

# Bunker Creek

Durham, New Hampshire



**Coordinates:** N42° 23.508 W070° 59.413

**Geocaching.com code:** GC16W54

**Type of Cache:** Traditional\*

Bunker Creek has three major wildlife habitat attractions. The shoreline along Bunker Creek is prime waterfowl nesting habitat. The large white pine trees along the creek are potential eagle perch sites. The upland is maintained as shrub habitat, being rotationally mowed to sustain this habitat type, important to so many wildlife species.

The Great Bay began to shape 15,000 years ago, when the last glacier retreated, leaving behind a flooded valley that became Great Bay. This remarkable estuary, with fresh water from seven rivers and numerous creeks, creates a watershed that drains one-quarter of New Hampshire (930 square miles / 2400 square kilometres), before it meets up with tidal waters and empties into the Gulf of Maine. These lands are home to many species of wildlife, making Great Bay one of the most productive estuaries along the East Coast.

The Bunker Creek trail, located on this property, begins behind the barn and will lead you to the Bunker family graveyard. (Text above taken with permission from The Great Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve geocache passport).



## Learn more about this area:

[www.greatbay.org/](http://www.greatbay.org/)

To view how the seasons affect the creek over the year visit Blake Gumprecht photo stream:

[www.flickr.com/photos/gumprecht/sets/72157623166537668/page3/](http://www.flickr.com/photos/gumprecht/sets/72157623166537668/page3/). His photos are also for sale.

**Thank you to:** horseshoe crab (cache owner), Great Bay Discovery Center

## Passport Question:

- When did Valentine Bunker die? (Hint: Make your way to the Graveyard, behind the barn to the right)

**\*Please note:** This site is also part of the Great Bay Geocache Passport. Download your copy here:

<http://greatbay.org/documents/greatbaypassport.pdf> Also make sure to punch your Great Bay Geocache Passport with the special hole punch found in the cache.

**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](http://www.gulfofmaine.org)



**Did You Know:** The University of New Hampshire (UNH) is located in the town of Durham (near Bunker creek). The **UNH Marine Docents** won an award from the Gulf of Maine Council in 2000, for 20 years of increasing public awareness of the marine environment through their volunteer efforts as trained community outreach volunteers.