



# Coastal Trails



## CLIPPER CITY RAIL TRAIL - **NEW**

A New Linear Park in Newburyport

**Features:** The new Clipper City Rail Trail connects the MBTA commuter rail station to the waterfront. It traverses varied terrain and showcases a variety of sculptures, an experimental garden, a large wind turbine, historical interpretive signs and a spectacular view over the Merrimack River. At the river the trail joins the Harborwalk, a pleasant riverside boardwalk and trail connecting Cashman Park with the central waterfront.

**Length/Condition:** The Clipper City Rail Trail is 1.1 miles long and paved. The Harborwalk is 0.5 miles long and paved.

**Parking and Access:** Access the trail from the north end of the MBTA station platform (parking fee), Washington Street and Cashman Park at the waterfront.

## SALISBURY'S RAIL TRAILS - **UPDATE**

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**Features:** Enjoy two new rail trails now open for bicycling as well as walking, with a short road section connecting them. The trails feature natural beauty and six interpretive signs on railroad and natural history, crossings of the Merrimack River and Salisbury's early colonial settlement.

### Old Eastern Marsh Trail

**Length/Condition:** 1.3 miles from the Merrimack River overlook to Mudnock Road. The surface is paved. Easily walk a round trip in an hour.

**Trail Connection:** To reach the Salisbury Point Ghost Trail from the north end of the Old Eastern Marsh Trail, turn left at Mudnock Road and go 0.6 miles to Route 110 (Elm Street). Cross with care and continue on Cushing Street 0.3 miles to the trail crossing. Turn right on the Ghost Trail to Lion's Park (0.4 miles) or left to Rabbit Road (1.3 miles).

### Salisbury Point Ghost Trail

**Length/Condition:** 1.75 miles from Lion's Park to Rabbit Road (near Route I-95). The stone dust surface is suitable for walking and all types of bicycles. Walk a round trip in about an hour.

**Parking and Access:**

- Rabbit Road (turn north off Rt. 110 at stoplight east of Route I-95 and go 800 ft. to parking area on right)
- Bartlett Street (going west on Rt. 110 turn right on Bartlett St. at Dairy Queen, go 300 ft. to parking area)
- Lion's Park (0.3 miles north of Salisbury Square on Rt.1 turn left on Gardner St. and right on Lion's Way)

## LOWER MERRIMACK RIVER WALK - UPDATE

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**Important Note:** Reconstruction of the bridge at Deer Island and the I-95 bridge will cause disruption in this area for some time. During 2011 and early 2012 the bridge connecting Deer Island to the north will be closed. Deer Island will still be accessible from the Newburyport side over the Chain Bridge, so the walk should be possible as described. Starting sometime in 2013 the I-95 bridge will be in reconstruction for a number of years, making a walk under the bridge difficult or impossible. During I-95 bridge reconstruction do two separate walks: one through Moseley Woods Park and Deer Island and the other in Maudslay State Park.

## LOWER MERRIMACK ROAD BIKE RIDE - UPDATE

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**Important Notes:** Mile 17.6. Several years ago part of River Road slid into the Merrimack River, which caused to road to be closed to cars. Not quite all of it slid in, so it's still open to bicycles. Follow the original Cue Sheet. Reconstruction of the bridge at Deer Island will cut this route for 2011 and early 2012. From the bridge (mile 24.6) follow these Cue Sheet changes for the duration of the project. This alternate route utilizes parts of the Salisbury Point Ghost Trail and the Old Eastern Marsh Trail, so you may want to follow it even after the bridge reopens.

Length	Total	Directions	Start
1.2	24.6	L	Merrill St.
0.8	25.4	X	Rt. 110 at stoplight (becomes Rabbit Rd.)
0.1	25.5	R	Salisbury Point Ghost Trail*
1.3	26.8	R	Cushing St. (2nd road crossing)
0.3	27.1	X	Rt. 110 (!caution!) (becomes Mudnock Rd.)
0.6	27.7	R	Old Eastern Marsh Trail
1.3	29.0	L	Ramp down to Friedenfels St.
0.1	29.1	L	Friedenfels St. to Rt. 1 Crossing (!caution!)
0.1	29.2	R	Cross Rt. 1 bridge over Merrimack River (!caution! steel grid on bridge)
0.4	29.6	X	Merrimac St. (!caution!) (becomes Winter St.)
0.1	29.7	R	Washington St.
0.3	30.0		Return to start at Cushing Park, Kent St.

**KEY FOR DIRECTIONS**

L - left turn  
R - right turn  
X - crossing

\* If you don't want to ride 1.3 miles on a stone dust rail trail, continue 0.6 miles north on Rabbit Road, turn right on Baker Road and ride 1.3 miles to Cushing Street to rejoin the route.