

Directions to Porter Preserve:

From Boothbay Harbor travel north on Route 27; take a left at the monument in Boothbay Center onto Corey Lane. Proceed 0.3 miles. Turn right onto Barters Island Road and travel 2.2 miles, crossing two bridges. Turn left on Kimballtown Road. Proceed 0.5 mile and turn left onto a dirt road. Proceed 0.1 mile to a small parking area on your right just beyond the cemetery. Please do not park along road. Additional parking is available at the end of Kimballtown Road near the stacked lobster traps.

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

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

BRLT relies on charitable contributions. These donations help support land conservation, stewardship of the preserves, and educational programming. Please consider a contribution.
Thank you for your support.



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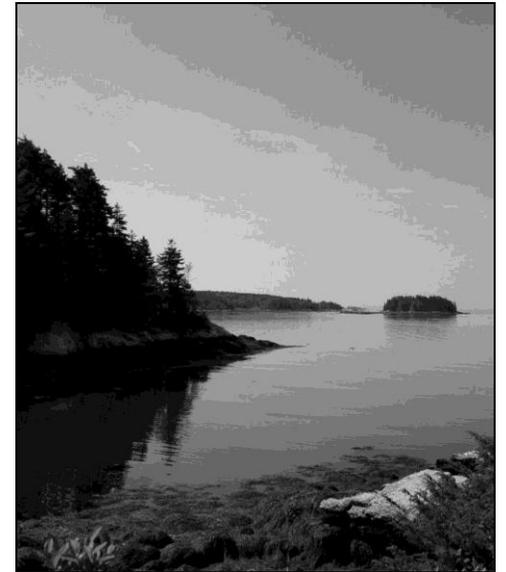
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PORTER PRESERVE

Barters Island, Maine

Trail Guide



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Preserving our Heritage ~ Creating a Legacy

About Porter Preserve

In 1983 Nathaniel Porter donated 19 acres on the southern tip of Barters Island to the Boothbay Region Land Trust. Trails meander through old growth spruce, oak and pine along half mile of shoreline on the Sheepscot and Back rivers with lovely scenic vistas. There is a sheltered cove with a beach and a small off-shore island known as Lydia Ann's Island.

Nathaniel Porter's father purchased this land from the Hull and Goddard families in the early 1900s. An old cellar hole still exists on the edge of the Sheepscot on the site of the Hull home. As time progressed, Nathaniel and his wife were pressed to develop or subdivide the property. Courthouse records show several deeds from the Porters establishing conservation restrictions on all their property. Ultimately, they donated the unspoiled portion of their holding to BRLT. We will be forever grateful to the Porters for their foresight and generosity.

In 2005, through a generous donation from Robert and Linda Jones, the BRLT acquired the 1.9 acre Roberts property adjacent to the Porter Preserve. Over the years, the Roberts had allowed fishermen to access the water and the deep cove on the Sheepscot River. The Joneses wrote:

Our intention (collectively) from the beginning was to allow... waterfront activities to continue that we and others in the community have viewed as endangered. We have cherished the mixture of communities and shore and water uses that our parents and forebears found here and were drawn to a century ago. It appears to us that the scales have tipped toward large scale residential/recreational uses and away from small scale intrinsic uses.

BRLT hopes that Roberts Wharf will serve as a model for other environmental organizations interested in pursuing strategies that link objectives for shoreline preservation with working waterfront goals.

