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Recreation

Outstanding Questions:

- Are recreational trails in the community adequately maintained? Are there any use conflicts on these trails?
- Is there a need for certain types of facilities to be upgraded?
- Does the Casco Bay YMCA have a track?

Highlights

- Freeport has more than 2,000 acres of protected open spaces, and more than forty trails that allow residents to recreate in or near a variety of habitats, including forests, wetlands, and marine environments.
- Regional School Unit (RSU) 5 Community Programs offer citizens of Freeport a wide variety of recreational programming for youth, teenagers, and adults. This includes at least 24 camps that are offered to youth and teenagers during the summer months.
- Freeport provides its residents with a wide assortment of public and private recreational fields, playgrounds, and sporting facilities. These recreational options help encourage and promote a healthy lifestyle for the residents of the community.
- There are several public and private sites that provide Freeport residents with access to the Harraseeket River, which empties into Casco Bay.
- There are numerous public and private recreational programs available to Freeport residents, including RSU 5 Community Programs, LL Bean programming and additional programs at the Wolfe's Neck Center for Agriculture & the Environment.
- There appear to be opportunities for additional recreation facilities, such as pickleball courts, an ice skating rink and a skate park, in the community.

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Introduction and Overview

Parks and open spaces in Freeport serve as places for recreation and leisure, and help maintain the community's quality of life that the town affords its residents. The community has access to a variety of parks and public lands, trails, and venues for sports and exercise. These recreational offerings are summarized in the table below. Please note that some of these resources are private and require a paid membership to use them.

Activity/Resource	Amount
Hiking Trails	More than 35 miles on at least 40 trails
Tennis Courts	3
Softball & Baseball Fields	7
Soccer Fields	13
Beach Volleyball	1
Field Hockey Fields	2
Track	1
Ice Rink	0
Playgrounds	6
Outdoor Basketball Courts	3
Indoor Pool	1
Gym	1
Beaches	2
Campground (town-managed)	1 (102 total sites)
Public Access Points to Water	8
Private Marinas	4

Recreational programs are mainly operated by the RSU5 Community Programs, which is run by a staff of six town employees. Additional recreational programs are organized by the town library, the Freeport Conservation Trust, the Wolfe's Neck Center for Agriculture & the Environment, and L.L. Bean.

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Recreation Groups

The Freeport Conservation Commission is charged with managing and maintaining the open spaces owned by the Town of Freeport. Meetings occur on the second Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. As recently as 2022, the committee managed and discussed plans for the Hedgehog Mountain property, consistent with the Hedgehog Mountain Management Plan (Section 35-8). The Commission reviews the Hedgehog Mountain plan at least every five years and recommends changes necessary for the proper management and operation of the property (Section 35-8). The first management plan was approved by the Conservation Commission and submitted to the Freeport Town Council for a public hearing and amendments or approval. The current revision of the plan was submitted to the Conservation Commission and received approval on December 13, 2022.

The Hunter Road Fields Advisory Committee was established in February 2012 by the Town Council. It consists of seven (7) members appointed by the Town Council for staggered three-year terms.¹

The Winslow Park Commission helps manage this popular town park that provides Freeport's residents with access to hiking trails, a beach, a playground, day use areas, campsites, and a boat launch on Casco Bay.

Connect Freeport is a vision for a network of connected, safe, and multipurpose paths to support active and healthy living in Freeport. This network will accommodate walking, running, cycling, and wheelchairs; these active modes of transportation support public health, a reduced carbon footprint, and economic prosperity in the community. Fulfilling the Let's Connect Freeport vision will transform Freeport from a retail shopping destination to a more complete community where residents can safely walk, ride, or run to work, school, and recreation areas.

The Freeport Conservation Trust is managed by a ten-member board of directors that oversees the non-profit's parcels of protected land.

The Wolfe's Neck Center for Agriculture & the Environment is managed by a thirteen-member board of directors that is charged with protecting some of Freeport's most inspiring landscapes and beautiful scenery.

The RSU 5 Community Programs offers a variety of programming for adults and children including adult education opportunities, adult and youth sports and fitness programs, youth enrichment programs, youth summer camps and other programming as well.

