



# UMaine DeMeritt Forest Recreational Trails

## About the DeMeritt Forest

The University Forests office of the University of Maine is responsible for managing the 13,000 acres of forestlands owned statewide by the University of Maine and the University of Maine Foundation. The office also coordinates research activities on the land. The 1,650 acre Dwight B. DeMeritt Forest constitutes the core of the nearly 2,000 acres of University owned forest located immediately adjacent to the University campus in Old Town and Orono.

The DeMeritt Forest has been under management of the Forestry program since 1939. The primary objectives of this forest are Education, Research, and Demonstration. Forestry workshops and demonstrations occur throughout the year. Recurring demonstrations include a maple sugaring operation and a forestry Best Management Practice demonstration area. Public recreational use of this forest is very heavy and diverse.

## Recreational Use of the DeMeritt Forest

The University Forests office encourages non-motorized recreational use. The DeMeritt Forest gets 35,000-50,000 recreational visits annually by people walking, jogging, biking, or skiing on miles of gravel roads and carefully maintained, marked trails. Horseback riding is also allowed along certain roads and trails. The forest has over three miles of frontage on the Stillwater River, providing canoeing, kayaking, fishing, and swimming opportunities.

The University Forests office coordinates with Campus Recreation for recreational use and improvements. Timber harvesting operations in the DeMeritt Forest are concentrated in the winter to help minimize site damage, and typically require the operation of heavy trucks and equipment on skid trails that double as ski trails. Those trails are temporarily closed for forestry operations. Forest visitors are reminded to watch for and heed warning signs to avoid the dangers associated with forestry operations.

The fields adjacent to the cornfield loop trail are an active part of the Witter Center's farming operations. Grass and other crops are harvested multiple times throughout the growing season. Please be aware of trucks and other heavy equipment that may be encountered during this time of year.

## Emergency Contacts & Trail Conditions

Trails are not regularly patrolled. Please use caution and be aware of your surroundings. Please stay clear of any UM Forest harvesting operation that may be taking place. In case of a lost person, injury, or other emergency please call 581-4040 (UM Public Safety).

These trails are part of the University Forest, the City of Old Town, the Orono Land Trust, the Witter Center, and private property. Please respect the access provided by private landowners.

Please report any trails maintenance issues to us at 581-1051.

For current trail conditions, visit our Facebook page:  
[www.facebook.com/umcrec](http://www.facebook.com/umcrec)

## Trail Use Policies & Etiquette

### Trail Etiquette

- All trails are multi-use trails. No motorized vehicles allowed.
- Please pack out all litter.
- Be courteous and helpful to fellow trail users.
- Please stay on marked trails.
- Avoid seasonal wet areas on the trails.
- All trails are two ways – use caution and keep right.

### Winter Trail Etiquette & Using Groomed Ski Trails

- Faster skiers should step around slower skiers when it is safe to do so.
- Keep clear of the track when not skiing. Stay well to the edge if chatting or resting.
- Ski with caution. Snowmobiles are used for trail grooming and maintenance staff may be on the trails at any time.
- Trails are groomed regularly, when weather conditions and snow pack permit. However, not all trails will be groomed at all times.
- Please respect the efforts of the trail groomers.
- Please do not walk, bike, or ride a horse on groomed ski trail.
- If you are snowshoeing on ski trails, please stay to the side and do not snowshoe on set classic tracks.
- You may snowshoe, walk, bike or horseback ride off the groomed trails and on the un-groomed single-track trails.

### Pets

- While Campus Recreation does not encourage dogs on the ski trails, they are not prohibited.
- Please be aware of your dog's behaviors and its effect on others and the groomed trails.
- Please keep your dog on a leash, harness, or under voice control at all times.
- Please clean up after your dog.
- Please keep dogs out of the groomed classic ski track.

