

Shoreline Greenway Trail: Hammonasset

The Hammonasset trailhead of the Shoreline Greenway Trail is the eastern end of a 25-mile cycling and pedestrian trail being developed through five towns from Hammonasset Beach State Park in Madison to Lighthouse Point in New Haven. This trail is being pieced together by an all-volunteer organization without an existing right-of-way such as an abandoned rail line. Nearly 6 miles are complete and usable in Branford, East Haven, and Madison. New sections are added as funding and landowner approvals are obtained.

This section is a mile-long path winding through Hammonasset Beach State Park to Webster Point Rd., traversing an undeveloped peninsula of the park through a coastal upland forest with spectacular views of Long Island Sound and its salt marshes; it's a popular place for bird watching and *en plein air* painting. Eagle Scouts have installed benches in scenic locations for rest and contemplation. Plans call for trailside interpretive signs about salt marshes, shorebirds, stone walls and the rain garden that catches parking-lot runoff to protect the marsh.

Every month in one of the Shoreline Greenway Trail towns, volunteers hold First Saturday walks and occasional bike rides. The walks and rides are free and open to the public. For up-to-date information, visit the trail website.



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Trail Description:

Easy Walking and Biking

Generally easy and as accessible as the terrain allows, with some small hills. This section of the Shoreline Greenway Trail is packed crushed stone and handicapped accessible

Total trail distance approx. 1.25 miles

Directions and Parking:

From I-95, take exit 62. Turn south onto the Hammonasset Connector and travel approximately .8 mile to the traffic light at Boston Post Road. You will be facing the main entrance to the park. Go left on Boston post Road up a small hill and turn right into the Shoreline Greenway Trail parking lot.

Permitted/Prohibited Activities:

Trail use and parking are free. Walkers, cyclists, skiers, wheelchairs, baby carriages and leashed dogs are welcome. No motorized vehicles. Bikers yield to pedestrians. Owners must clean up after dogs. Walkways will not support horses. Carry in, carry out!

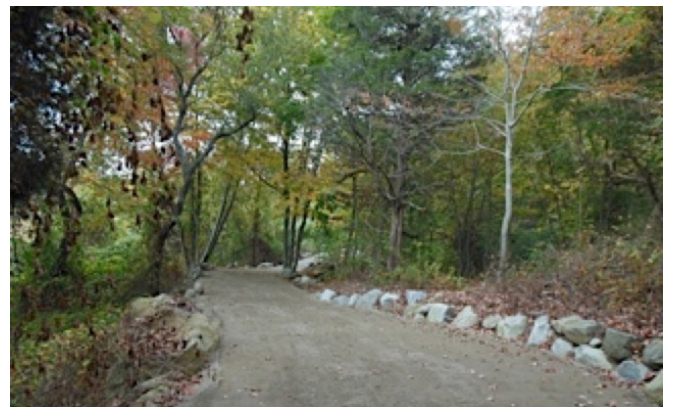


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Shoreline Greenway Future Extent



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