

Weir River Estuary Park



Points of Interest

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Map Key

1. STEAMBOAT WHARF. Historic site for steamships bringing summer tourists from Boston to Hull. Deep water access at low tide. The **CAROUSEL** across the street from pier is the last remaining attraction from Hull's by-gone Paragon Park.

2. WORLD'S END. Owned and managed by The Trustees of Reservations, World's End forms the western boundary of the estuary. Archeologists have uncovered Native American artifacts dating over 8,000 years old. It was one of the proposed sites for the United Nations. The highest point of land, Planters Hill, is a drumlin formed over 14,000 years ago when the glaciers from the last Ice Age receded. There are scenic gravel beaches and rocky outcrops.

3. THE NARROWS. Use caution here as the currents can be strong. Work your way through the narrows by staying close to shore, and be aware of submerged rocks.

4. WEIR WOODS. Features a number of popular hiking trails. Stone walls at the edge of woods date back to the area's use by early Hull proprietors.

5. PORTERS COVE. Popular fishing spot for Striped Bass.

6. WEIR RIVER ESTUARY CENTER. Located on George Washington Blvd. The building is currently being used as an educational center and will feature estuary access. The water route under the bridge follows an ancient fault line that separates granite on the Hingham side from volcanic rock on the Hull side.

7. WEIR RIVER CHANNEL. The Weir River enters the estuary from the south. Portage is required over an abandoned fish weir during 2 hours on either side of low tide. Foundry Pond once supported a bog ore iron works. A stone-lined sluiceway lies below the Foundry Pond dam and a fish ladder for herring is on the opposite side. At Rockland Street, the Stodder family built ships in the 18th century.

8. OSPREY NEST. Looking up to the telephone poles, an osprey nest is visible. Nesting pairs raise their young here each summer. Please do not disturb the nest. Power lines mark the old railroad bed for the first electric train in America.

9. INNER ESTUARY. In the 1600s, Lyford's Lyking was the site of a herring fish weir (trap). It's how the Weir River got its name.

10. WEST CORNER. At West Corner, named for the old West Grocery store that once stood there, a tide gate separates Straits Pond from the rest of the estuary. Portage over highway is necessary. Use **CAUTION** as currents become strong and dangerous. Historically, the strait was used to power a grist mill. Records show that Hull's founding fathers met at the grist mill to send three representatives to the Boston Tea Party.

11. STRAITS POND. At 92 acres in size, the pond is home to many pairs of Mute Swans that feed on Widgeon Grass. The Straits Pond Watershed Association is a faithful steward of the pond, working to restore its ecological health.

PLEASE NOTE

No Wake Zone (less than 5 mi/hr)
No beaching other than at designated access areas.
Please respect private property.

Map Key

Area of Critical Environmental Concern Boundary

- Points of Interest
- Parking
- Restrooms
- Boat Access
- Kayak Rental
- Handicap Access
- Boat Pumpout
- Bicycling
- Hiking
- Bird Watching
- Geologic Feature
- Use Caution
- Fishing
- Interpretive Center
- Portage Required

- 1. Nantasket Pier
- 2. World's End
- 3. The Narrows
- 4. Weir Woods
- 5. Porters Cove
- 6. Weir River Estuary Center
- 7. Weir River Channel
- 8. Osprey Nest
- 9. Inner Estuary
- 10. West Corner
- 11. Straits Pond

- C** Carousel
- D** Decoys
- H** Hotel & Spa
- J** Jake's
- K** Kayaks
- P** Straits Pond

