

Bass Falls Preserve, Alna

You start out on this 216-acre preserve by crossing a meadow with nesting bobolinks and eastern meadowlarks (you need to keep your dog leashed during nesting season, May-July). When you get to the farmer's field, cross it to find the trail sign on the other side. The wooded trails then take you down to the Sheepscot River, which is shallow and rocky, and maybe swimmable?

There are some steep ups and downs on this trail, making it a little less than easy.

This charming preserve is protected by the Midcoast Conservancy.

Directions: From the South: From Route 1 in Wiscasset, follow Route 218 north for 7.25 miles to the Bass Falls Preserve parking lot and kiosk, which are located in a field on the right. From the North: Follow Route 218 south to the Alna Store, which is located at the intersection of Route 218 and Dock Road in Alna. The Bass Falls Preserve parking lot and kiosk are located in a field on the left, 1/4 mile south of the Alna Store on Route 218.

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