Recreation & Conservation Areas

1. READFIELD BEACH. This 8.7-acre recreation area on Maranacook Lake was acquired by the town in 1981 for a private association for 20 years. It offers a buoyed swim area with 10, picnic facilities, and a boat ramp. Tennis courts, basketball courts, and a children’s playground are available. The area is frequently used by town residents during the summer months.

2. READFIELD FAIRGROUNDS. From 1856 to 1932, Readfield Fairgrounds was used by the local community for agricultural fairs. In the 1970s, part of the property was subdivided, but the community center remained intact. In 1993, the town purchased the remaining 36 acres and revived the tradition of a rural fair by hosting the annual Readfield Fair. The fairgrounds are used for fair, 4-H events, and various community events.

3. 8.7-ACRE RECREATION AREA. This 8.7-acre recreation area on Maranacook Road was acquired by the town in 1980 for $6,000. The area includes a short nature trail set up by the town. The trail is used by local residents for hiking and nature study.

4. MARANACOOK COMMUNITY SCHOOL. The MCS campus includes an 80-acre nature preserve, where students can participate in nature study and outdoor activities. The preserve includes a mix of forested and open areas, with a variety of habitats for wildlife.

5. ORIGINAL PARKS LOT. This lot is located across Main Street from the Readfield Community School and athletic field. The lot is used for community events and is part of the larger Readfield community area.

6. 15.1-ACRE CONSERVATION AREA. This 15.1-acre conservation area on Main Street was acquired by the town in 1991 for $10,000. The area includes a small forested area and a wetland that is used for wildlife habitat.

7. 17.5 ACRE OF IMPORTANT TOWN FARMLAND. This 17.5-acre farmland is covered with mature, mixed-growth forest typical of recovering forest uplands. A mile of shoreline, and very significant wading bird and waterfowl habitats.

8. 22.3-ACRE POND. This 22.3-acre pond is located across Main Street from the Readfield Community School and athletic field. The pond is used for swimming, fishing, and other non-motorized recreation. No off-road vehicles or overnight camping.

9. 24.1-ACRE WILDFLOWERS. This 24.1-acre property was conveyed to the Kennebec Land Trust in 2003 to assure permanent protection. The property includes a variety of habitats for wildlife, including a mix of forest and open areas.

10. 30 MILES OF SNOWMOBILE TRAILS. More than 30 miles of snowmobile trails crisscross Readfield. Most are on private roads, but there are also some public trails. The trails are well-marked and provide access to the town’s open spaces.

11. 50 MILES OF BIKE TRAILS. There are more than 50 miles of bike trails in Readfield, ranging from easy, family-friendly rides to more challenging routes for experienced cyclists.

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Water Access

23. MARANACOOK LAKE. The Marine Department Conservation maintains an area for water access on the east shore of the lake. There are no public launch sites on Brainard, Carleton, Lovejoy, or Mill ponds.

24. FAIRGROUNDS. There is public access to Echo Lake on Route 41 in West Mount Vernon.

25. WATER PARKS. Seven cemeteries throughout Readfield offer quiet spots for walks with historic interest as they tie the past to the present. No dogs allowed.

26. Easements

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25. ST. ANDRE CEMETARY. In 1995, John and Beppie St. Andre donated a 15-foot easement along the western bank of South Pond to the town. The easement covers the fields on the north and south sides of Quaker Lane.

26. TYSLER CONSERVATION AREA. A 45-foot easement, donated by the Tysler family in 2005, runs from Main Street (Route 17) to 0.8 mile on South Road. The easement is used as a snowmobile trail and is maintained by the town. The easement is used as a snowmobile trail and is maintained by the town.

27. OLD FAIRGROUNDS. Originally part of the historic Readfield Fairgrounds, this property on the west side of the Pond. The Old Fairgrounds Landowners Association and protected as open space by deed restrictions. Public access is by permission only.

28. SCRIBNER HILL EASEMENT. Provides for public day use of a trail bordering a residential subdivision.

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