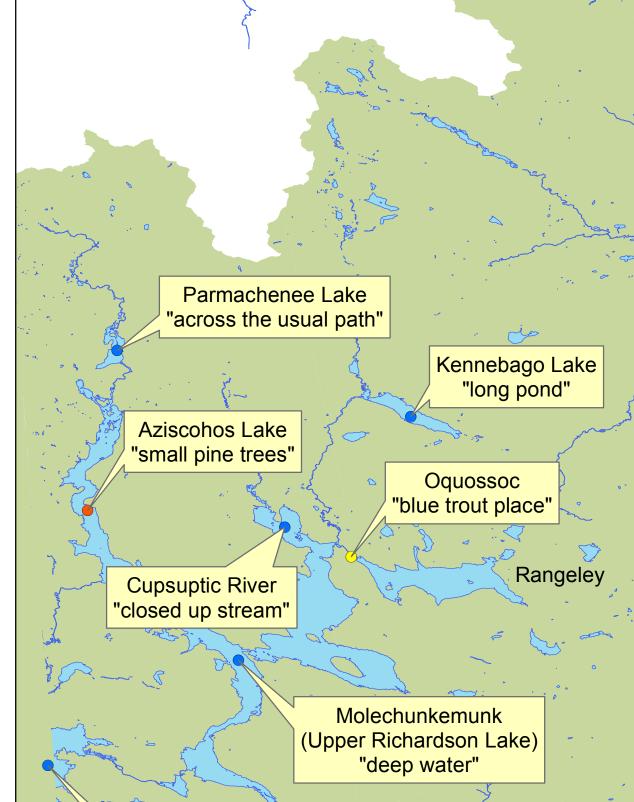
Wabanaki Place Names of Western Maine



Place names are clues for understanding the values and the activities that connect people to a place. Wabanaki peoples inhabit northern New England, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia, and their place names evoke a particular set of relationships to western Maine. Some names suggest how people moved over the land or--more likely--over the waters of Maine by describing the good portages and the dangerous rapids. Others mark good locations for gathering or growing food. Some of these names are still used today. Others have fallen out of use. All of them describe how Wabanakis made this place their home.

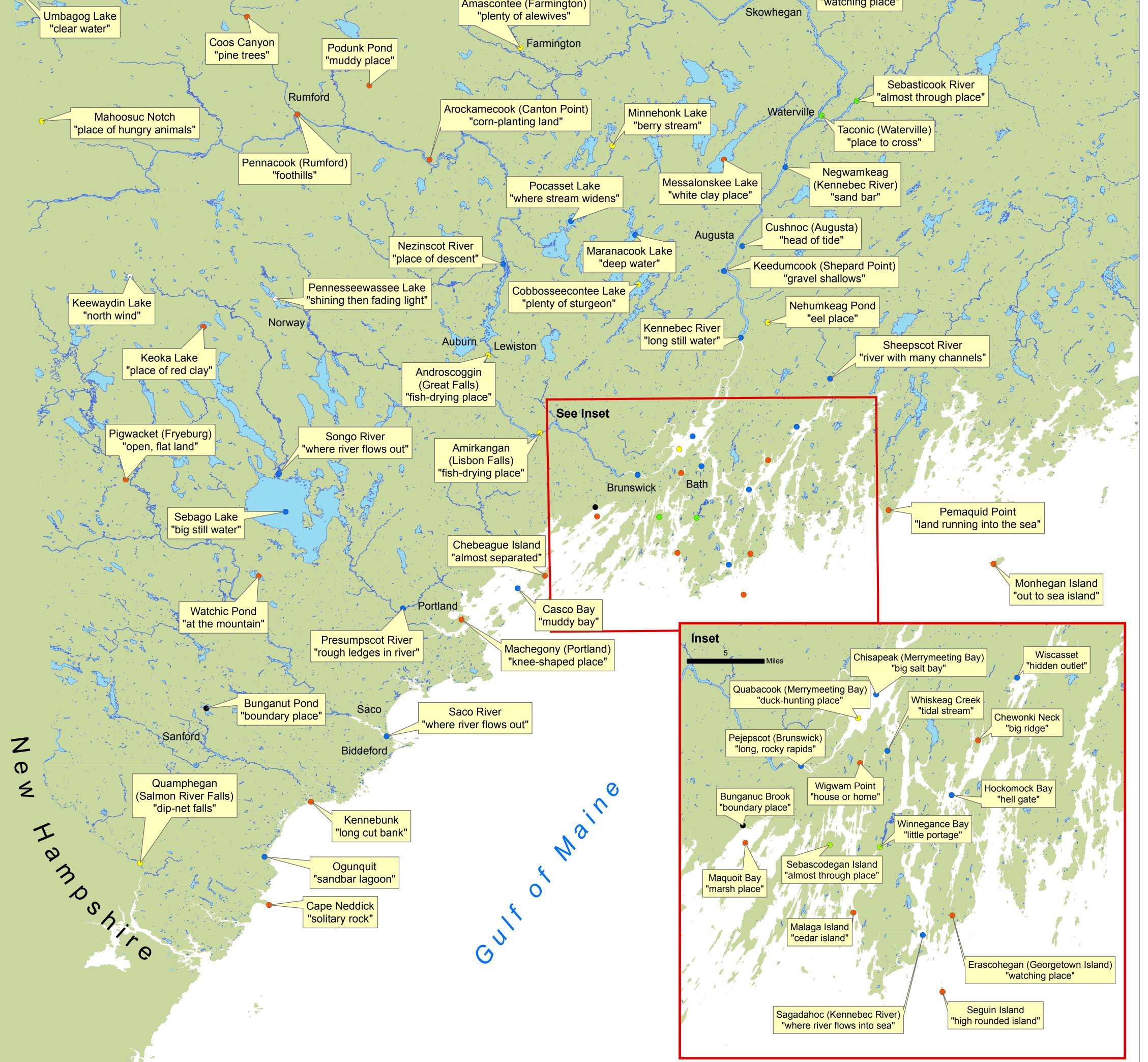


Norridgewock (Madison) "where swift river descends"

Caratunk Falls

crooked stream

Skowhegan



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