

# Landmarks

The Newsletter of the Downeast Coastal Conservancy  
Spring/Summer 2011

## \$1 Million for Cobscook Bay Conservation

*Downeast Coastal Conservancy (DCC) and its conservation partners are celebrating a \$1 million North American Wetland Conservation Act (NAWCA) grant recently awarded for new projects in the Cobscook Bay – Bold Coast region and the Orange River watershed.*

### *A Commitment to the Region*

The proposal – which ranked 7th in the nation – was submitted by DCC, Maine Coast Heritage Trust (MCHT), Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge, US Fish & Wildlife Services, The Nature Conservancy, and Ducks Unlimited. This project will permanently protect ~1,000 acres of high value wetland and adjacent upland buffer habitat in the Cobscook Bay – Bold Coast region and is part of an ongoing coordinated effort by project partners to protect important habitats at a landscape level.

Following the merger of Great Auk Land Trust and Quoddy Regional Land Trust, Downeast Coastal Conservancy committed itself to continuing important conservation work across the region. This award delivers on that promise to the Cobscook Region and will result in projects that protect important habitat and also provide new opportunities for low-impact recreation.

### *An Ecological Gem*

Cobscook Bay's species diversity, productive waters, and relative lack of development make it a prime candidate for conservation. Cobscook Bay has the highest density of nesting bald eagles in the northeastern United States, and thousands of migrating shorebirds use the Bay as a stopover for resting and feeding.

More than just a beautiful space, however, Cobscook Bay provides important resources used by the communities which surround it, supporting commercial fisheries and a growing tourism industry.

Cobscook's waters are exceptionally productive, hosting a wide diversity of plant and animal species. The web of life supported by the intertidal and upland habitat of the Bay stretches from the

microscopic algae to the residents of the communities surrounding Cobscook who have fished its waters and hunted and farmed its shores for generations.

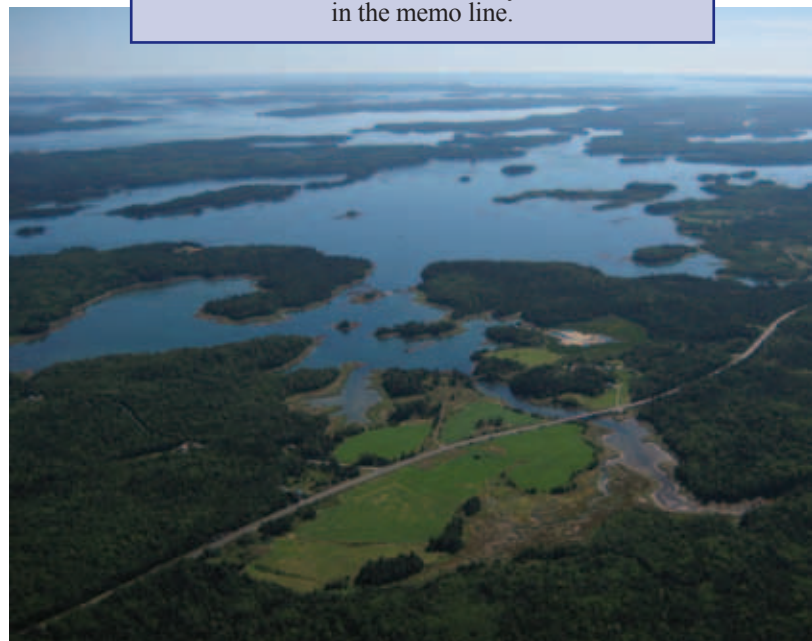
### *Long-Term Stewardship*

The NAWCA grant will cover acquisition and related project costs for these projects, but Downeast Coastal Conservancy will need to raise stewardship funds to provide for the long-term management (property planning, trail construction, habitat management, wildlife surveys, etc.) of the properties we acquire and for legal defense and monitoring of conservation easements. ❁

### *Stewardship Fund donations can be sent to:*

Downeast Coastal Conservancy  
PO Box 760  
Machias, Maine 04654

Please write Cobscook Bay NAWCA  
in the memo line.



