



Islands Open to the Public (State, MITA, Trusts, and Private)

*Maine BPL (Bureau of Public Lands) is the state agency managing the undeveloped public islands, including those stewarded by the Maine Island Trail Association. Other islands listed are **privately owned or owned by trusts**. Please respect all restrictions. Fires allowed only with permit. Permits can be obtained from the Maine Forest Service in Old Town at 800-750-9777.*

*Please camp responsibly and practice “**LEAVE NO TRACE**” principles.*

OQOA will accept all garbage you collect on the islands as well as your human waste.

State Owned Islands (BPL)

APPLE – Located in Fish Creek NW of Campbell Island. 1/2 acre (4 campers, one tent). The channel to Apple Island becomes a mudflat at mid-tide, so use caution.

DOLIVER - Located on NW corner of York Island. One acre. Can be too open for camping if it is windy. There are no trees. (4 campers).

HARBOR - Just off Merchant's Island. 7 acres (18 campers - S. meadow, 8 campers; NE woods, 6 campers, E point, 4 campers). Heavily used during the season.

HELL'S HALF ACRE- Located 1 mile due south of Old Quarry. 2 acres (14 campers). Most popular island used. Watch for raccoons around your food. 2 tent platforms at the West end of the island – **Please** use these platforms when available.

LITTLE HOG - East end of Eggemoggin Reach, near Hog Island. 1/3 acre (4 campers, single campsite). Heavy seasonal use.

LITTLE SHEEP - Near Sheep Island. 1/2 acre (4 campers). Fragile vegetation. Good beaches for landing.

POTATO - NE of Stinson Neck (not the one near St. Helena). 1/2 acre (6 campers). Good starting point for Blue Hill Bay. Use care when climbing banks. Heavy seasonal use.

SELLERS – East end of Eggemoggin Reach. 3/4 acre (8 campers). Heavy seasonal use.

STEVE'S – West of Wreck Island, 1 1/2 acres (10 campers). Best for small groups, and often crowded. Easy access. Heavily used in the high season.

WEIR – Close to shore west of Moose Island, 1/2 acre (5 campers). Camping on the SE corner.

WHEAT- North end of Isle au Haut, next to Burnt, 2 acres (10 campers). Heavy seasonal use.

CROW – Next to Bradbury nice small island, day use.

SHIVERS - Tiny island just east of Hell's Half Acre. Just enough room for one small 2 person tent.

Islands Owned or Stewarded by the Maine Coast Heritage Trust (MCHT)

Contact MCHT at 207-244-5100 for camping on the islands where camping is allowed. Permission is required for groups greater than 6 or more people and for commercial outfitters, guides etc. Campfires are allowed with a permit from the local fire chief. Fires must be on the beach and below high water. Leave no fire unattended.. Do not cut dead or live branches. Cook stoves are allowed as well. There is a two night limit for camping. Pets must be under control.

NATHAN – Located on the southern tip of Merchant Island. Camping allowed. The best area is the northeast side. Landing is a sand beach.

THE FORT- Located on the west end of the Deer Isle Thoroughfare, north side. Day use only.

GREEN – Located in the archipelago. Landing is inside the long granite dock. Land your kayaks inside and past the dock. Awesome freshwater quarry for swimming. Day use only. New trail from ladder on dock to pond.

POND – Located in Eastern Penobscot Bay on the western side of Little Deer Island. Camping at south end of the beach in forested area. Mosquitoes can be a problem. Nice beach, beautiful spot.

TINKER – Large island in Blue Hill Bay with two campsites. One site is on the western side at Sand Point. Cleared and level area for tents, not much use. Second site is on the Northeast side. It has a flat area with cobbled beach.

EASTERN MARK – Located on the east side of the archipelago. Heron rookery, do not disturb. Island access only after September 1. You may land on the north end. Stay on the ledge and do not venture into the island.

BEAR - Southeast end of Eggemoggin Reach on the Deer Isle side. Between White and Campbell. Day use only.

