

BEECH HILL

Location: Rockport, Knox County

Description of Hike: Beech hill climbs 522 feet from sea level. A mixed hardwood forest gives way to open fields at the summit that provide panoramic views of Penobscot Bay, the Camden Hills and St. George Peninsula. A commercial organic blueberry operation on the site provides grassland habitats for threatened killdeers, bobolinks, and sparrows.

Directions: From Rockport (at Routes 90 and 1), take Route One south about 1/3 mile, turning right on Beech Street. The parking lot is on your left after 1.25 miles. For a longer hike, proceed south on Route One for 1 mile past the Beech St. intersection, turning right onto Rockville Street (and right again in .2 miles), and proceeding .5 miles to a parking lot on your right.

Total Distance: n/a

Hiking Time: n/a

Additional Maps

[Beech Hill Preserve Guide and Trail Map](#), Coastal Mountains Land Trust.
DeLorme Maine Atlas and Gazetteer Map 14, D/E-3
USGS Camden quad map

Local Attractions:

- *Farnsworth Art Museum* – Visit the Wyeth Center in downtown Rockport to view exclusive paintings of the Maine coast by Andrew, N.C. and Jamie Wyeth.

Sources:

- Coastal Mountains Land Trust
<http://www.coastalmountains.org/>
- Land for Maine's Future. Maine State Planning Office.
http://media.informe.org/lmf/projects/project_detail.php?project=1517

LMF Background: Initially protected in 1986 by a conservation easement that limited future construction on the land, Beech Hill's 295 acres were eventually sold in 2003 to the Maine Coast Heritage Trust (MCHT) with the support of LMF. This secured public access to and permanent protection of the area's scenic and historic beauty. Ownership has been transferred to the Coastal Mountains Land Trust (CMLT). CMLT maintains the walking and cross country skiing trails.

