



**SEABROOK OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS COMMITTEE
NOTICE OF MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2025 - 5:00 PM**

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE SEABROOK OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS COMMITTEE WILL MEET ON **Thursday, May 1, 2025 AT 5:00 PM** AT SEABROOK PUBLIC WORKS AND ANIMAL CONTROL COMPLEX TRAINING ROOM, 1100 RED BLUFF ROAD, SEABROOK, TEXAS, TO DISCUSS, CONSIDER, AND IF APPROPRIATE, TAKE ACTION WITH RESPECT TO THE ITEMS LISTED BELOW. **ALTHOUGH THIS IS NOT A SEABROOK CITY COUNCIL MEETING, MEMBERS OF THIS BODY MAY ATTEND AND A QUORUM OF THIS BODY MAY BE PRESENT.**

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

At this time the Commission will listen to any member of the audience on any subject matter whether or not that item is on the agenda. All comments are limited to a maximum of four minutes for each speaker. In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Commission Members may not discuss or take action on any item that has not been posted on the agenda. When your name is called, please state your name and address clearly before making your comments. Thank you.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

2.1 Approve the minutes of the March 6, 2025 Open Space and Trails Committee meeting.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3.1 Consider and take all appropriate action regarding a recommendation to City Council on the allocation of Keep Texas Beautiful Grant proceeds in the amount not to exceed \$160,000 for improvements within the TXDOT right of way (ROW).

3.2 Consider and take all appropriate action regarding a recommendation to Council concerning the Carothers Grading and Drainage Project re-bid.

3.3 Consider and take all appropriate action on a recommendation to Council regarding moving the Carothers Fence

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Update and report on various Seabrook Park items including needed repairs, signage, plants, flowers, vegetation, and park use matters - *Committee*

4.2 Update and report on various Seabrook Park items including community events, emergency events, and grant administration

4.3 Consider and take all appropriate action regarding seeding the prairie near Robinson Gazebo *Sally Antrobus, OST Member*

4.4 Consider and take all appropriate action regarding emphasizing native plants in Carothers landscape planning. *Sally Antrobus, OST Member*

Considering that:

- Native plants survive freezes, drought and heavy rains better than non-native ornamentals do.
- Native plants would add an attraction currently under-represented in our parks.
- Native plants support native insects, in turn supporting birds and other wildlife that Seabrook residents love to see in our parks.

4.5 Consider and take all appropriate action on a recommendation to Council regarding a volunteer project for the design and installation of trail head signage. *John Coggeshall, OST Member*

5. DISCUSSION

5.1 Discussion regarding Open Space & Trails Committee's involvement in the Bayside Park expansion project at the Main Street Wastewater Treatment Plant

5.2 Discuss recently viewed Keep Texas Beautiful webinars and take all appropriate action on remaining required webinar hours.

6. ROUTINE BUSINESS

6.1 Report from the Committee Chair on the status of a list of proposed actions taken by the Open Space and Trails Committee and forwarded to City Council for its action or review

6.2 Update on volunteer hours – *Committee*

6.3 Establish future meeting dates and agenda items – *Committee*

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I certify that this notice was posted on the bulletin board on or before Monday, May 28, 2025 no later than 5:00 p.m. and that this notice will remain posted until the meeting has ended.

Amanda Morales,
Deputy City Secretary



SEABROOK OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS
COMMITTEE
MEETING

Chair Comeaux called the Seabrook Open Space and Trails Committee to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Public Works and Animal Control Complex Training Room. Present were Nehemiah Jackson, Sally Antrobus, John Coggeshall, Monica Comeaux, Debra Harper, Jesse Jones, Public Works Director, Brian Craig, Assistant Public Works Director, Jesse Olivo and Deputy City Secretary, Amanda Morales

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no citizen comments

2. CONSENT AGENDA

2.1 Approve the minutes of the February 6, 2025 Open Space and Trails Committee meeting.

Motion:	To Approve
Made By:	OST Member Jones
Seconded By:	OST Member Harper
Vote:	Passed unanimously by all present

3. OLD BUSINESS

3.1 Consider and take all appropriate action regarding a recommendation to City Council on the allocation of Keep Texas Beautiful Grant proceeds in the amount not to exceed \$160,000 for improvements within the TXDOT right of way (ROW).

