

Edgewood Park

In 1889, the City of New Haven “adopted” sixty acres of property which they turned over to the new Park Commission for development. Nicholas W. Hubinger, James Mason, and Donald Mitchell made additional donations of land for the park. Mitchell, an author and agriculturist whose pen name was “Ik Marvel” lived above Forest Road on his Farm, “Edgewood,” the namesake of the park.

In 1910, Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr. designed the layout of the present park. It included an extensive rose garden, a “grandmother’s garden,” a lily pond, an archery field, groves and glens, trails, carriage drives and a bridle path over three miles long. A spring of cold pure water at the corner of Stanley Street and Ella T. Grasso Boulevard was used by the local residents in the summertime; it was later made into a drinking fountain. A century later, Edgewood Park’s 120+ acres provide recreation and tranquility to thousands every year

There are two war memorials near Edgewood Park. The Holocaust Memorial Monument is located at the corner of Whalley and West Park Avenues. This site is used annually by the Jewish community for Holocaust memorial.

The Spanish American War Veterans Memorial is just south of the Ranger Station. You can find the bronze statue of a soldier. The metal for this tribute to those who fought in this war was cast from the U.S.S. Maine, which was sunk in Havana Harbor on February 15th, 1898.



Photo by the City of New Haven

Trail Description:

Easy Hike

Edgewood Park offers countless ways to enjoy nature and the outdoors: from walking, jogging, bird-watching or cross-country skiing to tennis, relaxing by a pond or skateboarding at Coogan Pavilion, Edgewood has something for every age group and lifestyle.

Total trails distance is approx. 3.3 miles

Directions and Parking:

From Wilbur Cross Pkwy (15): Take exit 59 and head south on Whalley Avenue until it meets Route 63 (Whalley Ave). Turn left on Route 63 and continue for 1.2 miles. There will be an entrance on the right with a parking lot near the skate park. There is an additional parking lot near the tennis courts. Simply take a right at West Rock Avenue and turn left into the parking lot.

Permitted/Prohibited Activities:

Edgewood park is a year-round park. Trails are for hiking only. Canoeing and fishing are allowed in the Lower West River, fishing is also permitted in Duck Pond with a license. Unless in the dog run, dogs must be leashed. Please pick up all pet waste.



Photo by Friends of Edgewood Park

Total Trails Length: Approx. 3.3 miles

Blue Trail: 0.44 miles. Easy Hike

White Trail: 1.96 miles. Easy Hike Hike

Unblazed Trails: 0.75 miles. Easy Hike



For more information about this location, contact:

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Legend

- Parking
- Trailhead
- Scenic viewpoint
- Dog Park
- Restrooms
- Exercise/Fitness
- Bridge
- Unmarked Trails
- Blue
- White
- Locked gate
- Wetlands
- Town Property