# Stewardship: A Perpetual Commitment to Conservation

By Tom Boutureira, Executive Director

Since 1987, Downeast Coastal Conservancy has successfully conserved more than 4,200 acres and over 45 miles of shorefront for public access, recreation, wildlife habitat, community open space, working lands, and water access in coastal Washington County.

Each conservation success brings a deep and permanent responsibility: a commitment to steward the land and uphold the conservation values we seek to protect.



Tom with his oldest son, Arlo.

Like many land trusts around the country, DCC's predecessor land trusts deferred many of their stewardship obligations and focused primarily on land acquisition. As a result we knew relatively little about these conserved lands when we merged almost two years ago.

Management planning helps identify critical resources on the property and thoughtfully guides management decisions and important public access improvements. At the time of the merger in August 2009 we had only a few management plans completed. I am pleased to report that we are on track to complete management plans for all of the 36 properties we own and manage by the end of 2012.

As we complete management plans we are also taking steps to improve public access for low-impact recreation where appropriate and are expanding the scope of educational programs and outings on our conserved lands.

Our properties are our anchor in local communities, making our work real and relevant to area residents. Please lend a hand on your favorite properties this year to help us care for and enjoy these special places. Join us for an outing, a trail workday or cleanup, and be sure to bring along your family and friends so we can share our conservation successes with a wider audience.

See you on the land!

Tom

***"It is up to us to live up to the legacy that was left for us, and to leave a legacy that is worthy of our children and of future generations."***

Christine Gregoire

## Land Stewardship Volunteer Opportunities

***Looking for ways to enjoy the great outdoors and give back to your community?*** Join Downeast Coastal Conservancy's volunteer stewards & monitors for field visits to one or more of our conserved lands and easements. This is a great way to get out and see the properties that your membership dollars are helping protect, meet new people, and assist us in fulfilling our mission.

### ***What does it involve?***

A date is set to visit the property by Downeast Coastal Conservancy staff or volunteers. The trip (on foot or by water) is lead by staff or a chief steward or monitor whose role is to organize, educate, and train the field team. While visiting the property, volunteers take pictures & GPS points, make observations, fill out a site visit/monitoring report, and return the information to the DCC office for entry into our records & database.

### ***What do you get out of it?***

Lots of fun, new skills, time outdoors with other conservation-minded folks in the community, a chance to see some beautiful places, and the knowledge that you are helping strengthen this organization and our long-term stewardship commitments. Connect with the conserved lands in your community and as a steward you can leave them in better condition for the next generation.

### ***Trail Work Days, Coastal Cleanups, and other fun.***

Please sign up for our Constant Contact email alerts to receive notification as activities develop. To do so, email [heather@downeastcoastalconservancy.org](mailto:heather@downeastcoastalconservancy.org) and ask to be added to the Constant Contact list. Trail work days and coastal cleanups are fun ways to engage your kids and grandkids in the stewardship of our natural resources. Bring them along.



Three generations clean the shores of a DCC island.

We are planning trail workdays at the Pike Lands (Lubec), Salt Ponds (Lubec), Tide Mill Creek (Jonesboro) Tibbett Island (Addison), and Pigeon Hill (Steuben) this season. ❁

**Have Fun.  
Meet Great People.  
Get Outside.**

## HOW CAN I HELP?

Contact Heather at (207) 255-4500 or [heather@downeastcoastalconservancy.org](mailto:heather@downeastcoastalconservancy.org). She will put you in touch with other volunteers and provide you with this year's schedule of outings, trail days, and monitoring trips.

**Are you a local school teacher and want to involve your class in land stewardship activities? Give a call and we'll discuss ways to engage your students.**

# Lobsterman Assists DCC Stewardship

Captain Paul Ferriero has been a fisherman for 45 years and has a lifelong fascination with marine environments, having grown up and worked in the marshes and waters of northern Massachusetts. When he relocated to Downeast Maine in 1990 and discovered its pristine estuaries he felt right at home. Having seen first-hand how degradation of these fragile ecosystems can occur through overuse and development, he supports community conservation efforts Downeast and volunteers his time with Downeast Coastal Conservancy to monitor conserved lands in the Pleasant River estuary.



