

**Rancourt Preserve**

Coordinates:

**Location:** Lewiston, Maine. Traveling from downtown Lewiston on US Route 202, turn left onto Northwood Road, then take left turn before road turns to dead end. Preserve is approximately 500 feet on right.

**Owner:** Androscoggin Land Trust      **Manager:** Androscoggin Land Trust

**Launch facilities:**

Hand carry access approximately 250 feet from parking. Follow path from kiosk near road. Nice but small, sandy beach area for access.

**Miles to downstream access:** 1.8

**Parking:**

Along road. Light useage of water access

**Amenities:**

Kiosk at street

Walking trails with scenic overlook to Androscoggin River northerly of launch site

Nice tranquil forest area near bustling residential and commercial area

**Water Conditions:**

Flat water downstream with more rapidly moving current upstream near Deer Rips Dam.

**General Comments:**

Easy round trip paddle downstream to the are just above the NextEra dam at Great Falls, aka Lewiston Falls. Take out near dam is in Auburn, on opposite side of river. See next listing.

A quiet 14 acre preserve offering great views of the Androscoggin River from both River level and cliffs located on a shaded walking path. Nice sandy beach.

Amenities of downtown Lewiston, Maine's second largest city nearby. Lewiston is home to the growing Museum L/A and many other cultural and heritage attractions. The museum chronicles the history of textile mill development along the Androscoggin River. Restaurants, hotels, and shopping are located in both Lewiston and its twin city of Auburn. The downtown areas along the river feature several parks and walking pathways. Downtown Lewiston features several shops on Lisbon Street carrying native Somali textiles, goods and foods, thanks to a small immigrant population of Somalies. The area also has a developing food and cultural scene worth some additional research.