

## Stage Fort Park

**Location:** 24 Hough Ave, Gloucester, MA

**Website:** <http://www.gloucester-ma.gov/450/Parks-and-Recreational-Facilities>

**Is there parking available at this location?** Yes

**Is there a fee for parking?** Seasonal: \$15 weekdays; \$20 weekends & holidays

**When is parking available?** Day through early evening

**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)?** Seasonal from Memorial Day - Labor Day

**Are restrooms wheelchair accessible?** Yes

**What type of setting is the path?** Public park

**Are multiple trails/paths available at this location?** Yes

**Are maps available? If yes, where can they be found?** Visitor Center on site, maps available there; trail follows ocean view

**Approximate length of the walk:** About .5 miles

**What type of terrain?** Dirt

**What is the grade of the walk?** Limited hills

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

**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), Half Moon Beach, Dog Park, Playground, Picnic Tables, Bandstand

**Please provide a brief summary of the walk:** Great views of Gloucester Harbor with some interesting rock formations, ex. Tablet Rock, along the paths. Half Moon Beach is a small, secluded beach within the park. The Visitor Center has good information on the history of the site. A great place to bring the grandchildren for the playground, rocks and beach.

**Are there any notable activities in the area that people might want to check out?** Gloucester has a wide assortment of shops, restaurants and sites. The Visitor Center is a good place for this information.

**Additional information of interest:** On a promontory looking over Gloucester Harbor with fabulous views and historic merit. During the summer season, there are outdoor concerts, fireworks, and storytelling events for children, festivals, farmers markets, and several other events.

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