The committee provided ideas for locations to utilize Keep Texas Beautiful grant funds. The following suggestions were made:

- A sail statue at the shipyard - Member Harper
- Use funds at the boat ramp once construction is complete - Member Harper
- Make a notation that OST be consulted on any outside suggestions - Member Antrobus
- Keep this item on the agenda as old business - Member Jones

3.2 Consider and take all appropriate action regarding a recommendation to Council concerning the Carothers Grading and Drainage Project re-bid.

- Public Works Director Brian Craig informed OST that Council has directed staff to simplify an RFP.
- Member Jones suggested using a lump sum bid.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Update and report on various Seabrook Park items including needed repairs, signage, plants, flowers, vegetation, and park use matters - *Committee*

- Chair Comeaux discussed a broken door on the new Little Library at the Butterfly Garden.
- Member Coggeshall presented Attachment A suggesting the utilization of city funds for trail signs.
- Member Harper suggested adding a bench between Hester and Meador Park.
- Member Jones informed the committee that Council member Hammann reminded him that the tree program was postponed.
- Member Jones requested an update on the installation of the bat boxes.
- Member Jones informed the staff that some trees at Baybrook are leaning to the side.
- Chair Comeaux requested an update on the lights that Member Jackson mentioned at a previous meeting at Pine Gully with exposed wires.

4.2 Update and report on various Seabrook Park items including community events, emergency events, and grant administration

Public Works director Brian Craig informed the committee that:

- the lights at Robertson have been repaired and the missing birding sign had been replaced.
- all shade structures are installed in the city's park.
- the modular restroom at Brammerhoff should be delivered by the end of March.
- an update regarding the grant writing process
- the need for volunteers for Trash Bash on 3/29/2025 from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Chair Comeaux provided the following updates:

- Lucky Trails is a week from Friday (3/14/2025).
- The Little Libraries provided by staff are up.
- An email that was received regarding pump tracks.

4.3 Consider and take all appropriate action regarding the selection of one member of the Open Space and Trails Committee to work alongside staff on the relocation of the Carothers fence.

Motion:	To Approve Member Jones to work with Staff on the relocation of Carother's Fence
Made By:	OST Member Coggeshall
Seconded By:	OST Member Harper
Vote:	Passed unanimously by all present

5. DISCUSSION

5.1 Discussion regarding Open Space & Trails Committee involvement in the Bayside Park expansion project at the Main Street Wastewater Treatment Plant

Chair Comeaux discussed the Bayside Park Stakeholders meeting that all members, except Member Coggeshall, attended. Member Jones, the representative for OST, let the committee

know that he was happy with how the meeting went. The next Bayside Park Stakeholders meeting will be held in early April. OST members discussed their desire that no amplified sound be allowed in the park and Member Harper discussed her desire for the park to be renamed Back Bay Park.

6. ROUTINE BUSINESS

6.1 Report from the Committee Chair on the status of a list of proposed actions taken by the Open Space and Trails Committee and forwarded to City Council for its action or review

No updates regarding this item.

6.2 Discuss recently viewed Keep Texas Beautiful webinars and take all appropriate action on remaining required webinar hours – *Committee*

No updates regarding this item.

6.3 Update on volunteer hours – *Committee*

The committee updated their volunteer items.

6.4 Establish future meeting dates and agenda items – *Committee*

- The committee requested that an agenda item to add a recommendation to add "You Are Here" signs along the trails to the May agenda.
- The next Open Space and Trails meeting will be held on April 3, 2025.

Motion: To Adjourn
Made By: OST Member Jones
Seconded By: OST Member Harper
Vote: **Passed** unanimously by all present

The meeting was adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

APPROVED:

Chair

DATE: _____

ATTEST:

Amanda Morales
Deputy City Secretary

Seabrook Trailhead Signs

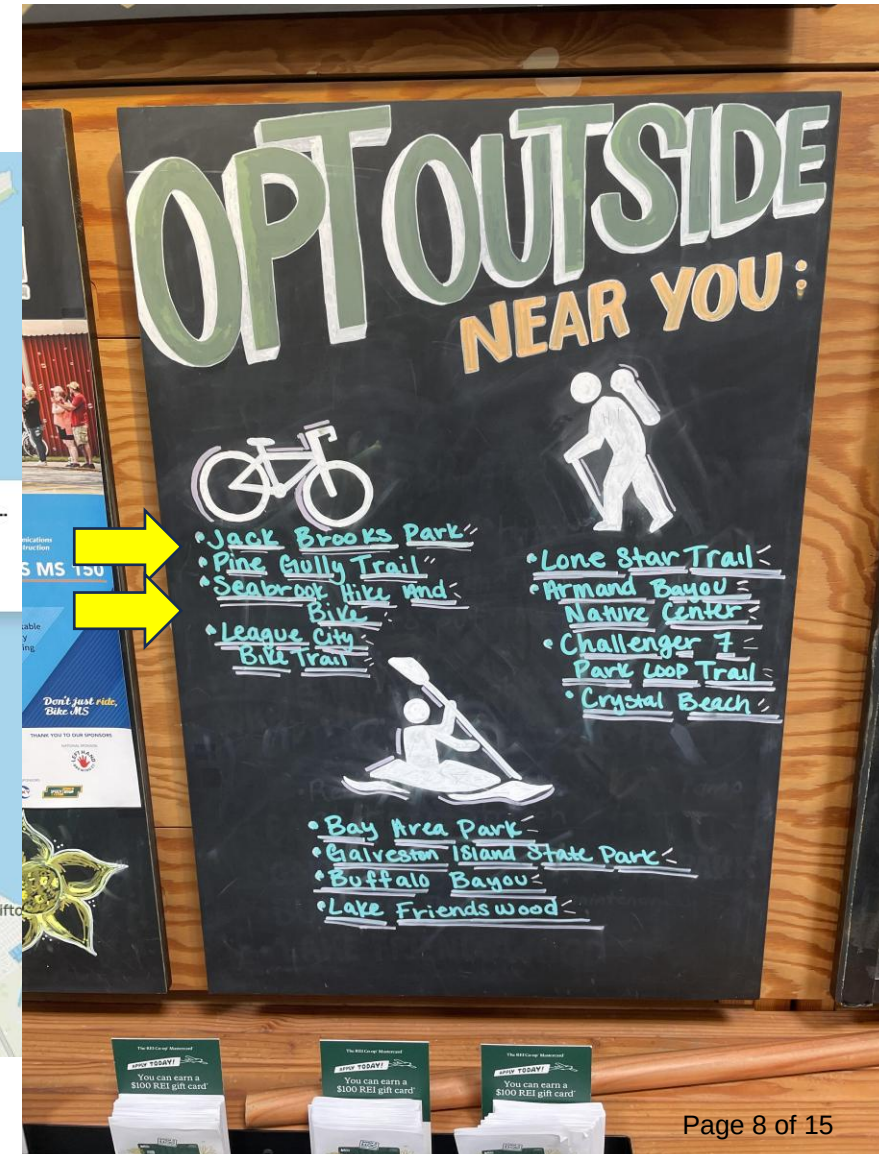
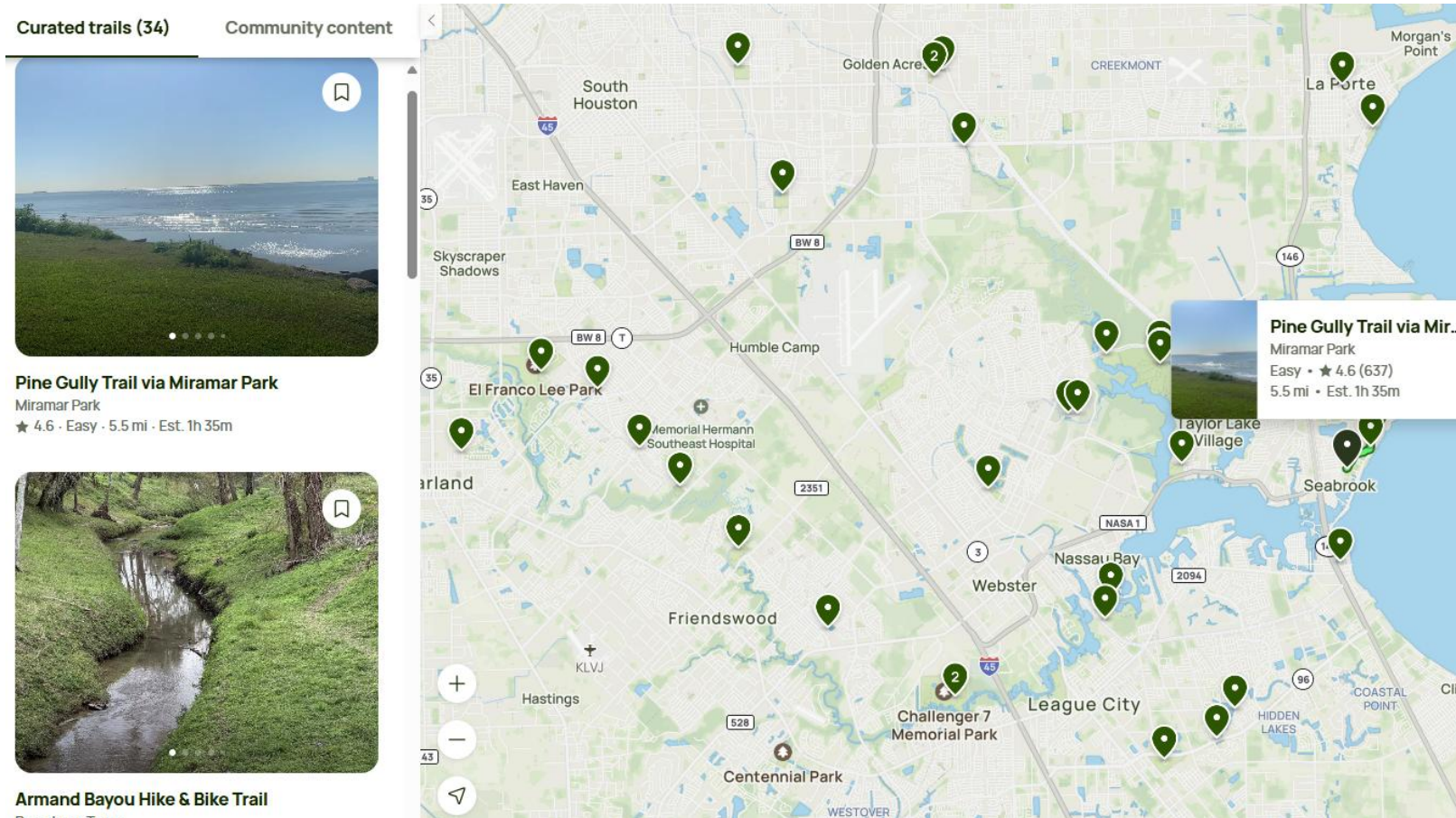
John Coggeshall , Open Space and Trails member
May 2025