Lobsterman Paul Ferriero, on the "Honey B."

In addition to fishing, Paul started up Pleasant Bay Boat Tours ([www.pleasantriverboattours.com](http://www.pleasantriverboattours.com)) to bring residents and visitors out on the water and to diversify his income. He offers many trips including first-hand lobster fishing experiences on his 34-foot commercial boat "Honey B.," puffin outings to Petit Manan, lighthouse tours, or a habitat cruise up the Pleasant River estuary where DCC has conserved critical wildlife habitat.

The Pleasant River estuary has tremendous concentrations of tidal waterfowl and wading bird habitat as well as shorebird



Pleasant River (top and right).

areas which provide nesting habitat and feeding areas and are essential for maintaining viable bird populations. Its shorebird areas are important feeding and resting stopover sites for shorebirds on their long migrations. Of 30 Downeast salt marshes surveyed for bird use by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife in 1999, the Pleasant River salt marsh had the highest species richness, with 29 species detected.

The salt marshes are bounded by meanders in the river and contain many small natural salt pannes (sparsely vegetated pools that fill at high tide) and exemplary *Spartina* salt marsh (saltmeadow cordgrass, smooth cordgrass, and/or blackgrass). The estuary also provides critical habitat for bald eagles, crowberry blue butterflies, peregrine falcons, brook trout, smelts, and the endangered Atlantic salmon among other species.

DCC is grateful to Paul's support and volunteer effort in helping us care for this special place. Contact the DCC office if you'd like to join us on a Pleasant River monitoring trip or an excursion to another of our many properties and easements throughout the region. ❁



# Love of Plants Captured in New Botanical Field Guide

Attention, Downeast plant lovers! A new field guide was released in July 2010:

The Plants of Acadia National Park by Glen Mittelhauser, Linda Gregory, Sally Rooney, and Jill Weber. Downeast Coastal Conservancy members Marilee Lovit and Donna Kausen collaborated with the authors to provide featured photographs.

The Plants of Acadia National Park is the most comprehensive photographic reference ever published for the wild plants of the

Acadia National Park region, including the national park lands on the Schoodic Peninsula, Mount Desert Island, and Isle au Haut. Flowers, trees, shrubs, ferns, and even the grass-like plants of the region are included. The Plants of Acadia National Park is designed to bridge the gap between simple wildflower guides and technical floras; its aim is to be equally valuable to novice and experienced botanists. Even children might start by using the book to identify a common, showy plant, and progress to plant identifications that require an understanding of more subtle features. Sized to fit in a

backpack and with a durable stitched binding, this guide is an essential reference for all, from amateur wildflower lovers and conservation volunteers to professional botanists and ecologists.

Marilee and Donna photographed plants during the growing seasons of 2007 & 2008. "At the beginning we were given a list of 417 scientific names for which there were no photos at all yet, and we were to photograph other plants as well, if we could improve upon the available photos," says Marilee Lovit. "We explored various habitats, sometimes by kayak, identifying and photographing plants such as Water Lobelia, Bayonet Rush, Rose Pogonia, Nodding Ladies' Tresses, and Marsh Speedwell.

The Plants of Acadia National Park can be purchased at the Woodwind Gallery in Machias (255-3727) or online at [www.mainenaturalhistory.org/publications](http://www.mainenaturalhistory.org/publications). ❁

"Parts of this article originally appeared in the Friends of Acadia Journal, Summer 2010 Vol. 15 No.2"



Cloud Berry by Marilee Lovit.



Spiranthes cernua by Marilee Lovit.



Uvalaria sessifolia by Marilee Lovit.

# 2011 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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## MAY

### May 29 - North Woods Songsters of the Night - Jonesport

Experience the hoots, howls, whistles, and chorus of the night at Long House Farm. From whippoorwills to hermit thrushes to coyotes, we'll enjoy – and maybe even join in – the din. Meet at dusk to walk the old farming road to a screened camp house. Campfire treats, stories, and dessert ensue. Bring a flashlight and warm layers. **Time:** 7:30 – 9:30 PM. **Location:** Long House Farm, 1620 Mason Bay Road, Jonesport. **Information:** Contact Helen and Mo Waite 207-497-5734. **Cost:** FREE.



