

Creating a DIY Digital History Tour with StoryMaps

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Goals for this session

- **Mapping software/apps options available for creating tours & guides & considerations when evaluating what options are best for your organization.**
- **Specifics on creating a StoryMaps presentation: a brief demonstration**
- **Discussion and brainstorming on what you might do with StoryMaps or related software.**
- **Information about my "Digital Humanities Institute"**






A visual guide to my posts on Seacoast history, hiking, and other topics. 
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 **Kittery places**

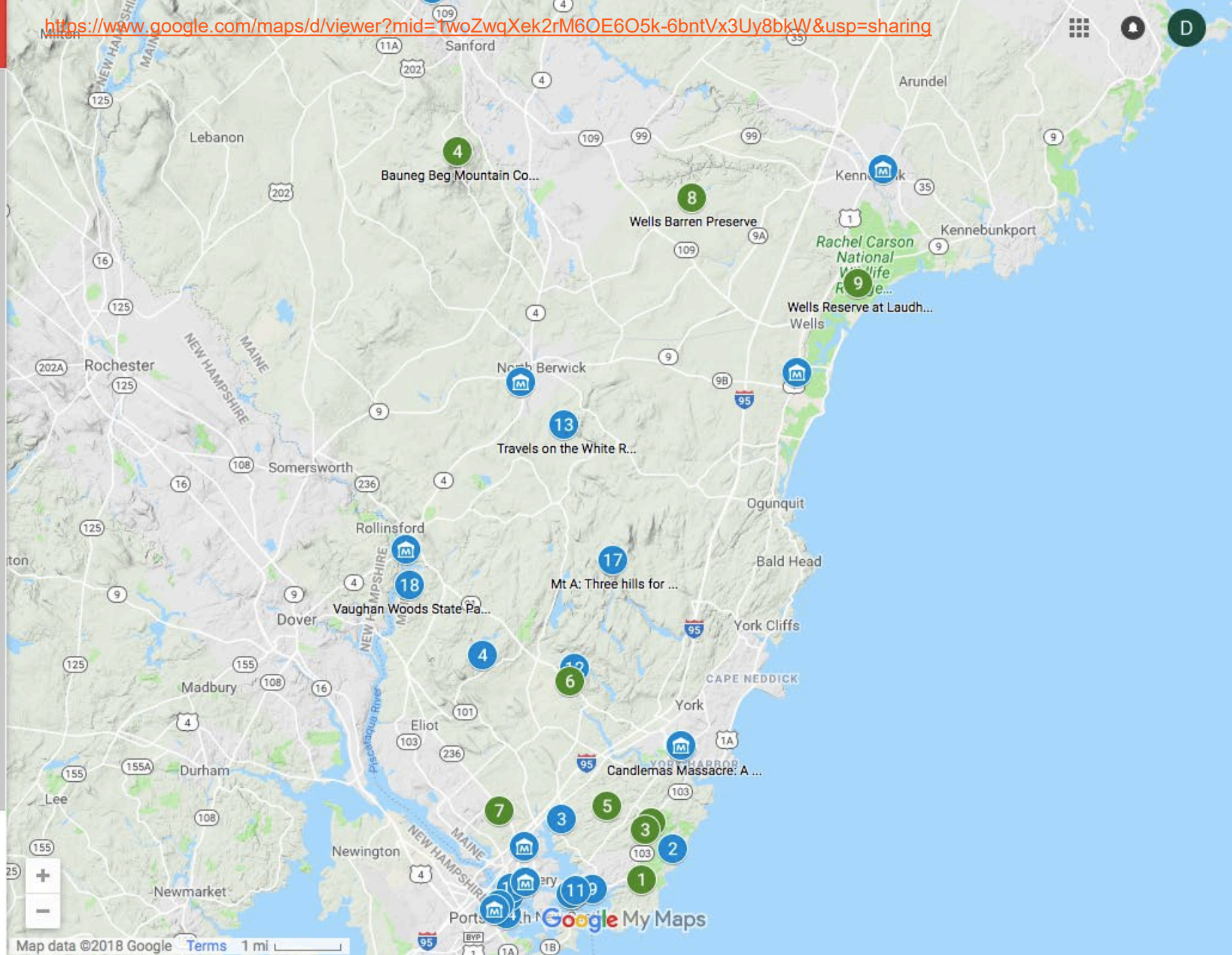
-   Why I go to church on Christmas Eve
-  Remnants of the Gilded Age at Brave Bo...
-  Lives lived, and lost, at the Kittery Town ...
-  Searching for the lost village of Punkinto...
... 14 more