Seabrook Trail System

Very few communities in the Greater Houston Area have a trail system equivalent to the quality of Seabrook's.

- Highest rated trail system SE Greater Houston (34 trails rated)
 - Based on AllTrails App user ratings {4.6} 2/1/25
- Armand Bayou and Exploration Green closest in ratings

REI @ Baybrook Mall



Benefits of Seabrook Trail System

- Citizens love it
 - *Additional elaboration not required*
- Draws day visitors

Economic Benefits of Trails

Trails stimulate the economies of surrounding communities. As tourists come to experience the trail, they also bring money into the area. According to the [Institute for Tourism and Recreation Research](#), during the summer of 2017, visitors to Mt. Helena who used the trail system brought over \$4 million into the area.

Meetup

Q Search events

Houston, TX

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Seabrook Trails Hike 8.5 Miles



Hosted By
Ali



Details

Join us to explore The NASA area at Seabrook.

Let's welcome Ali as one of hats new hike leaders, she has hiked with us many times and has offered to lead this hike. Let's help her make it a good one.

The hike: We'll follow the trails through Seabrook to visit most of the parks in this small

SAT, JAN 18 - 9:00 AM CST
Seabrook Trails Hike 8.5 Miles

Attendees (120)

Meeting Place: Look for the group in The parking lot.

Bathrooms: At the start

The Trail: some shade at the start then mostly open, the trail is light gravel & dirt.

Current Trail Conditions: A ~30 yard section of the trail is under construction and the detour is muddy. Conditions have been wet so the trails may have mud or standing water as well.

Trail Map: Please find it in the "Photos" section of this event post.