Outing with local youth.

## JUNE

### June 4 - Plant Sale - Whiting

Calling all gardeners! After a year hiatus, the plant sale is back. This is your chance to re-stock your garden or exchange plants at very reasonable prices. **Time:** Friday, June 3, noon - 4 PM, drop off plant donations (or contact Sherrie and she will pick up your plant donations prior to June 3) Doors will open for the sale at 9 AM on June 4. We will be all finished by noon – so arrive early for best selection! **Location:** Whiting Town Office. **Information:** Contact Sherrie Sprangers – 207-255-4338 (evenings and weekends) Email: [sherrie.sprangers@gmail.com](mailto:sherrie.sprangers@gmail.com).

### June 8 - Meet Your Farmer - Machias

Come meet your local farmers at this fantastic event which will include a chance for you to sample produce from local farms, enjoy a screening of the film “Meet Your Farmer,” and stay for a panel discussion. This is a joint event coordinated by DCC, Maine Farmland Trust, Washington County Food and Fuel Alliance, and other community partners. Don't miss this exciting opportunity to meet your local farmer! **Time:** 4 – 7 PM. **Location:** Science Building at the University of Maine at Machias. **Information:** Call DCC office 207-255-4500.

### June 11 - Mowry Beach Bird Walk - Lubec

Join DCC member and local birder Jennifer Multhopp for a walk along DCC's Mowry Beach and the boardwalk trail where we will encounter warblers, sparrows, and other songsters, and hopefully some shorebirds as well. Bring along your binoculars. We will have two spotting scopes available. **Time:** 9 AM. **Location:** Meet at the parking lot end of Pleasant Street (adjacent to the water treatment plant). **Information:** Call DCC office – 207-255-4500. **Cost:** FREE.



Mowry Beach, Lubec.

### June 25 - Tibbett Island Stewardship Day – South Addison

Join DCC and the Maine Island Trail Association for an island cleanup and trail workday on Tibbett Island. Please arrange your own water transport to Tibbett Island (kayak, canoe, or small boat) from the South Addison Town Beach located at the end of Mooseneck Road. It's a short paddle across the narrows. Bring a life vest, lunch, water, sun protection, work gloves, and trail tools. Help us make this island shine! **Time:** 10 AM. **Location:** Meet on Tibbett Island beach. **Information:** Call DCC office - 207-255-4500. **Cost:** FREE.

## JULY

### July 4 - Fourth of July Kiosk - Jonesport

Drop by our kiosk and let Robert Miller share his wealth of information about land conservation in coastal Washington County. We'll also have area hiking guides, a new brochure, and information on DCC's new projects and volunteer opportunities. **Time:** 10 AM onward. **Location:** Tent behind the Jonesport library. **Information:** Call DCC office - 207-255-4500.

### July 9 (Rain date July 10) - Guided Sea Kayaking In Cobscook Bay – Edmunds

Join DCC, Maine Coast Heritage Trust, and Cobscook Hikes & Paddles on this trip highlighting our conservation partnership. Leaving from beautiful Cobscook Bay State Park, our outing will offer opportunities to take in the spectacular views of protected islands, coves, and reversing falls. We will take a break on DCC's Bar Island in the heart of Cobscook Bay. This family-friendly trip (kids 6 years old and up) is limited to 24 participants. Please bring your own lunch, beverage, water shoes, and sun protection. **Time:** 10 AM – 2 PM. **Registration & Info:** Call Tess Ftorek at 207-726-4776 and **register by July 2.** Visit [www.cobscookhikesandpaddles.com](http://www.cobscookhikesandpaddles.com) for more information on the guides. **Location:** Cobscook Bay State Park boat launch. **Cost:** \$50 per person includes kayak, equipment, instruction, and naturalist interpretation.



