

Straightsmouth Island & Lighthouse, Rockport

What is the best address to use to find your park, area, or trail? Straightsmouth Island, Rockport, MA

Website: <https://thacherisland.org/visit-us/>

Is there parking available at this location? Yes

Is there a fee for parking? \$6 for non-Rockport residents; Parking is at the upper level of Granite Pier. From there you take a launch to the island.

When is parking available? Summer season: June - August

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? No

Are public restrooms located near the trail or path? Yes

What type of setting is the path? Other: dirt path through the scrubby brush on an island; not wheelchair or walker accessible

Are multiple trails/paths available at this location? Yes

Are maps available? If yes, where can they be found? <https://thacherisland.org/straightsmouth-island/>

Approximate length of the walk: 10 minutes from ramp to the lighthouse; launch ride takes about 15 minutes

What type of terrain? Other: dirt and rocky; after rain, some areas will be wet. Not wheelchair accessible

What is the grade of the walk? Limited hills

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, Climbing (up the lighthouse & lighthouse keeper's house)

Brief summary of the walk: A beautiful, remote location at the tip of Rockport with a lighthouse at the end of the 10 min. walk. Climbing the lighthouse allows for gorgeous views of the Atlantic, Thatcher Island, and the town of Rockport. There are two ladders and one set of circular stairs to arrive at the top of the lighthouse so best be in good shape. The lighthouse keeper's house has a one-room museum. If a keeper volunteer is available you may get a tour of the water collection system as well as the solar batteries that keep it all working. Birds, butterflies, and dragonflies are abundant.

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

This 1.5-hour tour around the island will make your day. Starting off on a launch from Granite Pier (always good to be on the water), the short walk to the lighthouse is through scrubby terrain with water views. Once at the tip of the island a climb up the lighthouse is in order and well worth the effort. A tour of the lighthouse keeper's cottage is also a must-see. Since this walk requires a launch, there is a fee of \$30; \$10 for Rockport residents.

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