

NEWPORT/DOVER-FOXCROFT RAIL TRAIL

Location: Newport, Penobscot County

Description of Hike: This multi-use, 27-mile long trail takes hikers past farms, through forests, along the shores of Sebasticook, Corundel, and Wassokeag lakes, and connects the towns of Newport, Corinna, Dexter, and Dover-Foxcroft. The terrain is relatively level throughout the trail's entirety. Although the weekends may be busy, the rail trail provides for an enjoyable hike, with plenty of places to stop for a picnic.

Directions: To reach the Newport trailhead, take I-95 to Route 7 north. Trailhead parking is on the right side of Route 7, just north of the Newport town center. The Dover-Foxcroft trailhead is near the junction of state routes 7, 15, and 6. Travel west on Route 6 for a little over a mile. Trailhead parking is on the right.

Total Distance: 27 miles

Hiking Time: Not available

Maps: DeLorme Maine Atlas and Gazetteer, Map 22, A-1 and Map 32 B-1, C-2, D-1 and E-1

Local Attractions:

- *Town of Corinna:* <http://corinna.govoffice.com/>
- *Town of Newport:* www.newportmaine.net/site/
- *Town of Dexter:* www.dextermaine.org/
- *Town of Dover-Foxcroft:* www.dover-foxcroft.org/

Sources:

- Land for Maine's Future Program. Maine State Planning Office.
http://media.informe.org/lmf/projects/project_detail.php?project=1558
- Rail-to-Trails Conservancy
<http://www.trailink.com/ViewTrail.aspx?AcctID=6016087>

LMF Background: An old Maine Central Railroad line between Newport and Dover-Foxcroft turned into a popular public use trail after the ties were removed in 1993. The Newport/ Dover-Foxcroft Rail Trail remains one of the only public trails in the area and offers a range of recreational uses, from hiking to horseback riding. Local snowmobile clubs maintain the trail and bridges in the winter. Encouraged by popular demand, the State of Maine negotiated with the landowners to purchase the parcel with funds from the Land for Maine's Future Program and community contributions.