Kayakers in Back Bay, Millbridge.

### July 10 - Fairy Festival at Longhouse Farm - Jonesport

Come celebrate the wedding of a long lost fairy princess and her true love. We will create the wedding and the place and the drama. Expect delicious cakes to be made in the woods, along with moss garlands and fairy houses, and of course the wedding itself. Any fairy supplies such as lace and ribbons, flowers, etc. that you can bring are welcome. Join Ella, Daisy, Juno and Dinah, ages 5-7 from Lubec for this great family event. Please bring your own lunch. Desert and refreshments provided. **Time:** 10 AM – 3 PM. **Location:** Long House Farm, 1620 Mason Bay Road, Jonesport. **RSVP & Info:** Contact Helen Waite – 207-497-5734 by Wednesday July 6. **Cost:** FREE.

## July 16 (Rain date July 17) - Wild Landscapes, Photography Workshop on Pigeon Hill – Steuben

Join popular photographers Craig Snapp and Hos Hosley for a hike up scenic Pigeon Hill and instructional photo outing. Following the shoot, Craig will demonstrate how to stitch photos and make panoramic prints. Bring your own camera and equipment, lunch, and water. **Time:** 10 AM. **Location:** Steuben. Meet at the Pigeon Hill Preserve parking lot, Pigeon Hill Road. **Information:** Call DCC office – 207-255-4500. **Cost:** FREE.

## AUGUST

### August 7 - Annual Meeting and Potluck Picnic - Roque Bluffs

This picnic party is the major annual event of Downeast Coastal Conservancy membership. See the Annual Meeting & Potluck Picnic notice in this newsletter for more info. **Time & Location:** Annual Meeting from 2 – 3 PM at the Roque Bluffs Community Chapel. Picnic festivities follow at the State Park beach until 5 PM. **Information:** Call DCC office – 207-255-4500. **Cost:** FREE.



2010 Annual Meeting and Potluck at Roque Bluffs.

### August 13 - Guided Sea Kayaking In Back Bay – Milbridge

Join DCC, Maine Coast Heritage Trust, and Sunrise Canoe & Kayak on this trip and explore conservation in Back Bay and Beaver Meadow Estuary. Back Bay – located within Narraguagus, Harrington, and Pleasant Bays – boasts spectacular views and wonderful islands. The trip is limited to 12 participants. Please bring your own lunch, beverage, water shoes, and sun protection. **Time:** 8 AM – 12 PM. **Location:** Meet at the Milbridge Town Landing. **Reservations & Info:** Call Sunrise Canoe & Kayak – 207-255-3375 by August 5. **Cost:** \$55 per person includes kayak, equipment, instruction, and naturalist interpretation.



View from Pigeon Hill, Steuben

### August 14 - Shorebirds and Songsters at Mowry Beach – Lubec

Join local birder Jennifer Multhopp to walk on the beach and boardwalk for fine views of shorebirds, warblers, and many other buzzers and tweeters in the warm sun of the brushy alders, dunes, and marshes flanking the beach. Bring your binoculars and bird guides. **Time:** 10 AM. **Location:** Meet at the Mowry Beach parking area at the end of Pleasant Street. **Information:** Call DCC office – 207-255-4500. **Cost:** FREE.

### August 20-21 - Machias Blueberry Festival – DCC Kiosk & Activity Center

Please come and join our creative activity center emphasizing storytelling, natural history games, painting, puppets and carpentry for kids along. We'll also have area hiking guides, a new brochure, and information on DCC's new projects and volunteer opportunities. **Time:** 9 AM – 5 PM both days. **Location:** Downtown Machias. **Information:** Call DCC office – 207-255-4500. **Cost:** FREE.

