

Colonial Pemaquid State Historic Site

Bristol, Maine



Coordinates: N43° 52.717 W069° 31.311

Geocaching.com code: GC4B1YH

Type of Cache: Traditional*

Colonial Pemaquid State Historic Sites displays one of northern New England's earliest communities. Visitors can use a telescopes onsite to observe the area and imagine what it was like in the 17th century, guarding the waters to the Pemaquid River and beyond.

The Fort House was built in the last quarter of the 18th Century by Alexander Nickels Jr., the son of Fort Frederick's last commander. Today the first floor of this building is open to the public. Inside you will find the period room or parlor which is decorated similar to how it may have been in the early 1800's, a library, exhibit room and archaeological laboratory. The Fort House was renovated through the efforts of the Friends of Colonial Pemaquid.



Near Colonial Pemaquid is the Salt Pond Preserve which honors environmental pioneer Rachel Carson. She is credited with initiating the environmental movement. In an earlier work, *The Edge of the Sea*, Ms. Carson details her tide pool research on the shore of Muscongus Bay, near the southeastern tip of Pemaquid Point. This spot was designated as the Rachel Carson Salt Pond Preserve by The Nature Conservancy in 1966. The Wells Reserve and nearby Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge is another site to visit in this passport. (*Excerpts largely taken from Colonial Pemaquid State Historic Site on Maine.gov*)

Learn more about this area:

www.maine.gov/colonialpemaquid

Thank you to: Maine State Parks (cache owner), Gary Best (Maine State Parks)

Passport Question:

- What is the name of the ship referred to in the education sheet hidden in the Maine State GeoTour cache?

***Please note:** *This geocache is part of the Maine State Parks GeoTour. Why not take part! For more information on this GeoTour visit: www.maine.gov/dacf/parks/discover_history_explore_nature/activities/geocaching.shtm*

The Gulf of Maine Council on the Marine Environment's (GOMC) 2012-2017 Action Plan identifies goals for three broad issues that benefit significantly from regional collaboration:

1. Restore and conserve habitat
2. Environmental and human health
3. Sustainable communities

More information on the GOMC, its partners and its activities can be found at www.gulfofmaine.org



Did You Know: In 2004 and 2006, the **Town of Bristol** and the **Pemaquid Watershed Association** received grants from the Gulf of Maine Council's Habitat Restoration Program for marsh culvert replacement and salt marsh monitoring respectively.