¹ *Hunter Road Fields Advisory Committee | Freeport ME.* (n.d.).
<https://www.freeportmaine.com/hunter-road-fields-advisory-committee>

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Parks, Trails, and Open Space

Freeport has more than 2,000 acres of protected open space, which is managed by a variety of government organizations, the land trust, and other local and non-profit entities. Much of these open spaces include recreation trails for biking, walking, hiking, skiing, snowshoeing and other activities. Freeport has approximately 40 different trails totalling around 38 miles. The Freeport Conservation Commission, Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (DACF), Freeport Conservation Trust, and Wolfe's Neck Center for Agriculture & the Environment work to permanently preserve important open space resources in the community through conservation easements and other land protections.

The Freeport Conservation Commission is operated by a town board that manages and maintains the majority of the town's public lands and trails. The volunteer-based commission promotes the responsible use of the many trails and open spaces owned by the Town of Freeport, which includes:

- Florida Lake. This preserve is located between Blake Road and Route 125, and contains nearly 200 acres of wetlands and upland forests. There are three trails that total 3 miles in length, and provide an opportunity for residents to walk through an upland forest, herbaceous habitat, and in close proximity to an emergent wetland.
- Hidden Pond. Nearly a half-mile of trail is on this 56-acre preserve, which contains a pond and two small streams. This preserve is on Grant Road, and contains forested and an emergent wetland habitat.
- Hedgehog Mountain. This preserve contains 5 miles of trails through a forested slope on 100 acres of land that can be accessed off of Pownal Road. The moderately-strenuous hike gains 300 feet before reaching Hedgehog Mountain, which is Freeport's highest peak.
- Leon Gorman Park. The park provides residents with a half-mile of trail through an upland forest, a pavilion, and a field for the residents of Freeport to enjoy. This park is off of Bow Street and in close proximity to downtown Freeport.
- Soule Park. This small 3-acre park is located behind the French School in South Freeport, and is appropriate for picnicking and games on a small field.
- Quarry Woods. This preserve contains thirty-five acres and one mile of trail that allows residents to meander through woods, vernal pools, an old apple orchard, and a former granite quarry. This parcel of land can be accessed off of Lower Mast Landing Road.
- Winslow Park. This spectacular park offers residents access to campsites, hiking trails, and Casco Bay *via* the boat launch. Daily admission is \$2/person for residents and \$3/person for non-residents; this does not include a parking pass for day use (\$4) or overnight use (\$10). Camping or the launching of boats is an additional fee.

The State of Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry (Maine DACF) manages the spectacular land that makes up Wolfe's Neck State Park. This heavily-used park is a five-minute car ride from downtown, and contains 200 acres and 10 trails totaling five miles in length. These trails take visitors through forested uplands and down to Casco Bay. In addition to

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hiking, this State Park provides residents with various outdoor opportunities such as cross-country skiing, hiking, picnicking, snowshoeing, and watching wildlife.

The Freeport Conservation Trust (FCT) was founded in 1977 and prioritizes the protection of its 1,769 acres of property. These parcels include scenic farmland, vital shorefront, and vast woodlands in Freeport. The non-profit organization partners with private landowners who are interested in protecting their land. FCT holds and enforces permanent restrictions on property through conservation easements or ownership. The Freeport Conservation Trust additionally manages two trail networks and at least twenty-one trails that vary in length and difficulty; collectively, these trails provide residents with twenty miles of trails in Freeport. The trust manages the following networks, trails, and protected areas:

East Freeport Trail Network. This network encompasses six trails: Brimstone Hill Trail, Antoinette Jackman Trail, Kelsey Brook Trail, Mitchell Ledge Trail, Moose Crossing Trail, and Calderwood Trail. These individual trails are described in more detail below. The network takes visitors through habitat, including upland forests, wetlands, and riparian zones.

South Freeport Trail Network. This trail network comprises four preserves: Bliss Woods, Stonewood, Sayless Field, and the Ridge Trail. This network rewards outdoor enthusiasts with trails that meander through woods, streams, and wetlands.

Antoinette Jackman Trail. This trail is 2.6 miles and is popular for hikers wanting to connect with other trailheads. Take the first left to connect to Kelsey Brook Trail. Go right at the first fork and left at the second fork to connect to Brimstone Trail. Take two rights for a 0.7-mile walk to a beaver pond at the head of the Little River and a connection to Brunswick Topsham Land Trust's Chase Reserve trails. Blue-blazed Forest Ridge Trail connects Jackman and Brimstone Trails. Parking area and the trailhead are located at Windpointe Road to the left at the end of Litchfield Road.

