

Quincy-Braintree - Coast Guide Site Descriptions

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Winter at Wollaston Beach, Quincy

Avalon Beach - Sandy beach with grassy area and benches. On Avalon Avenue, off Washington Court. Limited street parking.

Baker Beach/City Park - Salt marsh at end of Riverbank Road. Street parking.

Blacks Creek - Forested area along parkway with benches. Street parking.

Braintree Launching Ramp - Public boat ramp at the Braintree Yacht Club. Located at end of Gordon Road. Parking lot.

Brill Field - Access to pebble beach from park with restrooms and sports field. Free parking.

Broad Meadow - Salt marsh at head of Town River. Street parking on Moffat Road.

Cadman Conservation Area - Salt marsh. Access and street parking at end of Montcalm Street.

Chapel Street Park (Gregory McKinnon Playground) - Sand and gravel beach with playground. From Sea Street, take Bay View Avenue to Central Avenue. Street parking.

Edgewater Beach - Seawall and stairs leading to sandy beach with boat launching and landing area, benches, and picnic tables. Free parking.

Furnace Brook Greenway - Walkway along brook and estuary; links to Adams Historic Site and Wollaston Beach. Small gravel parking lot.

General Palmer Park - Park with salt marsh, playground, and sports fields. Free parking.

Gordon Park - Small sandy beach on Fore River with restrooms and benches. Small parking lot across Vinedale Road.

Great Hill Park - Park with view of Hingham Bay and Boston skyline, grassy lawn, and picnic tables. Free parking.

Heron Road Beach - Recreation area with sports fields and seawall and steps leading to sandy beach. Take Sea Street to Albatross Road and then take a right onto Heron Road. Street parking.

Joseph Street Salt Marsh - Salt marsh. Access at end of Joseph Street, off Rockland Street. Street parking.

Merrymount Park - Park with pebble beach, salt marsh, boat ramp, trails, restrooms, picnic area, playground, sports fields, and theater. Large parking lot off Route 3A.

Mound Street Beach - Sandy beach with benches, playground, and sports fields. Free parking.

Nut Island - Waterfront park with pier, trails, and benches. Access from northern end of Sea Avenue. Free parking.

Orchard Beach - Sandy beach. Street parking on Bayside Road.

Peddock's Island - At 188 acres, Peddock's is one of the largest, most diverse of the Boston Harbor Islands. The island's East Head contains the remains of Fort Andrews. The island has 10 campsites, trails, and a visitor center with educational displays.

Perry Beach - Rocky shore at end of Parkhurst Street. Free parking.

Rock Island - Salt marsh and rock outcropping. Street parking.

Rock Island Cove - Salt Marsh Salt marsh with benches. Take Palmer Street to Brockton Avenue to Lind Street. Free parking at end of Lind Street.

Smith Beach/Watson Park - Park along Fore River with playground and sports fields. Limited street parking.

Spring Street Salt Marsh - Salt marsh. No parking.

The Willows Beach - Seawall with stairs to sandy beach. Free parking.

William Newell Park - Riverfront park with playground and sports fields. Street parking.

Wollaston Beach - Sandy beach with restrooms and benches. Free parking.

The following sites are accessible by water only: Hangman Island, Raccoon Island.

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