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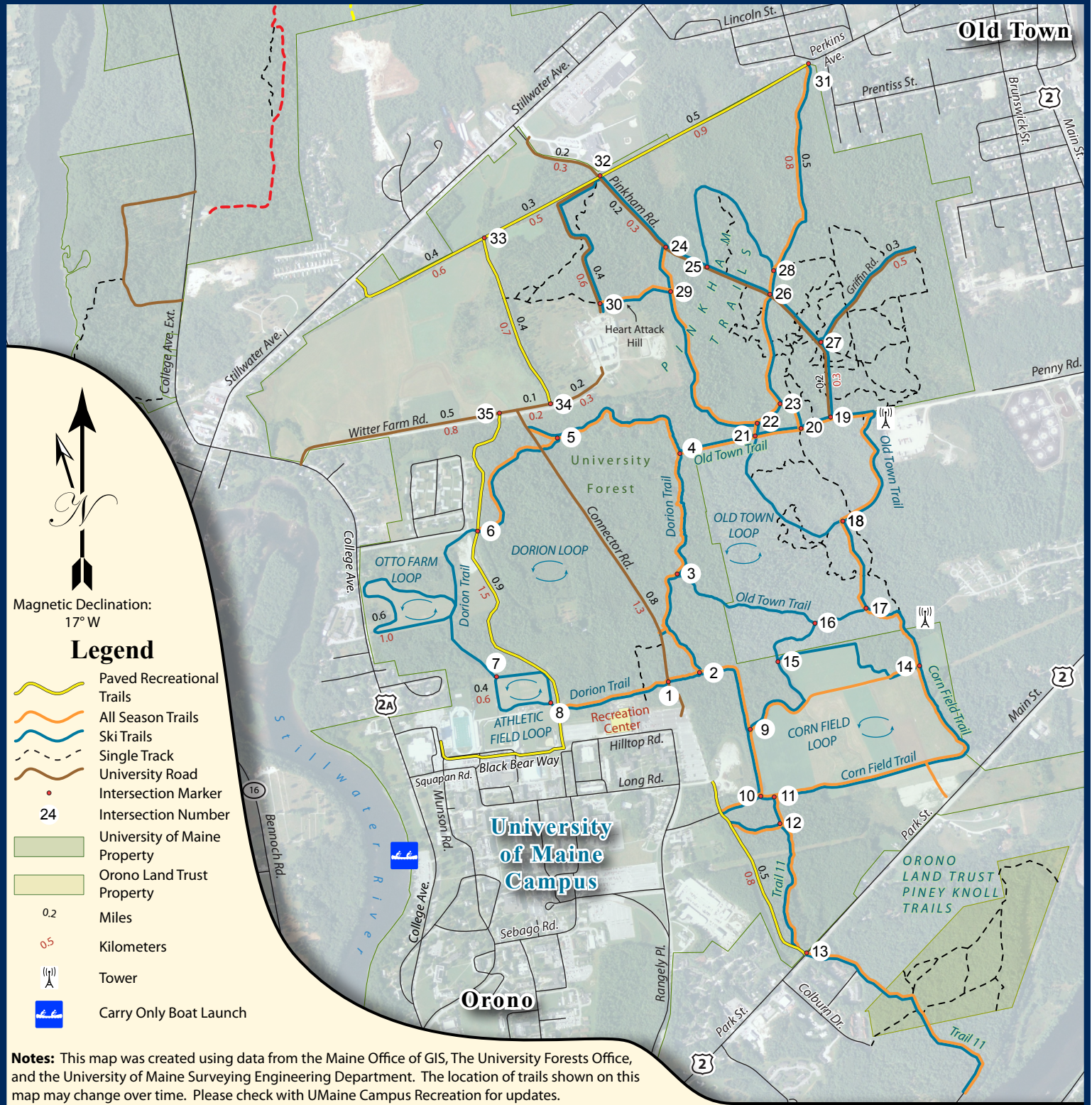
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# UMaine DeMeritt Forest Recreational Trail Map



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## Legend

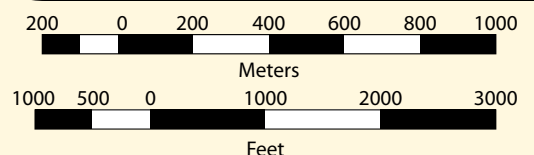
- Paved Recreational Trails
- All Season Trails
- Ski Trails
- Single Track
- University Road
- Intersection Marker
- Intersection Number
- University of Maine Property
- Orono Land Trust Property
- Miles
- Kilometers
- Tower
- Carry Only Boat Launch

**Notes:** This map was created using data from the Maine Office of GIS, The University Forests Office, and the University of Maine Surveying Engineering Department. The location of trails shown on this map may change over time. Please check with UMaine Campus Recreation for updates.



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**Please respect private property!** Some sections of trail cross private property. Please be respectful.  
**Do not walk or bicycle on groomed ski trails!** Campus Recreation and the University Forests Office put considerable time and effort into grooming the trails. Don't ruin them for others.



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