

## Cogswells Grant, Essex

**What is the best address to use to find your park, area, or trail?** 60 Spring St., Essex, MA

**Website:** <https://www.historicnewengland.org/property/cogswells-grant/>

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

**Is there a fee for parking?** No

**When is parking available?** Dawn to dusk

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

**Is there clear signage marking the trails/paths?** No

**Are there benches along this path?** No

**Are public restrooms located near the trail or path?** No

**What type of setting is the path?** Other: one path is a narrow trail through hayfields, the other is a dirt road

**Are multiple trails/paths available at this location?** No

**Are maps available? If yes, where can they be found?** <https://www.historicnewengland.org/property/cogswells-grant/>

**Approximate length of the walk:** 10-20 minutes

**What type of terrain?** Dirt

**What is the grade of the walk?** Flat

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

**Amount of activity at the site:** Isolated (few to no people)

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

**Brief summary of the walk:** Cogswell's Grant is a coastal farm of 165 acres located along the banks of the Essex River, just two miles inland from the Atlantic Ocean. As one of the largest land masses remaining in the Town of Essex that originated as a seventeenth-century land grant, and with extant landscape features on the property dating from each of its ownership periods, it is an extremely significant historic agricultural landscape. As one of the few protected stretches of open land along the Essex River, it provides an important and diverse habitat for local and migrating wildlife, as well as public access to pristine marshland, rolling hayfields, and beautiful views of the river stretching to the sea. The original grant of land to John Cogswell in 1636 was for 300 acres, and though that property was partly divided and sold or given to various heirs, the current parcel of 165 acres has been intact since it was passed to Jonathan Cogswell Jr. in 1717.

**Are there any notable activities in the area that people might want to check out?** <https://www.visitessexma.com/>

Not conducive to wheelchairs or walkers, Cogswell Grant offers two short walks with views of the Essex River and marshes. It is nicely secluded and private.

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