Bliss Woods. This parcel of land contains 85 acres and is unique in that it is a working forest owned by the New England Forestry Foundation, although FTC holds an easement on the property. There are two trails totaling 1.5 miles in length that meander through an upland forest. The woods can be accessed off of South Freeport Road.

Brewer Woods. This short loop trail reaches the banks of the upper Little River. The trail goes next to a driveway and then in the woods. After the trail crosses a small bridge the trail divides and makes a short loop. Along one side of the trail are the upper reaches of the Little River's tidal waters. A round trip walk on the trail is about 0.7 miles. The trailhead is on Flying Point Road 0.7 miles east of the intersection with Wolfe's Neck Road. Parking lot and trailhead sign are on the right side of the road when heading east.

Brimstone Hill Trail. This trail starts with a short, hilly loop followed by a leg out to Kelsey Brook, about 0.75 miles each way. The trail connects to the Jackman and Forest Ridge Trails. The trailhead and parking area are on the left side of Ringrose Road, 0.2 miles down from Pleasant Hill Road.

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Calderwood Trails. The Calderwood property includes a 0.5-mile loop trail on the eastern side of the road with views of Maquoit Bay, and a 1-mile loop trail on the western side of the road. From the rear of Calderwood there is a connection west via Moose Crossing Trail to Litchfield Road and north to Brunswick Topsham Land Trust's Chase Reserve. Calderwood trailheads are on both sides of Flying Point Road near the Brunswick town line.

Cousins River Trail/River's Edge Trail. A cooperative project of FCT and the Casco Bay YMCA, the 0.6-mile trail passes over hills and boardwalks to the marshy shore of the Cousins River. Side trails lead to/from Lambert Road and the Freeport Inn and Cafe. Access to this trail is directly behind the YMCA.

Field Estuary. Highlights of this area include the dramatic terrain in the woods and marsh views at the end of the trails. The trail is approximately a mile long and has a fair amount of steep terrain, and is therefore not accessible to everyone. The parking lot and trailhead are on the right 0.2 mile from the start of Wolfe's Neck Road.

Frost Gully Woods. This undeveloped and protected land contains 13 acres of rolling woodlands, small streams, a brook, wetlands, and a pond. Next to this land is Griffin Farm; together these two parcels protect a significant portion of the upper Frost Gully Watershed. The entrance to Frost Gully Woods is on the left edge of Burr Cemetery.

Harvey Brook. The 0.9-mile trail loops around a preserve behind a subdivision, and offers views down a very steep pitch to Harvey Brook. The trailhead can be accessed off of Young's Lane. As of January 2024, Harvey Brook is temporarily closed due to residential construction.²

Kelsey Brook Trail. The trail traverses the back of Mitchell Ledge Farm field, then follows Kelsey Brook for about 1 mile, crossing the brook midway and passing another farm field. At 1.5 miles, the trail crosses the brook again to reach the Jackman Trail. Parking area is on the left side of Litchfield Road, 0.1 miles from Flying Point Road.

Mill Stream Landing. This is a 0.7 mile loop, and provides public access to the Harraseeket River via a ramp for hand-carried boats (e.g. canoes and kayaks). The parking areas are off Bow Street, just after the intersection with Lower Mast Landing Road.

Mitchell Ledge Trail. The 0.7 mile loop off the Kelsey Brook Trail circles a working farm. Access to this trail is via the Kelsey Brook Trail.

Moose Crossing Trail. This trail is a connector from Litchfield Road to the Calderwood Trails. The trail crosses a stream and extends the walk through the East Freeport Trail System. There is no parking here for this trail; rather, park and access the trail at the Antoinette Jackman Trail parking area.

² *Harvey Brook — Freeport Conservation Trust.* (n.d.). Freeport Conservation Trust. <https://freeportconservationtrust.org/harvey-brook>

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Powell Point Trail. This 0.8-mile wooded trail winds up a couple of short, steep hills and ends with a spectacular view of Casco Bay. There are two side loops. The trailhead is on Lambert Road, approximately 1 mile from the intersection with South Freeport Road. From the parking area, continue down Lambert Road, walking about 2 minutes to a plank over the ditch and a trailhead sign on the right.

Rachel's Cove. This very short trail (0.2 miles) quickly divides and makes a loop down to the Harraseeket shore. The trailhead is about 0.6 miles past the entrance to Wolfe's Neck Woods park.

