

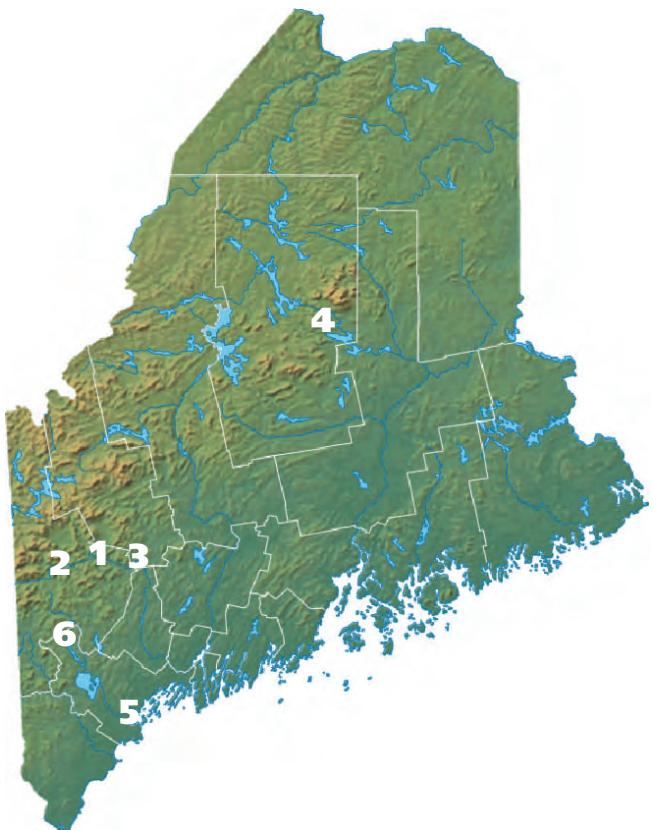


## National Park Service, Northeast Region

### Rivers, Trails & Conservation Assistance Program **Maine**



### *What's Happening Right Now...*



#### About Us

The Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) Program provides staff time and technical assistance for 1-2 years to projects that need an extra hand to take the next leap forward to success. We work with citizens' groups and non-profits, helping them realize their vision of how to improve their communities, whether it's through a rail-trail, urban park, or a restored river. The National Park Service helps make it happen.

#### Projects and Partners 2008

1. Androscoggin River Canoe Trail  
Androscoggin River Watershed Council
2. Bethel Area Trails  
Mahoosuc Land Trust
3. Canton Shoreland Trails  
Town of Canton
4. Thoreau-Wabanaki Trail  
Maine Woods Forever
5. West End Trails  
South Portland Land Trust
6. Pondicherry Park, Bridgton  
Lakes Environmental Association



Enjoying Kennebec Messalonskee Trails

# Recent Success

## Kennebec Messalonskee Trails Connect Communities

Kennebec Messalonskee Trails give Maine residents a new appreciation for their environment and a healthy way to travel to nearby communities. Six miles of new trail are open and another four miles are nearly complete. Kennebec Messalonskee Trails, Inc., received the 2006 Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce Community Service Project of the Year award.

KMTrails, Inc. credits RTCA with helping make their community walk the best-attended National Trails Day event in the state. RTCA also facilitated logo and brochure development, participated in fundraising and assisted with grant writing.



KMT, Inc. board members on land and water

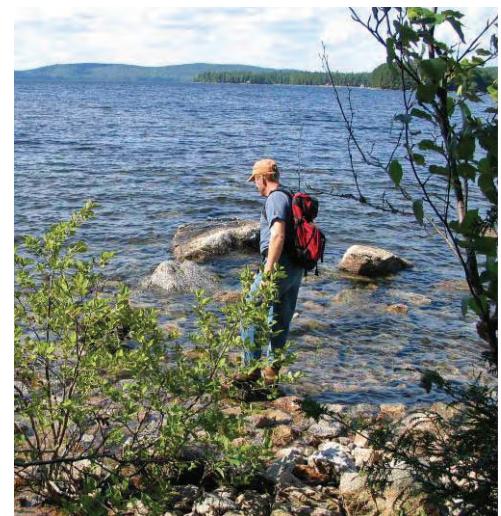
ing trails and eight new or improved water access campsites. RTCA also connected DLLT with the Maine Conservation Corps for trail construction.

"The skills and ideas we've gained through this partnership have helped us diversify the high quality recreation opportunities in our region."

- Mark Berry, Executive Director, Downeast Lakes Land Trust

## Farm Cove Community Forest: Preservation and Progress

The Downeast Lakes Land Trust (DLLT) worked with RTCA to ensure the Farm Cove Community Forest continues to support the region's forest-based economy while preserving local history and traditions. RTCA technical assistance for planning, funding, publication design, resource assessment and mapping helped establish two new walk-



Trail scouting on Farm Cove Community Forest

## 2007 Success Northeast Region

Miles of new trail (land): 25

Miles of new trail (water): 10

Miles of river restored or improved: 40

Acres conserved and protected: 500

Number of communities assisted: 125

Number of organizations established or enhanced: 150

Dollars leveraged for our projects: \$75 million



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**We want to help you.**

Could Your Project Benefit from  
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