




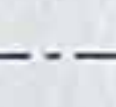
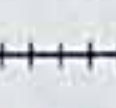



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1. Upper Saco River

from Bartlett, NH, to Hiram, ME

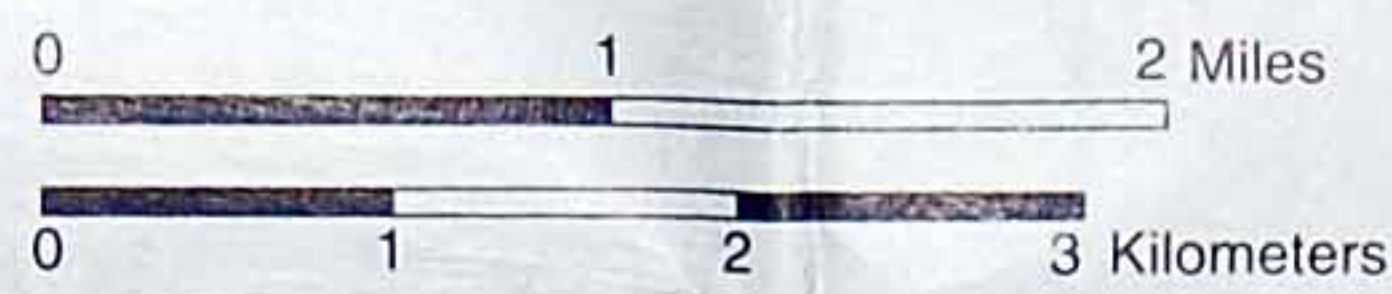
Legend

-  Conservation Land
-  Access Point
-  Livery (boat rentals)
-  Campground
-  Dam
-  Power line
-  Railroad bridge
-  Intermediate to Advanced Whitewater



Scale 1:60000

1 inch = 0.95 miles



Sandy River Beaches

Sandbars and beaches along the river from Bartlett, New Hampshire, to Fryeburg, Maine, host special communities of rare plants and animals. One example of such a community is the Hudsonia River Beach, an area inhabited by beach heather and big bluestem, as well as pinweed and species of goldenrod. Globally rare plants do well along the Upper Saco because these surprisingly sensitive natural communities actually thrive where frequent disturbance by scouring flows and sand deposition limits the ability of competitors to gain a foothold.

While there may be few plant and animal competitors in such inhospitable sandy conditions, inappropriate human use of sandbars and beaches is a major threat to the habitat. Treat this fragile environment with care. Do not camp on or trample natural vegetation. Choose durable surfaces like nonvegetated gravel bars to stop



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Vernal Pools