

## DODGE POINT

### Shore Loop

**Location:** Newcastle, Lincoln County

**Description of Hike:** A “Discovery Trail Map” located at the kiosk offers four loop trails across the property and provides a self-guided tour of the area’s plant species. In the winter, visitors can cross country ski on the trails and ice skate on the pond.

**Directions:** From business Route 1 in Newcastle, take a left onto River Road. Travel 0.5 miles and bear left at the fork. Continue on River Road for 2.5 miles. The parking and a kiosk will be on your left.

**Total Distance:** 2.8 miles

**Hiking Time:** Not available

**Additional Maps** (USGS; Land Trusts)  
DeLorme Maine Atlas and Gazetteer Map 7, B-3

**Local Attractions:**

**Sources:**

- Department of Conservation. Bureau of Parks and Lands.  
[http://maine.gov/cgi-bin/doc/parks/find\\_one\\_name.pl?park\\_id=47](http://maine.gov/cgi-bin/doc/parks/find_one_name.pl?park_id=47)
- Land for Maine’s Future. Maine State Planning Office.  
[http://media.informe.org/lmf/projects/project\\_detail.php?project=1532](http://media.informe.org/lmf/projects/project_detail.php?project=1532)

**LMF Background:** With contributions from the Maine Coast Heritage Trust, the Damariscotta River Association, and the Maine Coastal Program, LMF funded the purchase of Dodge Point in 1989. Located on the western shore of the Damariscotta River, the 508 acre peninsula has a rich cultural history and unique landscape with old growth trees and diverse plants. There is over 8,000 feet of shoreline including beaches, vistas, freshwater ponds, and streams. The peninsula was once the site of a brick making operation in the 1800s, but now the local community’s economy relies on oyster farming. The preservation of Dodge Point has been crucial to reducing runoff pollution in the lower Damariscotta River.



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