Discover Your Inner Steward on the Maine Island Trail

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The Maine Island Trail

226 Total Sites
162 islands  64 mainland sites
118 camping  108 day use
• Acadia National Park
• American Lighthouse Foundation
• Appalachian Mountain Club
• Blue Hill Heritage Trust
• Boothbay Region Land Trust
• Bowdoin College
• Chebeague & Cumberland Land Trust
• Chewonki Foundation
• Citizens for Squirrel Point
• City of Bath
• City of Portland
• Cuckolds Fog Signal & Light Station Council
• Damariscotta River Association
• Downeast Coastal Conservancy
• Freeport Conservation Trust
• Freeport Historical Society
• Friends of Nature
• Friends of Seguin Island Light
• Georges River Land Trust
• Harpswell Heritage Land Trust
• Hurricane Island Foundation
• Island Heritage Trust
• Kennebec Estuary Land Trust
• Kennebunkport Conservation Trust
• Maine Audubon
• Maine Bureau of Parks & Lands
• Maine Coast Heritage Trust
• Maine Coastal Islands National Wildlife Refuge
• Maine Dept of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife
• Medomak Valley Land Trust
• Midcoast Conservancy
• National Audubon Society
• North Haven Conservation Partners
• Oceanside Conservation Trust
• Outward Bound
• Pemaquid Watershed Association
• Portland Trails
• Private Landowners (~100)
• Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge
• Rippleffect
• Royal River Conservation Trust
• Town of Bar Harbor
• Town of Brunswick
• Town of Camden
• Town of Cape Elizabeth
• Town of Harpswell
• Town of Kittery
• Town of Lamoine
• Town of Machiasport
• Town of North Haven
• Town of Saint George
• Town of Surry
• Town of Swans Island
• Town of Tremont
• Wells Reserve
"a rare chance to develop an outstanding waterway for small boats...like the Appalachian Trail"

"opportunity to establish guidelines...aimed at reducing the human impact on the islands and thereby preserving their unique qualities for all time"

"Most experienced boaters...already have a strong respect for the natural environment. Their example of creating and adhering to a pact setting forth high standards of use would go far toward convincing others to do the same"
The Mission of the Maine Island Trail Association is:

To establish a model of thoughtful use and volunteer stewardship for the Maine islands that will assure their conservation in a natural state while providing an exceptional recreational asset that is maintained and cared for by the people who use it.
Stewardship

Education

“SEA”

Access
- Plan Ahead and Prepare
- Travel & Camp on Durable Surfaces
- Dispose of Waste Properly
- Leave What You Find
- Minimize Campfire Impacts
- Respect Wildlife
- Be Considerate of Other Visitors
Date 8-28-04
Number of people in your group 4
Type of boat (circle) sail
paddle/row
motor
Type of group
☐ outfitter
☐ school
☐ camp
☐ club
☐ scouts
☐ friends
☑ family
☐ other
Type of visit
☐ day use
☐ camping (1 nights)
on board boat
Comments/musings/suggestions
Have enjoyed visits to this spectacular island since ’90. Always a treat to be here. Thanks to MITA for improvements made recently. MITA caretaking is evident. Thanks again! See you next yr.

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