## SEPTEMBER

### September 17 - Coastal Cleanup

Join DCC, the University of Maine at Machias, and Washington Academy students in doing our part to clean the shoreline of our coastal home during Coastal Cleanup Week. **Time & Location:** Look for details on Constant Contact or our website by August. **Information:** Call DCC office – 207-255-4500. **Cost:** FREE

### September 25 - Fall Migration Hawk Watch Pigeon Hill – Steuben

Ride the windy skies viewing the thousands of raptors pushed by strong northerly winds from Maine and Canada south along the eastern coastline in their annual fall migration. Join fellow birders for a Hawk Migration Association of North America hawk watch. The wide open views from Pigeon Hill at the peak of migration season should provide great sighting opportunities along this famous coastal fly way. Bring binoculars, water, and lunch. **Time:** 10 AM – 3 PM. **Location:** Meet at the Pigeon Hill Preserve parking lot, Pigeon Hill Road. **Information:** Call DCC office – 207-255-4500. **Cost:** FREE.

## OCTOBER

### October 1 - Fall Foliage Paddle on the Orange River - Whiting

Join DCC and Sunrise Canoe & Kayak for an exploration of the beautiful Orange River water trail. Novice to experienced paddlers welcome. View some DCC conserved lands and new DCC projects. Participation limited to 12 participants. Please bring your own lunch, beverage, water shoes, and sun protection. **Time:** 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM. **Reservations & info:** Call Sunrise Canoe & Kayak – 207-255-3375 by September 23. **Cost:** \$60 per person includes kayak or canoe, equipment, instruction, and naturalist interpretation.



DCC / Edge outing to Pigeon Hill.

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# The Making of a Conservationist



Robert Miller.

By Robert Miller

It all started with the fishing trips to Grafton Pond near Enfield, NH with my father when I was a boy. Grafton Pond was just so beautiful, rugged, and very remote. It had no camps and was a totally undeveloped pond with coves, driftwood and little islands surrounded by the White Mountains. Nothing fancy, just an old row boat which we rowed out through the morning mist to a small secluded island where we slept under the stars and cooked our bass or pickerel on a small camp fire. Fishing led me to an awareness of the connectedness of nature, the unscathed woods, the pond with its vegetation and clean water, especially the water and all the fascinating life within it.

So I became an avid sports fisherman at an early age. I learned a lot about aquatic life – the nymphs, blackfly larva and its tremendous importance to feeding trout and salmon, hatches and how the slight change in barometric pressure causes the nymphs to move from the bottom up to the surface to hatch, causing the smaller fish to feed, causing the larger fish to feed. Seeing clouds come in on a clear day, changing the pressure on the water very slightly, then all of a sudden the swallows dipping over the surface and the fish starting to rise to the emerging nymphs. As a fisherman you become aware of the connection

of all this. And I became aware that clean water needs clean land.

Once on a fishing trip to Maine, we went to a beautiful stream with rapids and pools. That morning when we went out to fish I saw a sight that has stayed with me all my life. When I went to cast my line from the river's bank, I looked down in the water and saw oily, silky liquids throughout the stream and smelly foam all along the banks. The fish had been wiped out. Upstream on this beautiful river was a new industrial factory which had been discharging chemical waste. I couldn't fish the stream. At 12 years old I knew this wasn't good, and it left such a disappointing feeling in me.

Many years later in the late 1980's after Jewell and I had moved to Beals Island, Joel Kendall and I became shocked by the development blitz taking place in Washington County. Joel and I began looking for resources to protect some of the last remaining "coastal wilderness" on the East Coast. We connected with Alan Brooks and Nancy Nielson in the Cutler/Lubec area who had formed a conservation land trust (Quoddy Regional Land Trust).

Alan introduced us to conservation easements and land trust work. Caroline Pryor of Maine Coast Heritage Trust then became our indispensable advisor in the formation of Great Auk Land Trust in 1989, which in the early years was run by only a few of us working around my kitchen table. Today we thrive as Downeast Coastal Conservancy. There has been much assistance from many dedicated people and organizations since then, and I am grateful for all we've accomplished together. 🌿



Marsh Island on a cold day in Jan '93. Robert Froese, Martin Ferrick, Brad Kausen, Robert Miller, and Monica Froese.

