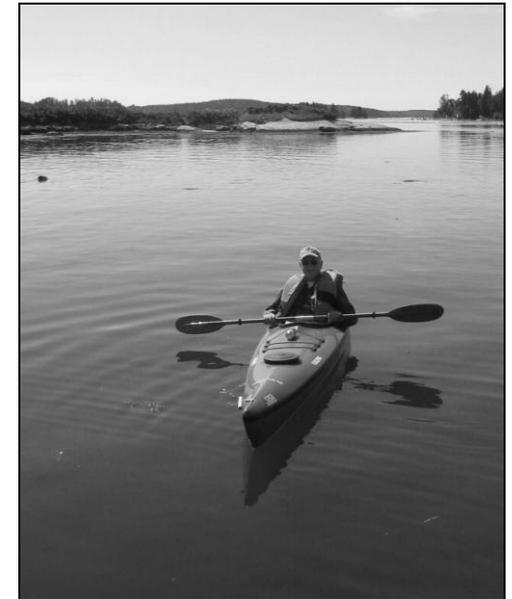


# INDIANTOWN ISLAND

Boothbay Harbor, Maine

## Trail Guide



The Boothbay region is known for its spectacular natural beauty, rocky shores, coastal islands, and river corridors. Since 1980, the Boothbay Region Land Trust has preserved the beauty of the Boothbay region by conserving land for the benefit and enjoyment of the residents and visitors

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*To conserve for the public benefit the natural habitat, scenic beauty and working land of the Boothbay region.*

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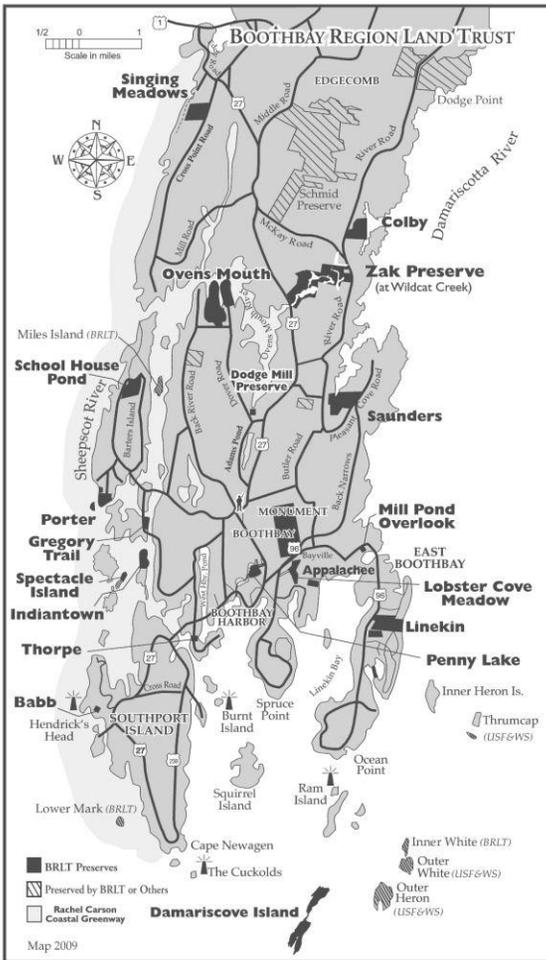
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Directions: Accessible only by water. Boats can be launched at Knickerbane Ramp off Barter's Island Rd. and at the McKown Point Boat Launch. BRLT maintains a mooring and small dock on the northwest corner of the island, along with a courtesy dinghy. GPS coordinates for the land trust's dock are N43°51.823'W69°40.030'.

# About Indiantown Island

This 60-acre island lies at the northern end of Ebenecook Harbor in the Sheepscot River, not far from Boothbay Harbor. It was used extensively by Native Americans as evidenced by significant artifacts found during an archaeological dig conducted after Indiantown came under BRLT protection. Extensive shell middens were excavated as well as centuries old remains indicating that the island also became an important base for local fishermen in the colonial period. The island was used for farming in the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. Rachel Carson, who summered nearby, wrote of her particular love for this magical place and its abundant wildlife. Shore birds such as herons and ospreys, owls and eagles, songbirds, deer and small mammals make Indiantown their home.

Over the years there were occasional schemes for building a bridge to Indiantown from the mainland and creating a seasonal development. Fortunately an anonymous donor as well as other supporters made it possible in 1995 for BRLT to acquire the northern 27 acres. About the same time, BRLT was also granted an easement over the remaining southern 33 acres. The land trust established a 0.9 mile loop trail on the northern half actually owned by the organization, as well as an in-and out trail on the private owners' portion of the island. Please respect their generosity in sharing their land and do not stray from the trails nor use their personal dock on the southwestern end of the island.

