

About Harpswell Heritage Land Trust

Harpwell Heritage Land Trust's mission is to preserve and protect Harpswell's natural resources, cultural heritage and access to the outdoors through targeted conservation, responsible stewardship and education



- Sound Finances
- Ethical Conduct
- Responsible Governance
- Lasting Stewardship

Become a Member

Harpwell Heritage Land Trust is a small nonprofit that relies on community support. All donations are tax-deductible, much appreciated and put to good use! Please make your checks payable to HHLT and mail to:

Harpwell Heritage Land Trust
PO Box 359
Harpwell, ME 04079

Your can also donate online at:
www.hhlmaine.org

Get Involved

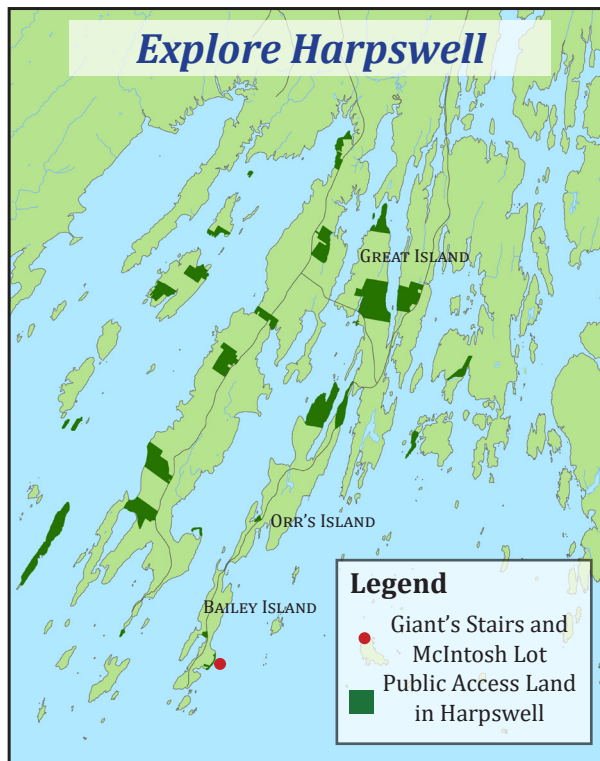
We offer a variety of public programs for all ages and volunteer opportunities for many interests. Visit our website for details. While you're there, we encourage you to sign up for email updates.



Website: www.hhlmaine.org
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ENJOY THE TRAILS!

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For information on other trails and preserves, please visit: www.hhlmaine.org

Directions

From Cook's Corner in Brunswick, follow Rt 24 south for 14.5 miles, crossing the Cribstone Bridge. Turn left on Washington Ave. Park at the Episcopal Chapel (except during services) or at the four designated spots along Washington Ave.

