

The Bates College Boathouse

On river left you will see a system of floating and fixed docking, and several unusual motor boats which seem to be riding low in the water. If you look carefully, you'll see a large barn-like building through the trees. Some days, you will share the water with swiftly moving rowing shells, powered by one, two, four, or eight rowers. This is Bates College's rowing team, created by students as a club sport in 1985. The college built the facility in 1988, and recently replaced the dirt-floored pole barn with a state-of-the-art building incorporating boat storage with locker and exercise facilities. The rowers attained status as a varsity team in 1999, and since then have ranked among the best college teams in the country.