Davis Park

(Public Facility: Part of Androscoggin Canoe Trail but not an official site on the Androscoggin River Trail due to limited parking during weekends and periods of heavy use).

Coordinates:

Location: Bethel, Maine. On Route 26, southbound from Bethel

Owner: Town of Bethel Manager: Town of Bethel

Launch facilities:

Concrete ramp for trailered and hand-carry boats

Miles to downstream access: 6.7 miles

Parking:

Reasonable size, but parking for mulitiple uses available at park including trailhead for the multi-us Bethel Pathway and Skateboard Park. There is also parking for users of the Bethel Pathway on Route 2.

Amenities:

Picnic tables, toilets, nearby recreational trail, playground Kiosk

Water Conditions:

Generally good current with short sections of rips and Class I rapids. Class II Bear River rips located just upstream from the next takeout which one can avoid by paddling on river left.

General Comments:

Located within walking distance of amenities in Historic Bethel Village. A variety of restaurants, hotels, and Inns (B&B; s) are available in and around the village. The Moses Mason Museum offers a review of the area's history and an historic house tour. The multi-use Bethel Pathway mentioned above follows along the river for a short distance. Several extensions to the trail are being planned. A new Gem Museum will also be opening soon in Bethel Village.