Salem-Swampscott - Coast Guide Site Descriptions

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Beach Bluff Right-of-Way - Sandy beach and small park with benches and picnic tables. Street parking and small paid parking lot.

Cliff Street Boatyard - Pier on rocky shore with boat landing area and boat storage area. Free parking.

Collins Cove Playground and Walkway

Promenade along Collins Cove leading to sandy beach, benches, picnic tables, playground, sports fields, and tennis courts. Street parking.

Crocker Park - Park overlooking Marblehead Harbor with benches and picnic tables. Limited street parking.

Crowninshield Island - A small island with rocky shore, sandy beach, meadow, and salt marsh. Access across mud flats at low tide.



PHILIPS BEACH - BOOKS ARE OPTIONAL.

Danger Beach - Right-of-way to rocky shore at end of Green Street. Limited street parking.

Devereux Beach - Sandy beach framed by rocky shore with restrooms, picnic tables, and food concession. Free resident parking, paid public parking.

Forest River Conservation Area - Forested areas with trails along tidal creek with salt marsh. Parking available in Salem State College South Campus parking lot.

Forest River Park - Large park bordering Salem Harbor with sandy beach and rocky shore, restrooms, benches, picnic tables, playground, sports fields, pool, tennis courts, and basketball court. Large parking lot.

Fort Beach - Rocky shore. Limited street parking.

Fort Sewall - Historic park at mouth of Marblehead Harbor with restrooms and views of Salem Sound. Limited street parking.

Furlong Park - Urban riverfront park with picnic tables, benches, playground, sports fields, basketball court, and tennis court. Street parking.

Gashouse Beach - Sand and pebble beach along rocky shore with small-boat landing area. Access via Gashouse Lane. Street parking on Orne Street.

Gerry Playground (Stramski Beach) - Grassy park with storage area for small boats (with permit), small-boat launching area, benches, picnic tables, grills, and playground. Access via Stramski Way off West Shore Drive. Resident sticker parking lot.

Glendale Cove Beach - Seawall with steps to small sand and pebble beach. No parking.

Goldthwait Reservation - Salt marsh with walkways to Devereux Beach. Access via Goldthwait Road. Resident only parking lot. Street parking except weekends and holidays.

Grace Oliver's Beach - Sand and pebble beach along rocky shore. Street parking.

Johnson Park/Whales Beach - Sandy beach and grassy park. No parking.

Juniper Beach - Sandy beach and rocky shore with boat launching area, grassy area with benches, and playground. Located on Beach Avenue, off Columbus Avenue. Small parking lots and street parking.

Leach Street Extension -Walkway along seawall with benches. Limited street parking.

Palmer Cove - Park on Palmer Cove with seawall, benches, playground (at Saltonstall School), and sports fields. Small parking lot.

Palmer Pond - Conservation area



with salt marsh and small pond. Street parking from October-May (resident sticker parking year round).

Parker Lane - Grassy right-of-way with stairs to cobble beach and benches. No parking.

Parkers Boatyard - Pier and boatyard on rocky shore with boat landing and launching areas on Redstone Lane. Free parking.

Phillips Beach - Right-of-way at the end of Ocean Avenue to sand and pebble beach. Street parking from November-April (resident sticker parking year round).

Polisson Park - Sandy beach and grassy park with benches. No parking.

Riverhead Beach - Pebble beach and mud flats with boat ramp (unusable at low tide). Paid and resident parking at adjacent Devereux Beach.

Salem Maritime National Historical Site - Historic Derby Wharf on Salem Harbor with grassy park, pier, walkway, lighthouse, visitor center, restrooms, benches, and picnic tables. Site of "Friendship" replica of 18th century square rigger. Next to Pickering Wharf with restaurants and gift shops. Street parking.

Salem Willows - Park with rocky shore, sandy beach, trails, restrooms, picnic tables, food concession, playground, sports fields, and stage/band shell. Free parking.

Sandy Beach - Small sandy beach with benches. Located on Martin Way off Puritan Road. Limited resident sticker parking.

Seaside Park - Harborfront park with wooded area and trails to rocky shore, benches, and sports fields. Free parking.

State Street Landing - Public pier and docks on Marblehead Harbor with restrooms. Small parking lot.

Village Street Recreation Area - Public pier and dock with benches. Parking lot.

Waterside Cemetery - Cemetery along rocky shore with scenic water views.

Winter Island/Waikiki Beach - Park with rocky shore, sandy beach, pier, boat ramp, visitor center, restrooms, picnic tables, food concession, playground, and trailer camping sites. Free parking with admission.

Wyman Woods - Wooded area with a right-of-way along abandoned railroad track with views of Salem Harbor. Entrances on Route 114 and West Shore Drive. Limited street parking on Route 114.

The following sites are accessible by water only: Great Haste Island, Jeggle Island, Ram Island.

Photos: Jeff Kane (top), Karen Young (bottom)

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