Simpson Trail. This new trail is a short loop that passes through stone walls as well as wooded and riparian habitat. The trailhead is located on the east side of US-1, about 3 miles north of the center of Freeport village. There is a small parking area on the side of the road, with the trailhead indicated by a small hiker sign.

Ridge Trail. About a mile round trip, this trail offers glimpses of Casco Bay and steep views down to Pine Street. The entrance to the Ridge Trail is just north of the four corners in South Freeport on the right side of Pine Street; parking is available on South Freeport Road.

Sayles Field and Woods. This 70-acre property has 2 miles of trail looping through a field and a forest. Visitors can walk through to Bliss Woods via Stonewood Trail, which is accessed from the northwest corner of Sayles Woods. Parking for Sayles Field is limited to side-of-the-road parking off of Sayles Field. Additionally, there is a parking lot for the Stonewood Trail, which will take you to Sayles Field.

The Stonewood Trail. This 0.3-mile trail connects Sayles Field and Bliss Woods. The trailhead and parking are at the end of Stonewood Drive, which is off of Route 1 and across from Old County Road.

Walsh Preserve. This protected area rewards visitors with views of Cousins River and marsh habitat after a short (0.2 mile) walk. The preserve is located on 67 Old County Road. The preserve is across the street from Beck's Lane, near the Yarmouth town line. The small parking lot holds six to eight cars.

Whippoorwill Woods. This new trail is fewer than 0.8 miles and connects Brewer Woods with the Wolfe's Neck Trail System. This trail winds through forests and streams, and can be accessed from either Brewer Woods or the Deer Run Trail, which belongs to the Wolfe's Neck Trail System.

The Wolfe Neck Center for Agriculture & the Environment is a non-profit organization that offers more than three miles of hiking trails that encompass the Wolfe's Neck Trail System. These trails are open to the public year-round. The trails are a great place to walk or run in the summer, and hike, ski or snowshoe in the winter. The landscape provides a unique combination of forest and estuarine habitats, which make it a great birding destination. Parking at the Center

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is off of Burnett Road, and access to the trailhead is just across from the greenhouses or the campground road.³

Recreation Facilities

Public Facilities

Freeport High School Tennis Courts. This facility has three asphalt courts located on the grounds of the Freeport High School. The courts are available to residents outside of school hours during the academic year and also during the summer months. The courts currently lack lights; installing this addition would allow residents more opportunities to play tennis.

The Freeport Middle School possesses three asphalt outdoor basketball courts located on the eastern-side of the softball fields.

Winslow Memorial Park has a beach volleyball court that is between the boat dock and playing fields. The park also has an open field suitable for lawn games and sporting events. A playground suitable for children of all ages is also available and includes swings, slides, and a jungle gym. Additionally, the park includes a tidal beach on Casco Bay, and is available for day-use. A day use pass is required to enter Winslow Park. Season passes are also available.

Freeport High School Track. This facility is located at 30 Holbrook Street, and consists of a rubberized surface suitable for a variety of running events.

The Freeport High School Fields includes a softball field, a baseball field, and a multi-use sports field with an artificial turf that is suitable for soccer, football, field hockey, and lacrosse.

The Freeport Middle School Fields possess a full-size soccer field, field hockey field, softball field, and baseball field.

Hunter Road Fields has at least eight soccer fields of various sizes for different aged-groups and three baseball/softball fields for little league.

Pownal Road Fields is a multi-use facility that contains a softball/baseball field and a regulation-size football/soccer field.

The Mast Landing Elementary School includes a softball/baseball field and a multi-use field to the southeast of the playground. It also has a playground designed for elementary-aged students, and is located on the western edge of the school's property. This facility offers children a variety of options to play, including swing, slides, and a jungle gym.

³ *Freeport Conservation Trust.* (n.d.). Freeport Conservation Trust. <https://freeportconservationtrust.org/>

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The Morse Street School has a playground designed for the middle school-aged students. This facility is located on 21 Morse Street, between the baseball and football fields. This newly designed playground offers children at least 14 swings, two four-square courts, and a jungle-gym.

Pownal Road Playground is adjacent to the fields on Pownal Road and contains swings, slides, a jungle gym, and an inclined climbing wall appropriate for younger children.

Private Facilities

YMCA Casco Bay Branch located on 14 Old S Freeport Rd has an indoor pool and gym to those who have a membership or a day pass. Financial aid is available to qualifying individuals.

