

Allyn Cox Reservation

What is the best address to use to find your park, area, or trail? 82 Eastern Ave, Essex, MA

If known, please list website link for this site: <https://ecga.org/Property/Allyn-Cox-Reservation>

Is there parking available at this location? Yes

Is there a fee for parking? No

When is parking available? Daylight hours

Is there lighting, such as street lamps, on this path? No

Is there clear signage marking the trails/paths? Yes

Are there benches along this path? Yes

Are public restrooms located near the trail or path? No

What type of setting is the path? Open pasture, river frontage, some woodlands, expansive views of the Essex Marsh

Are multiple trails/paths available at this location? No

Are maps available? If yes, where can they be found?

https://ecga.org/files/galleries/AllynCox_Essex_ViewingPlatform.pdf

Approximate length of the walk: 0.8 miles

What type of terrain? Dirt with some gravel; some areas accessible for wheelchairs, etc.

Is the path/trail accessible for those using a walker, wheelchair, or pushing a stroller? Yes

What is the grade of the walk? Mostly flat, w/slight incline towards the middle of the loop

Rate the walk for level of exertion (1 = easy, 5 = difficult): 1

Describe the amount of activity at the site: Moderate (frequently see people)

What types of activities can be done at this location? Walking; Running/jogging; Bird watching; Dog walking; Learning Opportunities (e.g., informational signs about history, ecology, etc)

Summary:

"Its location on the Essex Bay estuary makes the Cox Reservation a rewarding place for natural history observation. Shorebirds feed on the mud flats at Clamhouse Landing, and herons, egrets and kingfishers take advantage of the abundant food source of the salt marsh. The old hayfields surrounding the house and barns are home to bobolinks, meadowlarks, and also support the activity of bluebird boxes and osprey platforms. Dogwood, cherry, honeysuckle, pear and apple blossoms make for a fragrant spring while the hickory, ash, sumac and goldenrod create a golden aura in autumn.

from: <https://essexheritage.org/attractions/cox-reservation>"

Notable activities: Visit Essex: <https://www.visitessexma.com/essex-merchants-group>

Additional information: Other events take place at Cox Reservation, such as Art in the Barn. See the website: <https://ecga.org/Events>

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