Forecast: <https://forecast.weather.gov/MapClick.php?lat=29.5663&lon=-95.0216&FcstType=text>

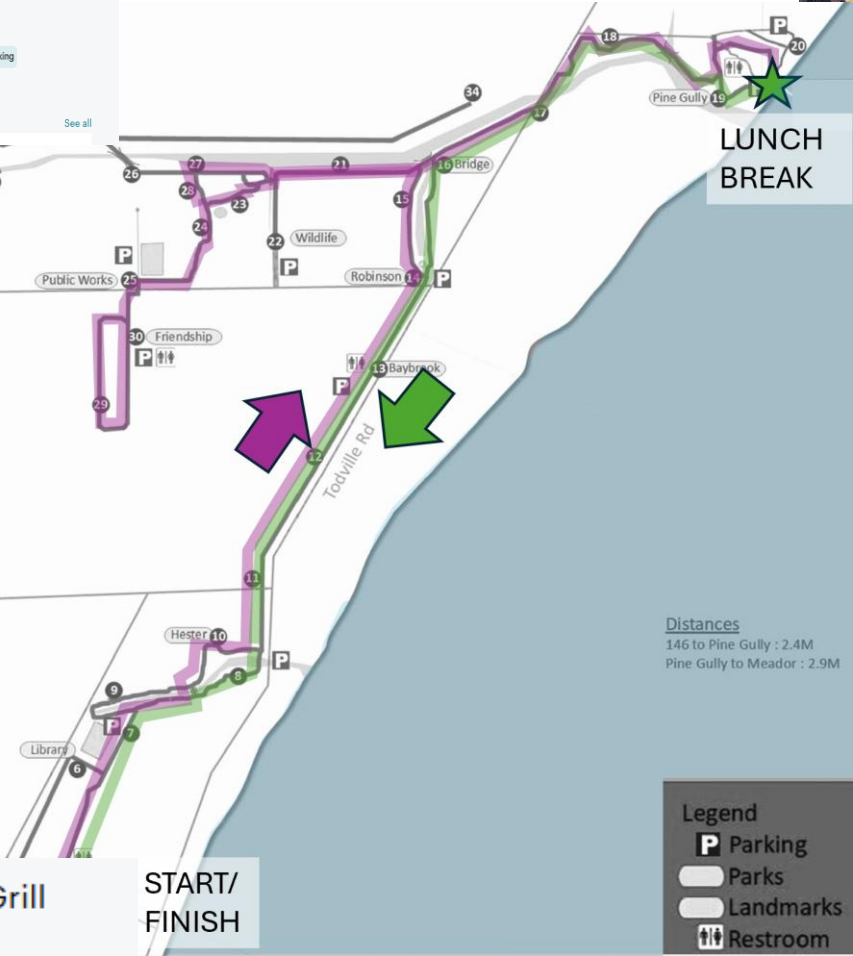
Optional After Hike event: Tookie's Seafood Bar & Grill
1106 Bayport Blvd, Seabrook, TX 77586
<https://tookiesseafood.com/>

About HATS:
HATS organizers are not guides nor do we have any special training. We are here to come up with hiking ideas and get the hike started. Expect the same risks and take the same precautions you would take if you were hiking alone, including the fitness level make long hikes. Then enjoy the hike among friends.
What to bring on a hike and more about HATS.
<https://www.hatsandmore.org/><https://www.hatsandmore.org/>

Events in Houston, TX Fitness Walking Adventure Camping Hiking

Day Visitors

Drew their own map from OST's map



Start at Meador



60 Went to Tookie's Seafood



Meet and Eat

Optional After Hike event: Tookie's Seafood Bar & Grill
1106 Bayport Blvd, Seabrook, TX 77586
<https://tookiesseafood.com/>

Break at Pine Gully



120 Hikers

Day Visitor Inputs to OST

- About 50% of the trail users on the weekends are from out of town (*John's swag*)

Unofficial survey data (talking to hikers)

- Frequent Compliments
 - Overall beauty
 - Bird watching is great
 - On the Greater Coastal Birding Trail (4 bird biomes : Coastal, Woodlands, Prairie, Marsh)
 - Cleanliness
 - Not along roads (sound, safety, heat)
- Frequent complaint
 - Mosquitoes (See Alltrail reviews)
- Suggestions for improvements from out-of-town hikers
 - Trail Signs (Map)
 - More Trails

Seabrook Trails : How to Draw More Day Visitors

- 1) Connect Seabrook Trails to Pasadena Trails and Armand Bayou
 - *In work, nothing more Seabrook can do, waiting on UP & TxDot*

Connected trail systems tend to be more popular than separate trail systems for several reasons:

- 1.Enhanced Accessibility
- 2.Variety of Experiences
- 3.Longer Route Options
- 4.Community Building
- 5.Improved Safety
- 6.Economic Benefits

American Trails web site

Improve the Seabrook Trails

Seabrook Trail system is currently very good. There are adequate bathrooms, parking and water. Working on shade!