The Pine Tree Academy is a private and tuition-based school and has at least three soccer fields.

The Maine Coast Waldorf School is a tuition-based private school that has two multi-use fields that are suitable for a variety of sports. There is also a playground on its premises.

L'Ecole Francais du Maine is a private French immersion primary school for children between ages 3-12 and has a playground on the premises.

Desert of Maine is a private facility that also contains a playground and mini golf facilities. There is an admission cost to enter the property.

Freeport Country Club is a private golf course located along the west side of I-295. It includes a 9-hole course, driving range, putting green and short-game area.

Sandy Beach is a 495-foot wide beach area with tidal access, reached by steps down a steep slope; parking for four vehicles. Located at the corner of Sandy Beach Road and Cliff Avenue.

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Water Body Inventory and Access

There are several private and public sites that provide Freeport residents access to the Harraseeket River, which eventually empties into Casco Bay.

Private Marinas and Yacht Clubs. While not necessarily open to the general public for boat launching, the Strouts Point Wharf Company, Brewer Marine, Oyster Harbors Marine, and the Harraseeket Yacht Club are all clustered in the unincorporated village of South Freeport on the Harraseeket River and provide access to Casco Bay.

South Freeport Town Wharf is located on Main Street and provides direct access to the Harraseeket River. The wharf provides moorings to Freeport residents; applications for moorings should be submitted to the Harbor Master and are due annually by March 1⁴.

Other Public Access Points to water. In addition to the town wharf, Freeport has seven other smaller access points to the coast that are available to the public. These sites are appropriate for launching small trailered boats, kayaks, and canoes. These sites include the access points on Cove Road (parking for 4-6 cars), Mast Landing off of Bow Street (parking for 4-5 cars), Little River off of Burnet Road near Wolfe's Neck Farm (parking for 10 cars), Old County Road (parking for 2-4 cars), Dunning's Boat Yard off of South Freeport Road (limited parking), Sandy Beach Drive (limited parking), Mill Stream Boat Launch (owned by the Freeport Conservation Trust; parking for 3-5 cars), and Winslow Park Boat Ramp provides direct access to Casco Bay and is managed by the Winslow Park Commission (ample parking is available for a \$4 fee)⁵.

Public and Private Active Recreation Programs

Public Active Recreation Programs

RSU 5 Community Programs

RSU5 Community Programs offers youth sports, camps, sport leagues, and a variety of vocational programs. RSU5 Community Programs are dedicated to developing and maintaining a balanced program for all segments of the community in the areas of education, recreation, and cultural and civic affairs. RSU5 publishes activity guides that list available recreation programs, information on registration, fees, instructors, and schedules. Programs vary by season. The following recreational activities and programs are generally offered during the year for adults and for youth and teens:

⁴ *Mooring Applications | Freeport ME.* (n.d.).

<https://www.freeportmaine.com/harbor-master/pages/mooring-applications>

⁵ Town of Freeport Coastal Access Points

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Adult Programs. Options for adults include the Harraseeket Adventure Triathlon, Pickup Ultimate, Basketball Open Gym, Line Dancing, Maine Sandlot Baseball League, Outdoor Slow Flow Yoga, Pickleball, and Tae Kwon Do.

Youth & Teen Programs. Possible programs for youth and teens include the Annual Harraseeket Adventure Triathlon, Elementary Tumbling & Fitness, Falcon Winter Baseball Clinic, FUNdamentals of Rugby, Gee's Floor Hockey, Gee's Indoor Soccer, Harraseeket Harriers Running Club, High School Rugby, Kids Yoga and Mindfulness, Little Hoopsters Basketball, Little Laxers Lacrosse, Physical Extracurriculars (Phys. Ex.), Basketball League 2023-2024 (Grades 3-6), Softball Clinics, Tae Kwon Do, Tiny Tappy Toes Dance Combo, Toddler Tumbling & Fitness, Top Rockers Hip Hop Dance Crew, Travel Basketball League 2023-2024 (Grade 5-8), Youth Lacrosse, Falcon Girls Winter Lacrosse Clinics.

