorded nearly 200 species on or near the Cutler Coast. According to www.mainebirding-trail.com, warblers, chickadees, golden-crowned kinglets and six species of owls frequent the woods, while seabirds and ra

Services & Facilities

• 20-car parking lot
• 10 miles of hiking trails
• 5 primitive campsites with pit toilets: 3 at Fairy Head and one each at Black Point Cove and Long Point Cove. Camping is only allowed at these five sites which are first-come, first-served with no reservations. A log-in book is at the trailhead.

Some timber is harvested to generate revenues for property stewardship. Potential harvest areas at Cutler lie northwest of Route 191 and are clearly signed if active. The Bureau’s forest practices are third-party certified by two independent standards: the Forest Stewardship Council® and the Sustainable Forestry Initiative®.

Property History

The igneous bedrock visible along the Cutler Coast (some of it in hexagonal columns of basalt) was deposited in the Silurian Age, roughly 420 million years ago, through a series of volcanic eruptions and intrusions of magma into existing rock. Much of the coastal land represents a plateau, sitting roughly 200 feet above sea level, that rebounded after the last glacial retreat (about 12,000 years ago).

An archaeological excavation in 1934 turned up stone tools and fire-cracked rocks, evidence that Native Americans used this coastline for centuries. European explorers first arrived around 1605, followed by settlers around 1785. The settlers, while few in number, harvested much of the region’s valuable timber and erected a sawmill. Major fires in 1851 and 1854 created the extensive grassland “barrens” that dominate the property’s northern portion today. Following the fires, the mill was replaced by a dairy farm and—in 1881—a short-lived cheese factory. The stonewalls and cellar holes still evident on the land date back to this brief agrarian period.


Recreational Trails Program: This brochure was made possible in part by funding assistance through the Federal Highway Administration’s Recreational Trails Program (RTP), administered by the Maine Bureau of Parks and Lands.
**Visitor Rules**

**Trails**
- Please stay on trail at all times to protect fragile ecosystems. The hiking trails and campsites are all within an Ecological Reserve.
- Only at the five designated sites. Each site is not to exceed 6 campers.
- Campfires are prohibited.
- Check the logbook at the trailhead to see if sites are full.
- A forested path through a cedar swamp and maritime spruce-fir forest to a promontory overlooking the ocean. This is the easiest trail segment: the remainder of the Coastal Trail is moderately difficult.
- Black Point Brook Loop (6.65 miles roundtrip, allow 5-6 hours)
- Wildwood trails and rocky cliff-side hiking lead to a small cobble beach at Black Point Cove (accessible via a log ladder). The return route, via the Inland Trail, is somewhat rocky but over fairly gentle terrain.
- **Campfires** are permitted on the Cutler Coast Public Lands but take extra care in wet or icy conditions.

**Camping**
- Abandoned
- Property of any personal property left unattended for more than 3 days (unless advance written permission is given).
- Firearms
- ATVs
- Campers may not exceed a 14-day stay in a campsite, or parking area, marked hiking trail.
- **Campsites**
  - Are 3-5 miles from the parking lot within the Coastal Section of Cutler Coast. Coordinates are provided on the map. Sign-in at trailhead.
  - No more than 6 people per campsite.
  - Campfires are prohibited.
  - Carry in food, water and camp stoves
  - Each campsite has a privy style toilet.
  -，请stay on trail and within designated campsites in this unique Ecological Reserve.

**When to Visit**

* Cutler Coast Public Land is open year-round but take extra care in wet or icy conditions.

**Coastal Section** (SE of Route 191)
- This section offers hiking trips from 3-10 miles through the Ecological Reserve; please stay on trail. Wear sturdy footwear and take care near cliffs, particularly in damp and slippery conditions. Trail times are estimates and assume a leisurely pace in good conditions with brief stops. Five campers are located in this section of Cutler Coast.
- **Black Point Loop** trail meanders from the parking area to Black Point Cove, which is accessible by traveling through an open meadow and forest, continuing north toward the ocean. Black Point Loop Trail is about 2.7 miles long. Hikers can enjoy the water and coastal views at Black Point Brook (0.25 miles roundtrip, allow 3-4 hours).
- **Inland Trail** is somewhat rocky but over fairly gentle terrain. Black Point Loop Trail (10.35 miles roundtrip, allow 7-8 hours)
- Provides the most extensive shorefront hiking with 5.8 miles along the ocean. At Fairy Head, the trail turns inland through open meadows and forest, passing by a freshwater grass marsh and large beaver pond.
- The forested northern portion of the property offers 19.5 miles of shared-use roads and designated ATV trails, many of them maintained by the East Stream Trail Riders ATV Club. A portion of this system passes through the Ecological Reserve. Please remain on the trail to protect the Reserve grasslands and fragile peat bog ecosystems.

**Forested Section** (NW of Route 191)
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**Container Interval:** 20 ft

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