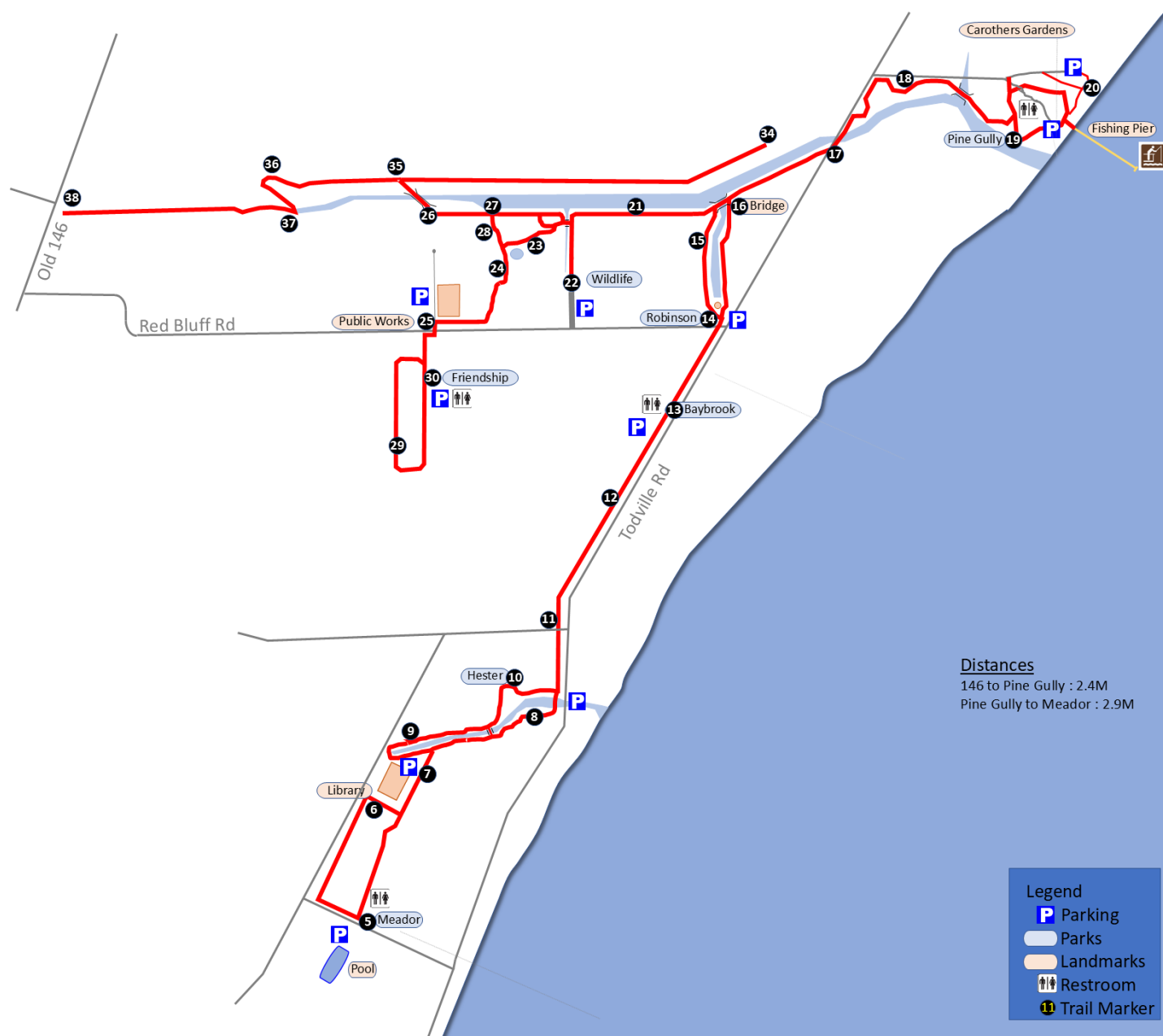
But we could develop trail signs at parking areas for visitors to orient themselves so they enjoy the hike more

- Trail signs benefit the tourist the most, Seabrookians already know the routes
- *Pine Gully, Public Works, Meador to start*
- *Current signs are old and could be improved for hikers*



Current Trail Signs





Trail Map should focus on

- Trail route
- Bathroom
- Water
- Parking

- OST + volunteers would finalize design and install trailhead signs
- If popular, 2 more trail signs will be added



Trailhead Signs Need

- Good Map (will be 36 x 36)
- Roof (shade , protects Map)