## Wildlife Tracking By Snowshoe

By Rich Bard, Wildlife Biologist & DCC Lands Committee member

Because we are not endowed with the ears of a deer or the nose of a fox to explore the forest like a truly wild animal, a group of Downeast Coastal Conservancy supporters, staff and volunteers took to the snow for a peek into the comings and goings of wildlife at DCC's Pike Lands in Lubec. On February 19, 2011, a group of community members donned snowshoes and spent part of a beautiful winter day checking out animal tracks and signs and getting to know one another.

Thanks to the freshly fallen snow we were able to find signs of animals that often elude us during other seasons; tracks of squirrels, porcupines, raccoons and snowshoe hares were as plain as day. We also encountered a squirrel's cache of apples in the crook of a tree branch and tree trunks that had been chewed on by porcupines. Deer trails meandered all over the woods, revealing how the animals searched incessantly for bits of food to help them survive the winter.

It wasn't all about animals, either. Stewardship Director Alan Brooks shared the recent history of the property and pointed out ornamental trees that had been planted many years ago by Radcliffe

Pike, the former owner of the property and enthusiastic horticulturalist. The property is dotted with unusual and exotic plants, some of which have yet to be identified. One of the participants, a neighbor who lives just down the road, shared some very interesting Revolutionary War history of the area and theorized that an unusual landform hidden in the forest may have been made by soldiers, keeping an eye on Eastport, which was under British control for part of the war. For the kids the walk offered a chance to experiment with snowshoes and see what it's like to float across the top of the snow's surface.

Outings like this one exemplify the best of our land trust. Not only did we get outside to enjoy the fresh air and each other's company, we were also privileged to share knowledge and glimpse the lives of the animals that benefit from having their habitat protected by land conservation. It was a reminder, for me at least, that undeveloped land is so much more than just a pretty place. 🌿



Pike Lands snowshoe outing in February 2011.

## Become a Member or Renew Your Membership Today!

Your support will help protect the special character of Downeast Maine for future generations.

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\$35-\$99 Contributor

\$100 - \$499 Sponsor

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\$1,000 - \$4,999

### Leadership Circle

\$5,000 and above

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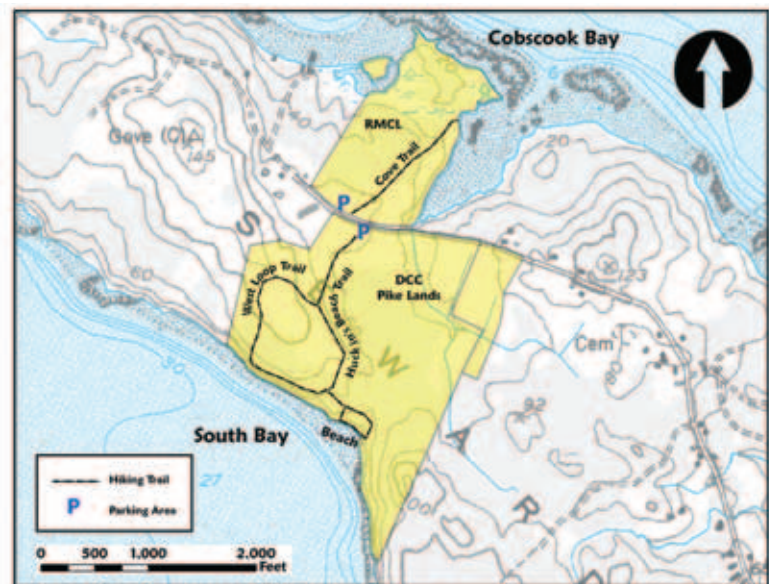
Click the "Donate" tab on the screen. Choose your monthly giving level to have and that amount deducted monthly.

## Spotlight on Public Access: The Pike Lands in Lubec

The Pike Lands, named in honor of Radcliffe and Sumner Pike, were acquired in 2005 by the then Quoddy Regional Land Trust and Health Ways/Regional Medical Center at Lubec (RMCL) with support from the Land for Maine's Future program. The Downeast Coastal Conservancy now owns the South Bay side of the property and holds a conservation easement on the Cobscook Bay side, which is owned by RMCL and designated the HealthWays North Lubec Community Site. The Pike Lands are open dawn to dusk and showcase a variety of plant and animal life, as well as spectacular views of the Cobscook Bay region. There are two main trails and each offers a unique experience.



