

Heritage Weekly

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(Clark Morrison, I
took all the
pictures)

BHHT's Mission: To conserve in perpetuity land and water resources that support the long-term health and well-being of the natural and human communities on the Blue Hill Peninsula.

BHHT History: Blue Hill Heritage Trust (BHHT) is a nonprofit organization that works for the conservation of land founded in 1985 by residents of the Blue Hill Peninsula. BHHT was founded to protect the unique landscape of the peninsula. They also work to protect the land in and around the Bagaduce watershed. For those of you who don't know, a watershed is the land that pitches down hill towards a river, lake, or source of those bodies of water. This means a watershed can start much farther away from a body of water than you would think. It is important to protect a watershed since the condition of

the watershed determines the state of the water in the lake or river. Also, there is a large amount of wildlife in a watershed.



For the first hike we did, we walked to Ferry Landing. Ferry land was put under conservation in 1990 by TCT(The Conservation Trust) but

was acquired by BHHT with the the merging of the two trusts in 2014. In was conserved to protect the habitat of the native animals and for cultural reasons. The two islands you can see at the end of the trail played a large part in the Underground Railroad. In the early 1900's,



Cunningham Limeburner started a ferry that transported people and farm animals between Brooksville and Castine. The journey on land was over 30 miles and could take days, while the ferry only took 15-30 minutes. The trail starts in a pine forest and at the end there is a spectacular view of the Bagaduce. Personally, this was my favorite hike because of the view over the Bagaduce. The picture on top is of an old collapsed hut on the banks of the Bagaduce we saw on the walk. The one below it is of some of the plants we saw on the hike.

The second hike we did was Weinland, which was conserved in 1997 by TCT and was a gift from Helen Weinland in her parents name. BHHT acquired the property in 2014 with the merge of TCT and BHHT. Virginia Weinland, Helen Weinland mother, got a camera for her 60th birthday. After that, she started taking pictures and giving tours and nature walks up until she was in her 90's. Her photography was so good that they put her photography into many field guides. The picture above is of a marsh that I saw on the walk. The trail itself is very wooded and is an easy walk.



The last hike we went on was Cooperfarm in Sedgwick. Most people know Cooperfarm for its famous Caterpillar Hill, which sports some absolutely gorgeous views which have been in National Geographic. Painters from around the world come to paint the view. The 134 acre property was purchased in 2001 by BHHT with the help of MHT(Maine Heritage Trust). It was conserved for numerous reasons; it was a major hunting ground for the Native Americans; it is part of the Bagaduce watershed; it is part of the wildlife corridor. The hike starts in a blueberry field and along the hike you can



see many unique plants. The hike is very scenic and I would highly recommend it. The picture above and to the left is of some lichen we saw on the hike.

Blue Hill Heritage Trust is a great organization for protect wildlife habitat on the Blue Hill Peninsula. Find out more at there website www.bluehillheritagetrust.org