

Safety & More Information

CAUTION: Swimming from railroad bridges and travel along any rail line is illegal and deadly.

CAUTION: The dam at East Elm Street is a mandatory portage, and the beginning of a stretch of river with extraordinary water falls and other risks. Please proceed with care and site-specific scoping.

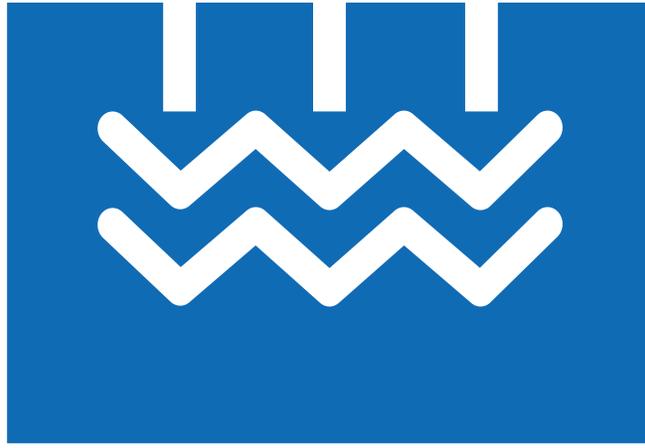
CAUTION: All rivers require attention to safety. Paddling conditions vary according to weather and season, so always exercise caution and always wear a life jacket. With good judgment and proper equipment, risks can be reduced. Respect the natural world and the rights of landowners, and be considerate of other outdoor enthusiasts. Paddlers should seek to avoid causing erosion, trampling vegetation, disturbing wildlife, and harming water quality.

MORE WATER TRAIL INFORMATION: More information on both this segment and other segments of the Royal River Water Trail is available at www.RRCT.org and www.MaineTrailFinder.com. Free online maps for handheld devices are at pdf-maps.com

FISH PASSAGE & FUTURE OF THE DAMS: Long-term dialog to improve fish passage at Yarmouth's dams is available at MaineRivers.org

THE ROYAL RIVER CONSERVATION TRUST (RRCT). RRCT is a regional land trust, conserving land in the communities that form the Royal River watershed. We are funded by membership dues from more than 500 households who support active outdoor recreation and conservation.

Royal River Water Trail Route 9 to East Elm Street



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Royal River Water Trail: Route 9 to East Elm St.

The Royal River Water Trail from Sabbathday Lake to Casco Bay provides a variety of paddling experiences and public water access points for paddling, swimming, birding, fishing, hunting, fiddlehead harvesting, picnicking, skating, and shoreline hiking & biking & skiing on conserved lands & parks.

The six mile flatwater stretch from Route 9 in North Yarmouth to East Elm Street in Yarmouth is entirely flat with no current. The river here is a six mile narrow pond formed by the dam at East Elm Street. This stretch of river can be paddled by novices either upriver or downriver with equal ease from well-maintained hand-carry boat launches at either end, with good parking.

With a heavily forested shoreline and meandering oxbows, this segment of river provides an escape into the quiet woods of Maine, with only occasional houses or docks visible from the river, and abundant birds and wildlife. Steep banks allow very few locations for picnics or swimming.

The Route 9 boat launch also provides access for paddling upriver, including paddling up both the Chandler Brook and the Royal.

YARMOUTH HISTORY CENTER (East Elm Street): Permanent history exhibits and displays for youth and adults. yarmouthmehistory.org

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www.YarmouthCommunityServices.org

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