

Suggested MassParks Hikes and Rides!

Maudslay State Park

Curzon Mill Rd., Newburyport, 978 465-7223

To help you plan your visit to Maudsley State Park, we offer various suggested hike and ride routes that we think visitors might enjoy. **Introductory hikes or rides** are relatively short and appropriate for most users, including families with children. **Signature hikes and rides** are recommended trail experiences that may be longer or more difficult, but that highlights some of the best features of this State Park.

Introductory Equestrian Ride

Ride the Bridle Paths

Trailhead: Begin at the main Parking Area on Curzon Mill Road., **Lat/Long:** 42.821848, -70.925964

Distance: Various, **Difficulty:** Easy to Moderate

Brief Description: *Offering over 5 miles of maintained bridle paths try starting on the Pasture Trail and Mile Circle north from the parking area. Trails to the east are multi use and horses are welcome on the majority of these paths. Here you will find rolling meadow trails, pine needle covered paths, enchanted stone bridges, and large stands of mountain laurel and rhododendron. More information at <http://www.maudslayequestrians.info/>*

Introductory Walk

Explore Maudslay's natural and historic landscapes

Trailhead: Begin at the main Parking Area on Curzon Mill Road., **Lat/Long:** 42.821848, -70.925964

Distance: 1-2 miles, **Difficulty:** Easy

Brief Description: *Head out the Pasture Trail. Turn right across the three-arch stone bridge to explore the natural woodlands of pines and mountain laurels. Or turn left to the Long Border Trail to explore the park's historic landscapes and gardens.*



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Signature Hike

Merrimack River Trail

Trailhead: Park at main lot on Curzon Mill Rd in Newburyport., **Lat/Long:** 42.821848, -70.925964

Distance: 2 miles, **Difficulty:** Moderate

Brief Description: Enter "Hedge Drive" at park gate on Curzon Mill Rd, and walk in to Scenic Vista at Helen Moseley Site. Turn right and follow Merrimack River Trail along the River. Encircle Castle Hill and return via Main Road and Pasture Trail.

Things to Remember:

- **Time, distance, difficulty:** average hiker pace is estimated at 1.5 miles per hour. Most distances are round-trip. Plan conservatively, start early. Be aware of weather and sunset. Trail difficulty ratings based on ruggedness and gradient are *easy, moderate, or difficult*.
- **Wear weather appropriate clothing**, layer for temperature changes. Appropriate footwear is a must. Trails can be wet.
- **Parking at trailheads:** Parking fees may apply. Space may be limited. Be courteous to avoid blocking in others. Do not leave valuables in your car.
- **Bring a map, and share your plans with someone.**
- **Drinking water** is usually not available. Bring plenty! Trailside sources should be treated.
- **Stay on designated trails:** Follow painted blazes and signs if available. Double blazes indicate an intersection or direction change.
- **Pace & group size:** keep your group together; hike only as fast as your group's slowest hiker or rider. Limit group size to 12 people or fewer to lessen impacts.
- **Carry-in, carry-out all trash:** Leave No Trace outdoor ethics are strongly encouraged. For more information visit <http://www.lnt.org/programs/principles.php>
- **Pets are generally permitted** on 10-foot maximum leash and under at all times. Please clean up after your pet and dispose of all waste outside of park. Be aware of local park rules and that not all users appreciate encountering pets, even when friendly.
- **Be aware that some trails are not well marked.**
- **Be aware of hunting seasons** and wear blaze orange when appropriate. For season info visit: http://www.mass.gov/dfwele/dfw/regulations/abstracts/hunting_dates.pdf



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