

Quarry Woods Property

Town of Freeport, 865-4743

Directions: Trailhead is on Lower Mast Landing. From downtown Freeport, drive down Bow Street and turn right onto Lower Mast Landing, go 0.4 miles, and trailhead is on right. Park on the shoulder and be aware of traffic.

Property Description: Quarry Woods is a 34-acre property located within minutes of downtown Freeport. It is owned by the town of Freeport and protected from any future development by contributions from the citizens of Freeport, Land for Maine's Future fund, the Freeport Conservation Trust, Casco Bay Estuary Partnership, as well as many private donors.

Property Features

Trails: There is a 1-mile loop trail in the property. Trails are well-marked and raised boardwalks cover most of the wet areas. However, be aware of your surroundings and boots are recommended during wet weather.

Vernal Pools: The property has a large number of vernal pools. These pools are important breeding habitat for wood frogs and salamanders. In the spring, look (but don't touch!) for egg masses and tadpoles in the pools. The surrounding forests and wetland provides habitat many birds, deer, fox, as well as adult frogs and salamanders.

Historic Quarry: A short spur off the loop trail leads to an old quarry. The quarry was owned by Edmund Mallet and was active from 1886-1904.

Property Rules*:

- 1) No bikes or wheeled vehicles are allowed.
- 2) Stay on marked trails
- 3) No fires or camping
- 4) Keep dogs under control and out of vernal pools
- 5) No dumping or littering (carry in-carry out)

*Draft rules-Pending approval of management plan

