

GOALS & RECOMMENDATIONS

Recreation

Recreation is an important aspect of life in Bowdoinham that greatly adds to Bowdoinham's quality of place.

Goals

1. To promote, protect, and improve the availability and accessibility of outdoor recreational opportunities.
2. To plan for, develop, promote, and encourage recreational opportunities for all ages.
3. To plan for and develop regional recreational opportunities and facilities.
4. To expand on the list of current recreational offerings.

Key Issues

Additional resources are needed to increase the current level of services, especially for teens and the elderly.

Recommendations

1. Promote recreational opportunities in Bowdoinham including but not limited to biking, walking, and paddling.
2. Identify and promote recreational opportunities on publicly owned lands.
3. Support the Bowdoinham Snowbirds.
4. Investigate and develop a safe location for swimming.
5. Encourage landowners to allow access for hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, and trails.
6. Support the creation of the Merrymeeting Trail.
7. Maintain an inventory of our recreational resources.
8. Investigate the feasibility of and opportunities to develop a community center.
9. Develop, support, and promote indoor recreation for all ages.
10. Develop adult sports leagues.
11. Host board and card game events.
12. Develop and promote boating opportunities.
13. Investigate and develop a sledding hill.
14. Maintain and upgrade recreational facilities as prescribed by the recreation facility plan.
15. Develop additional safe access points to Merrymeeting Bay and the rivers.
16. Support our Committee on Aging in creating recreational activities for our seniors.
17. Explore and potentially create an Active Community Environment Team to implement our strategies for recreation.
18. Investigate the feasibility of and opportunities to develop a modern and efficient lighting system at the recreational fields.
19. Implement recreational opportunities as approved in the Waterfront Plan.