

Weymouth-Hingham - Coast Guide Site Descriptions

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Abigail Adams Park - Pebble beach, salt marsh, boat ramp, and grassy area. Access from northbound side of Route 3A only. Free parking.

Back River Boat Ramp - Boat ramp with benches and sports fields. Located on Beach Road, off River Street. Parking lot.

Back River Wildlife Sanctuary - Wooded wildlife sanctuary bordering Bare Cove Park and the Back River. Limited parking at entrance off Beal Street.

Bare Cove Park - Riverfront conservation land with walkways, trails, observation tower, and ruins of former military installation. Entrances off Fort Hill Street (near Bare Cove Fire Museum entrance) and off Beal Street.



Barnes Wharf - Picturesque granite quay with benches. Located off Summer Street rotary. Limited parking.

Broad Cove - Salt marsh wildlife sanctuary. Street parking on Lincoln Street.

Governor Long Bird Sanctuary - Wooded area with trails. Street parking on Cottage Street.

Great Esker Park - Park overlooking Back River and salt marshes with canoe rental, trails, picnic tables, playgrounds, and sports fields. Entrances and street parking at ends of Puritan Road, Elva Road, and Bridge Street, and parking lot at end of Julia Road. Great Hill Park with view of Hingham Bay and Boston skyline, grassy lawn, and picnic tables. Free parking.

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Hewitts Cove Boue Conservation Area Conservation - Area with trails bordering Hewitts Cove. Access from cul-de-sac at end of Shipyard Drive. Parking lot at Hingham Shipyard.

Hingham Bathing Beach (Otis Beach) - Recreation area with sandy beach, boat ramp, restrooms, benches, and picnic tables. Resident sticker parking.

Steamboat Wharf - Picturesque granite wharf. Access from Summer Street and Barnes Wharf via former Beach Street.

Stodder's Neck Park - Salt marsh, grassy hill, and rocky shore with trails, and picnic tables. Parking lot.

Webb Memorial State Park - Recreation area with boating, trails, restrooms, picnic tables, and playground. Free parking.

Wessagussett Beach - Sandy beach with boat launching area, restrooms, and benches. Limited parking at west end of beach; permit parking for east end of beach available at Back River Boat Ramp.

Weymouth Conservation Land - Salt marsh between 92 and 95 Clinton Road. Street parking.



World's End

This 251-acre peninsula boasts over five miles of shoreline along the Weir River and Hingham Harbor, owned by The Trustees of Reservations (TTOR). Natural features include open

meadows, salt marsh, woods, rocky outcrops, and low hills. Planter's Hill offers 360-degree views of Cape Ann, the Boston skyline and Harbor Islands, Hull, and the Atlantic Ocean.

High tides once flowed throughout the salt marsh east of Pine Hill and between the two main islands, cutting the hills off from the mainland twice a day. In the 17th century, settlers installed dams at both ends of the marsh and built the narrow causeway known as "the bar" to support farming and grazing. In 1886, John Brewer, who owned the land, hired Frederick Law Olmsted to design roads, landscaping, and house lots for a community of 163 homes at World's End. Carriage paths were built and English oaks and native hardwood trees were planted. The development, however, never came to be. Instead, the land was farmed and maintained by the Brewer family until it was established as a TTOR reservation in 1967.

World's End is open daily, year-round. Admission is free for TTOR members and \$4 for non-members (free for children 12 & under). Recreational opportunities include bird watching, cross-country skiing/snowshoeing, fishing, hiking, horseback riding, nature study, picnicking, and enjoying scenic vistas along the peninsula's 4 miles of carriage paths and 3 miles of footpaths. Amenities include public restrooms and benches.

The following sites are accessible by water only: Button Island, Grape Island, Langlee Island, Raccoon Island, Ragged Island, Sarah Island, Sheep Island, Slate Island.

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SUNSET VIEW FROM WORLD'S END

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