Features and Amenities at
Giant's Stairs and McIntosh Lot



Hiking



Scenic Views



Great for Kids



Dogs Allowed

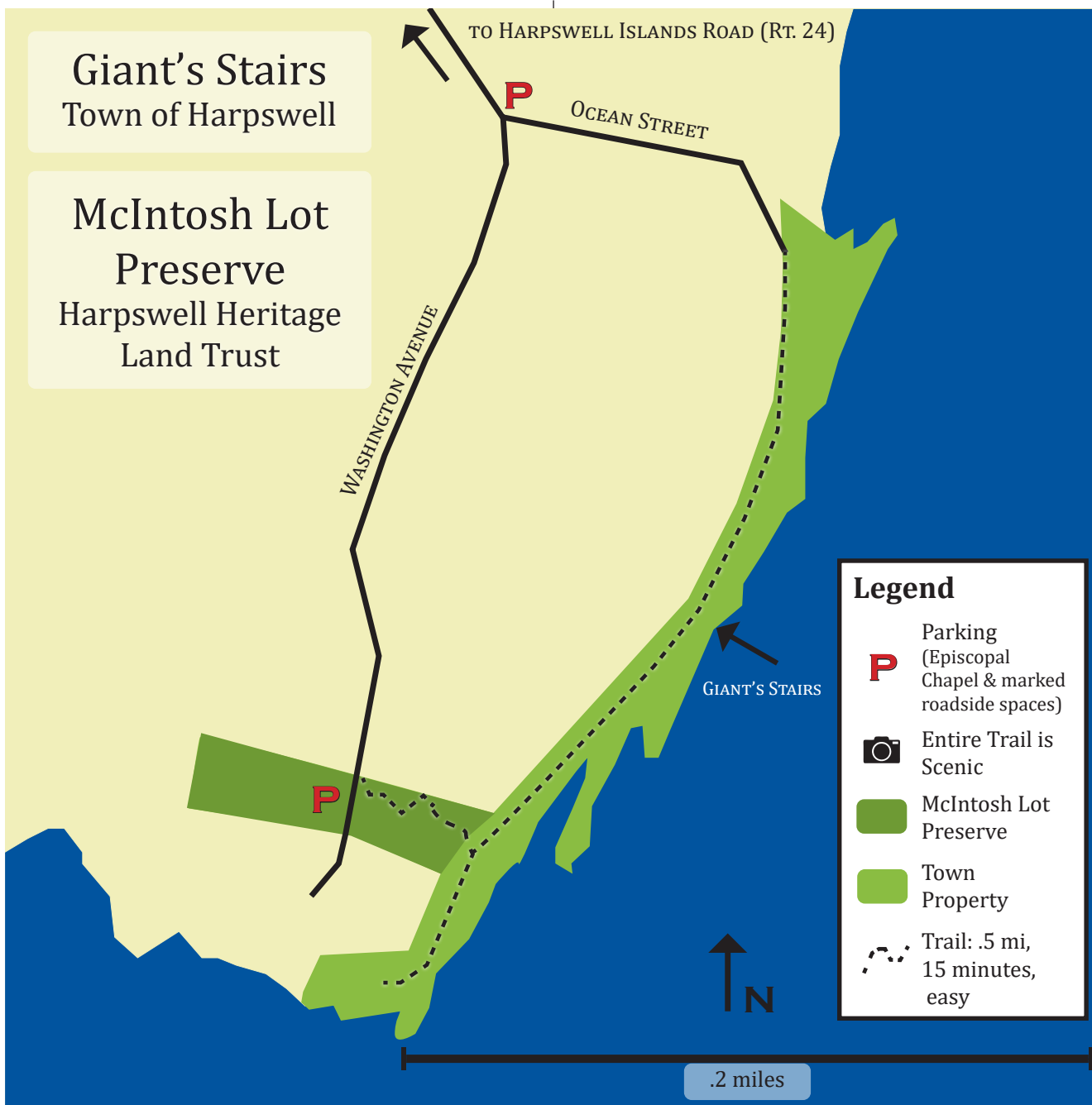


GIANT'S STAIRS AND MCINTOSH LOT



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Town of Harpswell

McIntosh Lot
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About the Preserve

For dramatic coastal scenery in Harpswell, nothing beats the Giant's Stairs. Named for its interesting geologic history, the Giant's Stairs trail follows the rocky coastline with gorgeous views of eastern Casco Bay, often with crashing waves glinting in the sunlight. On any given day you might see rafts of ducks, foraging harbor seals or a lobster boat hauling traps below your feet. The Giant's Stairs Trail is managed by the Town of Harpswell, while Harpswell Heritage Land Trust's McIntosh Lot Preserve Trail completes the short and easy loop.

The rock formations here are a geologist's dream, but even a layman can appreciate the gigantic forces that shaped this coastline going back 500 million years. Layers of mud formed the original sedimentary rock, along with deposits of minerals that later crystallized into quartz and garnet. Movements in the Earth's crust caused massive buckling and cracking. Hot magma flowed into one large crack and formed a vertical seam of dark basalt rock. Erosion of the basalt during 200 million years led to what now looks like a Giant's Stairs.

Visitor Guidelines

- Carry in, carry out.
- Pedestrian use only.
- No open fires.
- No camping.
- Dogs must be under owner control and not bother wildlife, neighbors and other users.
- Carry out all dog waste.
- No hunting or discharge of firearms.
- Please respect wildlife, neighbors and other users.
- Power driven mobility devices are not allowed.