

Owned and managed by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, the 3,100 acre estuary known as Scarborough Marsh is the largest salt marsh in the state, comprising tidal marsh, salt creeks, freshwater marsh, and uplands. The marsh is particularly important for wildlife as a resting, breeding, and feeding ground.

Maine Audubon operates the Scarborough Marsh Audubon Center, which provides guided and self-guided walks and canoe and kayak tours, as well as exhibits, a nature trail, canoe rentals, and a Nature Store.

Salt marshes are important! The marsh offers a quiet resting and feeding area for migrating birds. It provides a nursery and shelter for animals, and it filters sediments and pollutants from water. The vegetation in the marsh absorbs storm water which prevents damage. For people, the marsh remains a peaceful place to enjoy wildlife watching, fishing, boating, and exploring nature.

Learn more at
maineaudubon.org/visit/scarborough-marsh

Thank you for visiting a Maine Audubon wildlife sanctuary.

Maine Audubon works to conserve Maine's wildlife and wildlife habitat by engaging people of all ages in education, conservation, and action.

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Scarborough Marsh Audubon Center
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Nature Center and Nature Store Hours
9 am–5:30 pm daily, mid-June–Labor Day
Weekends, Memorial Day–mid-September

Bienvenue! Topoguides en français sont disponibles au Scarborough Marsh Audubon Center et sur Internet à maineaudubon.org/visit/scarborough-marsh

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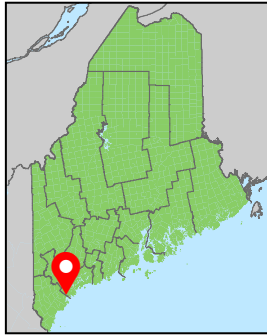
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Mast Landing, *Freeport*
Josephine Newman, *Georgetown*
Scarborough Marsh, *Scarborough*

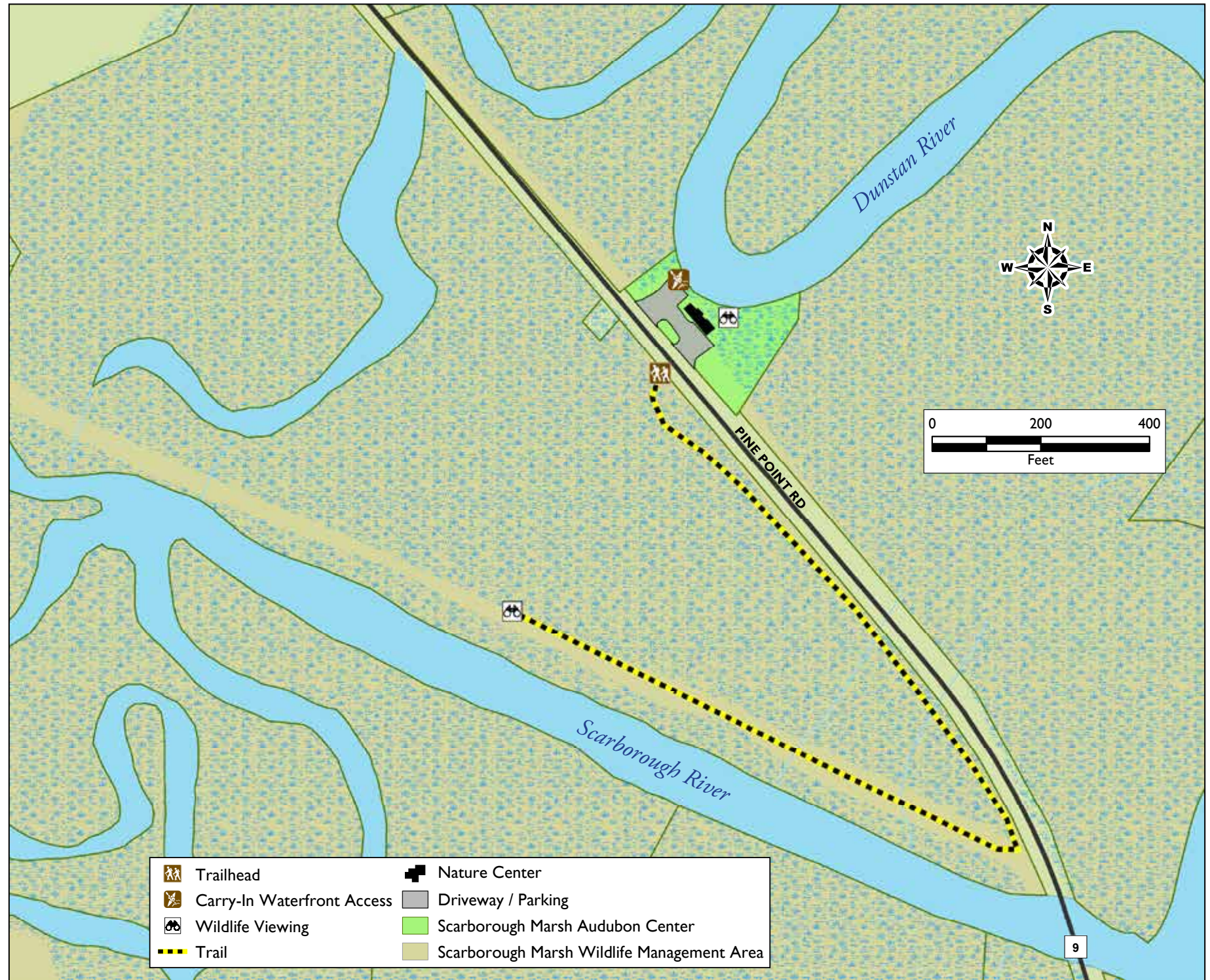
Things to do:



- Rent a canoe or kayak, or launch your own
- Join a canoe tour led by Maine Audubon naturalists
- Discover the marsh on your own, through nature displays and a self-guided nature trail (just across Route 9 from the Nature Center)
- Watch the shorebirds feeding in the marsh
- Attend one of the many nature programs for all ages throughout the summer
- Shop at the Nature Store for books, toys, Maine-made gifts, and bird-feeding and optic equipment
- Try out our hands-on activities and displays for all ages
- See the aquarium, mounted birds and mammals, and interactive exhibits

Wildlife and Habitat

The largest salt marsh in Maine, Scarborough Marsh provides critical habitat for diverse Maine wildlife, particularly birds. The marsh water hosts mummichogs and sticklebacks—small minnows that feast on mosquito larvae and other microscopic creatures. You're likely to see Snowy Egrets, Great Blue Herons, and Black-crowned Night Herons fishing for them. Mallards, Black Ducks, and teal often feed on the plants growing in among the marsh grasses. Bald Eagles, Osprey, Northern Harriers, and Red-tailed Hawks hunt in the marsh throughout the summer, and muskrat, mink, moles, otter, and deer also frequent the wetland.



Maine Audubon operates a nature center and delivers educational programming at the site. The property is owned and managed by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.