

Gloucester Harbor - Coast Guide Site Descriptions

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Bass Rocks - Rocky shore and scenic vista. No parking.

Cripple Cove Landing - Park, boat landing area, pier, and benches adjacent to Benjamin Smith Playground. Small parking lot.

Dunfudgin Landing - Municipal boat ramp on the Annisquam River. Non-resident launching fee on weekends. Parking lot at high school.

East Gloucester Vistas - Rocky shore along Atlantic Road. Street parking, except on weekends and holidays from May to October.

Eastern Point Light Station - Rocky shore with granite breakwater and lighthouse. Parking lot. Limited vehicle access through private road.

Eastern Point Wildlife Sanctuary - Rocky shoreline, salt marsh, and wooded area.

Fitz Hugh Lane House - Historic building and park with benches and harbor views.



Flat (Wonson) Cove Landing - Sand and pebble beach with benches behind seawall. Limited street parking.

Fresh Water Cove Landing - Boat landing area on rocky shore at end of Waterside Lane. No parking.

Gloucester Landing - Public boardwalk adjacent to commercial fishing docks. Metered street parking.

Good Harbor Beach - Extensive sandy beach in Gloucester with dunes and marsh, Wintham Street Landing (unusable for boating when beach use is high in the summer), restrooms, and food concession. Large lot with paid parking for non-residents.

Gordon Thomas Park - Harbor-front park with benches. Street parking.

Gus Foote Park - Small greenspace and benches next to restaurant parking lot. Parking at adjacent municipal lot.

Niles Beach - Sandy beach. Resident sticker parking.

Normans Woe Wildlife Sanctuary - Wooded area along rocky shore. Only available to public through special MAS programs. Limited street parking.

Parks at Fort Point - Oceanside parks with scenic view, benches, playground, and sports field. Located on Fort Square, off Commercial Street. Small parking lot.

Pavilion Beach - Sand and pebble beach with walkway along seawall and boat landing area at westerly end. Street parking.

Ralph O'Maley Middle School - Middle school with playing fields and skateboard ramp bordering tidal river on fringe marsh. Free parking.

Robinson's Landing - Pier, floats, and boat landing area. Parking lot.

Rocky Neck Park and Landing - Grassy park with benches along rocky shore. Parking lot.

Rocky Neck Right-of-Way - Small-boat launching area (resident only). Limited street parking.

Rust Island Marsh - Natural area bordering salt marsh and Annisquam River. Adjacent to Rust Island Road. No parking.

Saint Peter's Park (Gilbert Landing) - Wharf with boat ramp, float, slips for lobster boats, boardwalk, and benches. Parking lot.

Solomon Jacobs Park - Waterfront park, pier, boat landing area, Gloucester water taxi, and benches. Free parking.

Stage Fort Park - Park with rocky shore and sandy beaches (Half Moon Beach and Cressy Beach), boardwalk, visitor center, restrooms, benches, picnic tables, food concession, playground, sports fields, and gazebo. Paid parking lot.

State Fish Pier - Pier with boat landing area. Large parking lot.

Ten Pound Island - Island with beach, boat landing area, and lighthouse.

Trenel Cove Landing - Small-boat launching area on marshy cove. Access at end of Trenel Way off Marsh Street. Limited street parking.

The following site is accessible by water only: Green Landing.

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