

Rockport - Coast Guide Site Descriptions

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Andrews Point - Rocky shore. Access via footpath at end of Long Branch Avenue. Limited resident street parking.

Angling Point - Rocky shore. Access via public footpath off Phillips Avenue. Limited street parking.

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

Cape Hedge Beach - Cobble beach with boat landing area. Street parking and resident sticker parking lot on South Street. Another resident sticker parking lot on Seaview Street, off Route 127A.

Cathedral Point - Path and rocky shore. Access via Cathedral Avenue. Street parking.

Cogswell Farm Landing - Rocky shore accessed by public footpath. Limited street parking.

Colona Road Rocky Shore - Rocky shore 50 yards south of Colona Road. No parking.

Folly Cove Landing - Cove with rocky shore. Resident sticker 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.

Halibut Point Reservation - Natural area on rocky headlands of Cape Ann. Paid parking (free for members of The Trustees of Reservations).

Halibut Point State Park - Park and wooded areas along rocky shore with trails, handicapped-accessible restrooms, and picnic tables. Adjacent to Atlantic Path. Entrance on Gott Avenue. Paid parking.

Hoop Pole Cove - Rocky shore. Resident sticker parking.

Loblolly & Emerson Points - Natural area with pebble beach, salt marsh, and rocky areas. Resident sticker parking in small lot at end of Old Penzance Road.

Long Beach - Sand and cobble beach with salt marsh and tidal creek. Access off Glenmere Road. Alternate foot access via Salt Marsh Lane (off Route 127A, opposite Frank Street) and over footbridge. Second footbridge from Cape Hedge Beach. No parking at Long Beach. (See parking for Cape Hedge Beach.)

Paradise Rock (Flat Rock Point) - Rocky shore accessible by public footpath off Eden Road.



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Pebble Beach - Mostly cobble beach backed by salt marsh. Street parking.



PIGEON COVE WHARF:
GOT PIGEONS?

Pigeon Cove Wharf - Working waterfront protected by large stone breakwater with fish market and ocean vistas. Access via Breakwater Road off Route 127. Free parking. Sea Rocks Rocks for scenic viewing and hiking. Paid parking lot on Gott Avenue. Foot access permissible via the private way beyond parking area and hiking trails through Halibut Point State Park.

Steep Bank Landing - Scenic path along bluff to rocky shore and cobble beach. Limited resident sticker parking at end of Whale Cove Lane.

Straitsmouth Cove Landing - Cobble beach and rocky shore surrounding protected and picturesque cove. Street parking on Marmion Way.

Thacher Island - National Wildlife Sanctuary and National Historic Landmark with twin lighthouses,

boat ramp, and trail. Tours available through volunteer lighthouse keepers.

Thornwood Rocky Shore - Rocky shore. Access via footpath at end of Thornwood Avenue. Limited street parking.

The following sites are accessible by water only: Milk Island, Straitsmouth Island.

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