

Blue Point Preserve

Letterbox Location #3

Color: YELLOW

Difficulty: Easy

Walking distance total: 1 mile

Blue Point Preserve features vistas of the marsh after a short half a mile walk from the parking lot. This land was a potential site for shellfish harvesting by the Sokokis people of the Abenaki Tribe. In the 1600s, people dug ditches in the marsh to control tides and harvest hay. Neighborhood kids used to ice skate over the marshlands.

Directions & Clues:

At the parking area, locate the kiosk at the trail head and continue along the trail.

At the north and south leg intersection, take the south leg to the right. First you can check out the pitch pines to your left at the very beginning of the north leg trail.

Pines are coniferous trees- that is, trees with needles instead of leaves. The taller pines here are Maine's state tree- the white pine. Pitch pines are the shorter pines on this trail. These trees have adapted to grow in sandy soil. There are not too many more of these pines left in the state of Maine, so SLT is working to save them by opening up the surrounding canopy.



Continue on the south leg until you see where the north leg meets back up with the south leg on left. Take the north leg trail. (You will also see the bench and a post which is Climate Change Observation Log. If you wish, take a picture to contribute to the citizen science project!)



Enter the north leg and almost immediately on your right, you will see a big white pine. (Note: this trail may be closed due to the work that's being done on the other side. You may walk into the trail because the letterbox is only a few steps in). White pines like these were harvested all across the coast of Maine for ship building in the colonial days. Find the letterbox hiding under birch bark in the center of the branches in the pine tree.

*Please remember to return all items to the container: SLT stamp, ink pad, pen, and SLT notebook. Please be sure to place the bin inside the bag and hide it safely where you found it.*

Continue your hike: You may take the north or south leg back to the parking lot.

Thanks for visiting Blue Point Preserve!