BILL'S – Located between Isle au Haut and Merchant Island. Day use only.

SAND – Located next to Crotch Island on the south side. Day use only. Sandy beach on the west side.

SADDLEBACK – Located 2+ miles southeast of Old Quarry in the archipelago. Campsite is on the north side in a small cove. There is a grassy area, which can be seen from the water. There is a cabin on the west side, please do not go near it.

Gooseberry – To the South of McGlathery. Day use, may open up for camping. Landing spot on south side.

Little Camp – Next to Camp, South of Russ. Beautiful little beach, no trees. Day use only.

MCHT Islands towards Mount Desert:

Sellers – Northeast end of Eggemoggin Reach. Day use only.

Hog and Little Hog – Northeast end of Eggemoggin Reach. Camping allowed.

Marshall – South of Swan's Island. Two amazing beaches, two great campsites, great hiking trails and a dock.

Great Gott – South of Bass Harbor, 100 acres. Day use only.

Crow Island - Day use only.

Frenchboro - Southeast side of Swan's Island. Day use only. Year-round habitation.

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No fires allowed on any of these islands. Cook stoves are allowed. Mostly DAY USE.

MARK – East of Stonington. Difficult access. Stay away from the fog horn as it can damage your ears. Light on Island

MILLET – Use small beach at NW corner for landing. Access is better at lower tides. Day use.

ROUND – In the Archipelago. East side access. Day use.

WRECK – In the Archipelago. Beach access on south east tip. Trail to the top of the island w/360° view. Day use.

McGLATHERY – In the Archipelago. Nice beach access on east side. Beach on north side as well. Trails. Day use.

POLYPOD – Small island in the inner part of Southeast Harbor (Deer Isle). Very protected paddling area. Day use.

CAMPBELL – Large island on east side of Deer Isle, west side of the Reach. For day use and camping. Two campsites, one on east and one on west side, four people in each site. Please allow the natural vegetation process to go untouched along with several Native American Indian shell heaps.

BRADBURY – Large island hardly ever used located in Penobscot Bay west side of Deer Isle. Day use.

SHEEP – Small island on the west side of Deer Isle. Day use

Maine Island Trail Association (MITA) Stewardship Islands

Members of MITA have made a commitment to active and thoughtful stewardship of the islands that they have the privilege of using. Access to these islands is for the current MITA members only. MITA members may camp on the islands. Membership can be obtained at Old Quarry via fax to MITA.

BUCKLE - Easy access on the South Side. Nice interior campsite. Please don't disturb the shell middens.

BURNT/Merchant Row - Use restricted to the eastern arm (Point Pond). This island has many lovely meadows. Difficult to find the campsite if there is one. **NO FIRES.**

KIMBALL – North of Isle au Haut. Use restricted to NE corner. Camp only in designated areas. **NO FIRES.**

RUSS – Located 0.75 miles SSW of Web Cove. Camping restricted to designated areas at the east end of the island. Lots of raccoons, no other pets allowed. Beautiful views at the top, easy to land in several places. Popular day use.

ROCK - Camping is best on the field facing Stonington. Popular picnic beach for locals. Use as last resort.

SHEEP – East of Old Quarry, next to Little Sheep. Camping limited to the North end of the island. Please be mindful of the wildlife. **NO FIRES.**

SHEEP/Stinson's Neck – Another "Sheep Island" north of the neck. Access permitted on the East side of the island. Please be mindful of the wildlife. Camping is not permitted in the "hub" of the island. **NO FIRES.**

Matinicus – Only for the best of paddlers in good weather. It is about 30 miles out from OQOA. Has a small private campsite.

National Parks

ISLE AU HAUT - Acadia National Park. Camping by permit only. Call in advance (207-288-3338). Duck Harbor on the SW side is a great place to land and explore the island. Pull your boats up on the pebbly beach just in the harbor from the dock.

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