

Salisbury-Newburyport - Coast Guide Site Descriptions

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Cashman Park - Riverfront park with marina, boat ramp (launching fee), pumpout station, playground, and sports fields. Entrance by foot on Merrimac Street, parking and boat launching area accessible via Sally Snyder Way. Paid parking.

Hale Park - Greenspace on Water Street with path, benches, and views of Merrimack River and Plum Island. No parking.

Joppa Flats Wildlife Sanctuary - Salt marsh restoration area and visitor center. Parking lot.

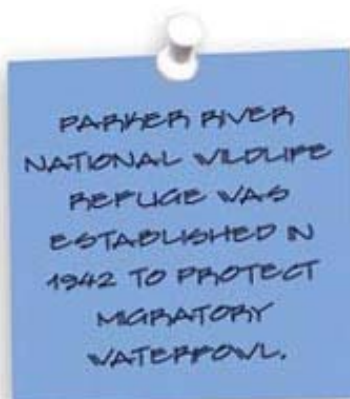
Market Landing Park - Riverfront park with vessel berthing area and boardwalk. Free parking off Water Street.

Newbury Beach - Sandy beach with dunes and concession stand. Paid parking and access points in various locations along Northern Boulevard.

Newburyport Seawall - Riverfront park with boat ramp and benches. Small parking lot and street parking.



Parker River National Wildlife Refuge - The Parker River National Wildlife Refuge contains 4,662 acres of sandy beach and dunes, bogs, freshwater impoundments, and tidal marshes on Plum Island, near Newburyport. It is one of the few natural barrier beach-dune-saltmarsh complexes left in the Northeast and is home to more than 800 species of plants and animals. The refuge, run by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, is known for its wide variety of bird species, and is one of the top bird-watching sites in the United States. It was initially established in 1942 to protect



migratory waterfowl. The original objective has been expanded, and now the refuge protects all of the native plants and animals in the area, with special emphasis on endangered species.

The refuge is open daily from sunrise to sunset, and an entrance fee is charged. Once parking capacity is reached (usually by mid-morning during peak season), no additional access is permitted until parking spaces have been vacated. The refuge has a trail system designed for nature photography and observation, along with an observation tower, visitor station with handicapped-accessible restrooms, and handicapped-accessible boardwalks for beach access. The beach is closed starting on April 1 until July or August to protect the threatened Piping Plover.

Plum Island Beach - Sandy beach and dunes adjacent to Parker River National Wildlife Refuge. Small paid parking lot at end of Fordham way.

Plum Island Point Beach - Sandy beach with dunes and playground. Adjacent to Coast Guard facility and lighthouse. Paid parking lot.



Salisbury Beach State Reservation - One of the state's most popular ocean beaches, Salisbury Beach stretching for 3.8 miles along the Atlantic. This 521-acre park, run by the Massachusetts

Department of Conservation and Recreation, Division of State Parks and Recreation, offers a variety of recreational opportunities.

Facilities include a 481-site campground with newly renovated bathhouses, an extensive day-use parking lot, three new comfort stations, boardwalks over the dunes, a new playground, and pavilion area. The facility also has two boat ramps that are located on the Merrimack River at the campground's southern edge.



SALISBURY STATE RESERVATION

Salisbury Salt Marsh - Wooded upland and several salt marsh parcels bordering Merrimack River. Limited street parking on Ferry Road.

Salisbury Town Wharf - Pier, boat ramp, and benches. Small parking lot on 1st Street, off March Road.

Simmons Beach - Small parcel of salt marsh in front of seawall with views of Plum Island. No parking.

Spencer Pierce Little Farm - Natural area adjacent to Merrimack River with farm fields and historic home/barn landward of Water Street. Access to home/barn via Littles Lane off High Street.

The following sites are accessible by water only: Barnes Island, Mendelson Marsh.

Photos: Arden Miller (top), Katie Lund (middle), Simon McLean (bottom)

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