Tom Boutoureira and Alan Brooks at the Pike Lands.



Cobscook Bay side are easily damaged by trampling, so please keep to the beach and rocky shore.

### Huckins Beach Trail (1 mile round trip):

The trail starts from the parking area on the left side of the North Lubec Road opposite the Downeast Adventures sign. From the back of the parking area, the trail crosses the field and continues gently uphill through patchy woods and old fields to the height of land (the West Loop Trail diverges to the right part-way up the slope).

From the height of land, the trail starts downhill through spruce-fir and cedar woods. At the junction with the return portion of the West Loop Trail, turn left to continue through the woods to emerge at the pocket shingle beach, known locally as Huckins Beach. Depending on the tide, the beach can be explored south to where it ends in cliffs.

You can retrace your steps to return, or return via the West Loop Trail to vary the route.

### Cove Trail (0.5 miles round trip):

This easy walk starts at the Downeast Adventures sign on the north side of the North Lubec Road. Walk down the lane to emerge at a small field with apple trees and an old barn, used by the Regional Medical Center at Lubec's Downeast Adventures outdoor education/community health program. Continue across the field, under the "zip line", to the woods on the far side. The trail slopes down gently through woods past two lean-tos that are used for Downeast Adventures overnights. At the shore, the trail hooks right to end at the stony beach midway along the tidal cove. At most stages of the tide, the beach can be walked to the cove mouth. The salt marsh, tidal lagoons, and wooded "island" adjacent to the beach on the

### Trailhead:

Take US Route 1 to ME Route 189, leading to Lubec. After 9 miles, turn left on the North Lubec Road at McFadden's Variety. Go 5 miles to the Downeast Adventures sign (on the right) near the end of the paved road. Park opposite the sign, or continue up the road a short distance to a second parking area, on the right-hand side.

### The Cobscook Trails Project

The trails on the Pike Lands are part of a larger network of hiking trails known as Cobscook Trails. Cobscook Trails is a cooperative project of conservation landowners and community partners that seeks to expand opportunities for nature-



Pike Lands shorefront.

based recreation and tourism in eastern Washington County. The group produces "Cobscook Trails: A Guide to Walking Opportunities around Cobscook Bay and Bold Coast Region", a 55 page booklet describing walks on 19 area properties. Visit [www.downeastcoastalconservancy.org/the-cobscook-trails-project/](http://www.downeastcoastalconservancy.org/the-cobscook-trails-project/) to find more information about Cobscook Trails or to purchase guidebooks and hats. 🌿



# DOWNEAST COASTAL CONSERVANCY

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## **Annual Meeting & Potluck Picnic** *Sunday August 7, 2011*

The Annual Meeting for members of Downeast Coastal Conservancy will be held on Sunday August 7, 2011, at 2 pm in the Roque Bluffs Community Chapel located at 3 Schoppee Point Road in Roque Bluffs. Members will receive a report on the land trust's recent activities and will elect Directors to Downeast Coastal Conservancy's Board of Directors. We welcome member comments at the meeting.

A potluck picnic will immediately follow the Annual Meeting at the nearby Roque Bluffs State Park. Enjoy the beach and pond, hiking trails, and great conversation. Live music by DCC members Sepp Huber & Sheila Unvala ([www.rockweedmusic.com](http://www.rockweedmusic.com)) will feature Cuban boleros, Cajun and Creole songs, lively fiddle tunes, as well as waltzes and dirges.

Please bring your favorite dish to share and lawn chairs or picnic blankets. State Park regulations prohibit alcoholic beverages.

For directions visit our website [www.downeastcoastalconservancy.org/annual-meeting](http://www.downeastcoastalconservancy.org/annual-meeting) or call 255-4500. Minutes from the 2010 Annual Meeting are available at that website address for members to view.

This is a family friendly event so bring the kids and grandkids.

We look forward to seeing you and sharing in our conservation success! ❁