 **Other local trailheads and (some) ma...**

-   Access point for Brave Boat Harbor kayak
-  Alternative access to Brave Boat Harbor ...
-  Brave Boat Headwaters, Kittery
-  Bauneg Beg Mountain Conservation Are...
... 5 more

 **Historical societies and archives**

-   Alfred Shaker Museum
-  Acton Historical Society
-  Biddeford Mills Museum
-  Brick Store Museum



Google maps tutorial at [The Programming Historian](https://programminghistorian.org/en/lessons/googlemaps-googleearth):

<https://programminghistorian.org/en/lessons/googlemaps-googleearth>

Digital Public History tutorial:

<https://digitalpublichistory.wordpress.com/google-maps-walking-tour/>

My map on **The Maniacal Traveler**:

<http://diannefallon.com/the-maniacal-traveler-plays-with-maps-my-local-history-posts-via-google-maps/>

(Map displaying with embed code from Google that looks like this: [googlemaps

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/embed?mid=1woZwqXek2rM6OE6O5k-6bntVx3Uy8bkW&w=640&h=480>])

Knight Lab Suite
of Tools
Northwestern
University

- StoryMap: A map that tells a story
- SoundCite: inline audio
- **Timeline**: easy-to-make timelines:

<http://timeline.knightlab.com/#examples>

- **Juxtapose**: easy-to-make frame comparisons:

<https://juxtapose.knightlab.com>

Presentation "lives" at Knight Lab suite.

To explore all tools: <https://knightlab.northwestern.edu>

Decision- making considerations

Cost:

Is it free?

Is it subscription based? (OnCell)

What other costs might be associated with launching a tour (hosting, developer assistance)?

Ease of Use:

Can I learn it on my own? Are easy-to-follow tutorials available?

Do I need a little bit of support to use it or a lot of support?

Do I need to know how to use code?

Reliability:

Is this a reliable app that will continue to be used over the next 8-10 years?

Is it an open source app that others will continue to develop?

If not an open source, does the company have an established customer base that makes the free version sustainable?

Evaluating StoryMaps (Esri/Arcgis)

COST

- Free version available; more powerful tools come with subscription.

EASE OF USE

- Definitely easy to learn free version on my own.
- Good easy-to-follow tutorials
- No need to know HTML, although understanding how HTML works helps to understand hows and whys.

RELIABILITY

- StoryMaps is a proprietary product -- NOT open-source -- but Esri has a well-established customer base for mapping software.
- Flickr is a mature photo-sharing platform, although I'm not sure it is widely used or still being developed. Hmmmm....

StoryMaps:

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/en/>

"Apps" or Templates:

Story Map Tour

Story Map Journal

Story Map Cascade

Story Map Series

Examples of the Story Map Tour app/template:

Mesabi Trail, Minnesota

<https://www.mesabitrail.com>

<http://arrowhead.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapTour/index.html?appid=381c773210a144ccb3ba303c60aec64d#>

A Walk Through Time: Brampton, Ontario

<http://brampton.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapTour/index.html?appid=e9d28a5c06a145569dacd039a75aae1f>

Palm Springs Map Tour

<https://storymaps.esri.com/stories/maptour-palmsprings/>

(created by StoryMaps staff)

Story Maps Journal and Cascade: Focus on the Image

Quinault National Recreation Trail System (Journal)

<https://usfs.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapJournal/index.html?appid=7e358503a4e0409fb18d15dfddc4b2c3>

King County Land Conservation (Cascade)

<https://kingcounty.maps.arcgis.com/apps/Cascade/index.html?appid=58375e77929d41aebb61125b7cd1b44d>

Story Map Short List: Map and Places

Great Places in America

<https://storymaps.esri.com/stories/great-places-in-america/>

Developing your first Story Map

Planning:

- What kind of story are you telling?
- How does a map fit into your story? (If a map isn't central, consider Story Journal or Cascades).
- What photos will you be using?

Preparation

- Set up StoryMaps and Flickr accounts.
- Reduce/resize photos if necessary (big .jpegs or .pngs will load slowly).
- Upload your photos to a Flickr account OR to your web server (which the option for spreadsheet uploading)
- Begin creating your story!

My (drafty) Story Maps

- [California Road Trip](#), Map Tour
- [California Road Trip](#), Map Journal
- [Visit to Manzanar Relocation Center](#), Map Journal

Digital Humanities Institute

An invitation.....



An invitation
to the 2019
**ME.Digital
Humanities Institute**



At this **online institute**, running from **mid-January to mid-March 2019**, participants will take a digital project from start to finish, learn new skills, and build a community aimed at developing digital expertise.

Sponsored by York County Community College in collaboration with the CUNY-Grad Center and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

See reverse for more details.....

<https://virtual.yccc.edu/MEDigitalHumanitiesInstitute>