

Halibut Point State Park

Address: Gott Avenue, Rockport, Mass. 978-546-2997

Website: <https://www.mass.gov/locations/halibut-point-state-park>

Is there parking available at this location? Yes

Is there a fee for parking? If yes, how much is parking? Construction is taking place at the parking lot, so use the website to stay tuned to the changes: <https://www.mass.gov/locations/halibut-point-state-park>. Parking is free for the summer of 2021, but that may change by the fall of 2021."

When is parking available? 8:00 am to sunset

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? Yes

When are restrooms open (seasonally, during certain times of day)? Available at the Visitor Center during the summer months

Are restrooms wheelchair accessible? Yes

What type of setting is the path? Mostly packed stone dust, but some gravel and dirt paths

Are multiple trails/paths available at this location? Yes

Are maps available? If yes, where can they be found? <https://www.mass.gov/doc/halibut-point-map/download> and print brochures at the Visitor Center

Approximate length of the walk: 1/3 of a mile to the Visitor Center, 1 mile around the quarry; trails off the quarry trail to the ocean are steeper and not accessible by wheelchair/walker/stroller.

What type of terrain? Packed stone dust to the Visitor Center; dirt trails around the quarry

Is the path/trail accessible for those using a walker, wheelchair, or pushing a stroller? Yes (trails off the Quarry Trail to the ocean are steeper and not accessible)

What is the grade of the walk? Limited hills; flat to Visitor Center; one hill mid-way around the quarry; hill at end

Rate the walk for level of exertion (1 = easy, 5 = difficult): 2

Describe the amount of activity at the site: Busy (people are always nearby)

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: Gorgeous views of the Babson Farm quarry and the Atlantic Ocean looking north to the Isle of Shoals. The brochure at the Visitor Center highlights 10 points of interest around the quarry. If the walk

around the quarry is too strenuous, just walk to the Visitor Center (1/3 mile) and enjoy the views. Ducks, geese and seagulls like to hang out in the quarry.

Other notable activities in the area: Windhover Dance performs live dance at Babson Farm Quarry usually in the summer. In 2021 It will instead take place at Windhover, see <https://www.nshoremag.com/arts-culture/rockports-windhover-holds-outdoor-performance-series-this-summer/>. Rockport has a lot to offer at <https://rockportusa.com/> and more walks in Rockport are listed on the Senior Care website."

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