

2022 BEAL ISLAND USERS' GUIDE

Please visit www.maine.gov/covid19 before you leave for your trip to Beal Island.

Beal Island (BI) has been maintained for over 50 years by a volunteer committee (not paid staff) of the Appalachian Mountain Club. Please make BI your short-term home, and assure that others can do the same, by following state of Maine COVID guidelines and the guidelines below.

Location: You will park your vehicle and launch your kayak/canoe from the Knubble Bay Cabin (KBC) property. KBC is located at 144 Jewitt Road, Georgetown, ME [Google Map](#) For written directions, see the following pages.

Arrival/Departure: Arrive and leave at noon on rental dates.

Parking: There is separate parking for renters staying at the KBC cabin and renters staying on BI. As you drive in and approach the cabin, bear sharply to the right. BI renters should park as far to right as possible. The area in front of the cabin is reserved for use by KBC renters.

Launch: Launch from the beach at the bottom of the stairs. If there is space, you may park closer to the stairs but **only while you unload** your gear.

Beal Island Information:

- Please do not bring **pets; pets are NOT allowed** at KBC or on BI.
- The outhouses located on the KBC property are available but please use them for "P" only. We are trying to extend their useful life.
- Please do not go into the cabin or onto the cabin decks/walkways.
- There is no potable water on BI so you will need to bring water as well as food.
- For potable water, you may use the hand water pump on the parking lot side of the cabin.
- The two Beal Island outhouses are open for use. Clean and sanitize on your own. No toilet paper is provided.
- BI is a fragile island environment with many visitors. Please do not dig "cat holes" for pooping.
- Land on the beach at the South end of BI. Up the stairs from the beach, you will find the camping area and the outhouses.
- On some high tides, the entire beach floods. Always secure your boat and don't leave your gear on the beach.
- Camp in the large grassy area or under the pines.
- There is a hiking trail that follows the entire shore of BI.
- No fires are permitted without a permit. **Before you arrive**, secure a fire permit by going to wardensreport.com. Enter Sagadahoc as the "county" and Georgetown as the "town." Contact the Georgetown Fire Department (207-371-2020, 207-449-8411, 207-837-2111) with problems. **Fires must be contained only in the rock fire pit on the beach.** Use the rake and shovel provided to manage fires
- Beal Island is **carry in/carry out**, when you depart, make sure to take all **your** trash and everything you arrived with.
- Two different parties may rent BI at one time, with a maximum rental occupancy of 30. Because BI is on the Maine Island Trail, day visitors are allowed, but they may not camp overnight.

- Share table spaces if others are present.
- Use 9-1-1 for emergencies

Getting to BI:

- The chart on the following page shows the location of the KBC launch and the beach to land on at BI. The NOAA chart for this area is # 13296 “Boothbay Harbor to Bath, Including Kennebec River.” Select the pdf of this chart at: [NOAA Charts](#)
- BI is 0.6 nautical miles by ocean from KBC. You can't see BI from the KBC beach. At about 100' offshore from the beach, BI becomes visible.
- Depending on the current and your paddle speed, the KBC launch to BI takes anywhere from 12 minutes to 30 minutes.
- The current between KBC and BI typically does not exceed 1 knot during maximum ebb or maximum flood.
- The magnetic variation in this area is 15° W.
- Be aware of boat traffic and avoid it by paddling closer to shore and staying out of the channels.
- If you plan to paddle while staying on BI, be aware of the currents North of the BI beach and South of the Knubble. To find information about local tides and currents, there is a link at the top of each page at: amckbc.org

Directions:

- Follow US Rt. 1 through Bath, across the Kennebec River Bridge
- Keep in the right-hand lane, and turn RIGHT just after the bridge onto Rt. 127, toward Reid State Park. LEFT onto Rt. 127
- Travel 5.8 m. and turn LEFT onto ROBINHOOD RD. (Look for antlers on a garage, sign for “Robinhood Marine”)
- Travel 1 m. and take a sharp LEFT onto WEBBER RD. at the meetinghouse
- Travel 1.2 m. and take first RIGHT turn onto JEWETT RD. (AMC sign)
- Travel until you're sure you're lost, taking a RIGHT at each fork, including the one that announces the end of the town road
- Then take the first sharp LEFT at the AMC sign to KNUBBLE BAY CAMP

Please send KBC volunteer committee member Gail Fensom (gailrond@comcast.net) any photos of your visit that we may use for our Beal Island/Knubble Bay website. Also please include any thoughts you have about your stay.

Have a great visit!

NOAA Tides & Current Predictions for Knubble Bay Cabin & Beal Island

Lower Hell Gate NOAA Current Predictions

Beach on Beal Island

KBC Launch

Location for NOAA Tide Predictions

Low Point NOAA Current Predictions