Summer Camps The RSU5 Community offers a wide range of camps. Youth and teens have the option of registering for the following: Camp Seaside, Challenger Sports International Soccer Camp, Fairy Dance Camp, Fairy Tale Princess Dance Camp, Falcon Basketball Camp, Falcon Co-Ed Soccer Camps, Falcon Football Camp (Grades 3-8), Falcon Fusion Summer Track & Field, Falcon Girls Lacrosse & Field Hockey Camp, Gee's Drama and Dance, Gee's Games & Giggles, Gee's Skills Academy, Girls Rule!, Junior Chef Camp, Mad Science Day Camps, Maine Nature Art Camps, Olympic Fever Summer Camps, Sew Wicked Fun Camp, Summer Drama, Teen Treks, Top Rockers Hip-Hop and Jazz Dance Camp, Dragon's Eye Adventures, Olympic Fever Camps, Sorcerer's School

Other Public Programs

The Freeport Community Library is another community resource that provides limited recreational opportunities and wellness programming. This includes free yoga the first Friday of every month from 11am-12pm. Additionally, the library has partnered with the Freeport Conservation Trust, which has donated passes to a variety of parks. These passes can be checked out by Freeport residents at the community library, and provide either free or reduced admission to Maine State Parks, Winslow Park, Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens, and the Maine Wildlife Park in Gray⁶.

The Freeport Community Center is owned and managed by Freeport Community Services. Although it does not have recreational programming or activities, it serves a vital role in the community by providing a venue for community arts and cultural events, educational activities, and a food pantry.

Private Active Recreation Programs

L.L.Bean Outdoor Discovery Program in Freeport provides a variety of fee-based outdoor guided-activities. These activities range from a 1.5hr local kayak trip to a five-day canoe trip on the Allagash river.

⁶ Fcl. (n.d.). *Home*. Freeport Community Library. <http://freeportlibrary.com/>

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Wolfe's Neck Center for Agriculture & the Environment in Freeport seeks to transform our relationship with farming and food for a healthier planet. Situated on over 600 acres of preserved coastal landscape in Freeport, Maine, the non-profit uses its diverse landscape to connect people to the food they eat and where it comes from. Encompassing a demonstration farm, oceanfront campground, wooded trails, and historic buildings, its vibrant campus serves as a unique hub for education and exploration. Wolfe's Neck runs workshops focused on sustainability, organic farming training sessions, and a farm camp for children.

The Freeport Conservation Trust (FCT). The organization's website has numerous events and workshops throughout the year, most of which allow residents of Freeport to actively participate in trail building and maintenance.

Birding and Bird Walks. Feathers over Freeport is an annual weekend-long event that provides a variety of programming and activities for children and adults interested in birds; this includes amateurs and seasoned ornithologists. This year, the event is scheduled for April 27th and 28th, and is organized by the State of Maine Bureau of Parks and Lands. Additionally, free bird walks are organized by the Freeport Wild Bird Supply on Route One. These walks occur every Saturday at 8am⁷. The Mast Land Audubon Sanctuary, located along Upper Mast Landing Road, also provides bird and wildlife viewing opportunities along the Harraseeket River estuary.

Facilities Assessment

Freeport currently has a variety of recreation facilities that meet the needs of different age users. According to the Population chapter, Freeport's population will increase over the next few decades. This means that generally the town will face more demand for indoor and outdoor recreation facilities and programs overall.

Looking more closely at these projections, there is a sizable 65 and over population who are aging in place and more young families who are moving to Freeport, which is driving the population increase. RSU school projections also show an increase in enrollment numbers through 2030 for those in grades K-12.⁸ Therefore there will be a need to provide appropriate recreation facilities for aging adults as well as more youth programming.

⁷ *Feathers over Freeport: State Parks and public lands: Maine DACF.* (n.d).
https://www.maine.gov/dacf/parks/discover_history_explore_nature/activities/feathers_over_freeport.shtml

⁸ New England School Development Council RSU #5 Enrollment Projections and Demographic Enhancement, September 2021.

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Based on Freeport's current recreation activities and programs, the town could see increased need for the following recreation facilities and programs that either do not exist in the town or are in limited supply:

- Pickleball courts
- Ice skating rink
- Skate park
- Additional gym
- Additional place for indoor swimming besides the YMCA

Over the last few years, there has been a growing demand for open space and outdoor recreation areas as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and social distancing requirements. The town will need to ensure that popular outdoor recreation areas such as Wolfe's Neck Woods State Park, Florida Lake, Hidden Pond Preserve, and Winslow Park are adequately protected and maintained for future generations.

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