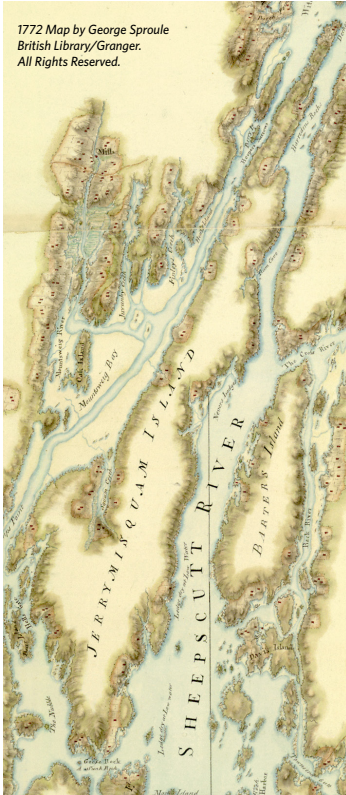


History Trail *~a driving tour through the island's history.*

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The Westport Island History Committee, with support from the Maine 200 Bicentennial Commission, presents a self-guided tour of ten significant sites of historic and scenic interest. Westport Island, formerly called Jeremisquam, was purchased from the Native American Abenaki tribe in the mid-17th century and permanently settled by Europeans starting in the mid-18th century. This was a land of farmers, fishermen, lumbermen, shipbuilders, and traders. Traces of these early occupations can readily be seen today.

Westport Island History Trail Interpretive Signs

To celebrate the Maine 200 Bicentennial, we invite you to learn about the island's history through interpretative signs located at each of these sites along an approximately 20-mile loop around the island, as indicated on the map on the back. The signs can be found at:

- ❶ **Clough Point Settlements.** North End Road at the kiosk for Clough Point Preserve.
- ❷ **North End Chapel.** Westport Baptist Church, 251 Main Road.
- ❸ **Ferry Landing and Island Transportation.** 38 Ferry Road.
- ❹ **Squire Tarbox Inn.** 1181 Main Road.
- ❺ **Westport Community Church.** 1211 Main Road.
- ❻ **Westport Town Hall.** 1217 Main Road.
- ❼ **Hodgdon Mill.** On East Shore Road, west of Kehail Point Road and north of the bridge.
- ❽ **Heal's Lower Mill.** Near Bonyon Preserve's Junction Trail crossing at Junction Road.
- ❾ **Heal's Upper Mill.** On West Shore Road, west of Post Office Rd., just east of the causeway.
- ❿ **Dunton Family Settlements.** West Shore Road at the Segerstrom Preserve trail head.

The Westport Island History Committee is a volunteer organization dedicated to the pursuit, preservation, and promotion of the island's proud history and rich cultural heritage.

The non-profit **Friends of Westport Island History (Friends)** was formed to further the collection and preservation of Westport Island's history. The Friends supports this goal by providing educational programs, disseminating information about the History Committee's activities, and conducting fundraising events to support its preservation mission.

In collaboration with community partners, the Friends have been instrumental in the creation of the Westport Island History Center at the Wright Landing to increase residents and visitors' access to the collections and provide a venue for public exhibits and displays, space for research, and space for archival storage.



The interpretive signs have been funded in part by a grant from the Maine 200 Bicentennial Commission.

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Driving Directions to Interpretive Signs

- ▶ Take Route 144 to Westport Island. Cross the bridge and make an immediate left onto Lord Road. At .5 miles, turn left on North End Road and drive .6 miles to Clough Point Preserve.
 - ➊ **Clough Point Settlements** interpretive signs are to the left of the parking area.
- ▶ Return to Main Road by driving 1.4 miles on North End Road. Turn left and drive .8 miles to Westport Baptist Church.
 - ➋ **North End Chapel** interpretive sign is to the right of the church.
- ▶ Continue south on Main Road for .1 miles. Turn right on Ferry Road. Drive to the end.
 - ➌ **Ferry Landing/Island Transportation** sign is to the right of the boat ramp.
- ▶ Return to Main Road and continue south for 4.2 miles.
 - ➍ **Squire Tarbox Inn** interpretive sign is in front of the inn.
- ▶ Continue south on Main Road for .1 miles.
 - ➎ **Westport Community Church** and
 - ➏ **Westport Town Hall** interpretive signs are between the church and the Town Hall.
- ▶ Continue south on Main Road for .3 miles and turn left onto East Shore Road. Drive 1.5 miles.
 - ➐ **Hodgdon Mill** interpretive sign is on the left, just after the bridge.
- ▶ Continue along East Shore Road for .5 miles. Turn left on Main Road and drive .4 mile. Turn right onto West Shore Road. Drive .4 miles and turn left into Bonyon Preserve parking area. Hike .5 miles to Mill Cove overlook on Junction Trail.
 - ➑ **Heal's Lower Mill** interpretive sign is on the right.
- ▶ Continue along West Shore Road and drive 1.3 miles.
 - ➒ **Heal's Upper Mill** interpretive sign is on the left just before the causeway.
- ▶ Continue along West Shore Road for 1.4 miles and turn right into the parking area of Carl and Barbara Segerstrom Preserve.
 - ➓ **Dunton Family Settlements** interpretive sign is on your left at the trail entrance.
- ▶ To exit island, continue along West Shore Road for .5 miles and turn left on Main Road.

Note: A QR code appears on each interpretive sign. Scan it with your cell phone to read more of the history of each site.

