

A Note on Trail Ratings:

These ratings are simply a guide. Only your experience and judgment can determine which recreation option is right for you and your family.

Hiking:

Difficult: Long in length, steep hills, numerous exposed rocks and roots

Moderate: Medium in length, short hills, occasional rocks and roots

Easy: Short in length, minimal hills, smooth trail conditions

Biking:

Expert: long in length, steep hills, numerous rocks and roots, sharp technical turns, rough trail conditions, seasonal water crossings

Intermediate: medium in length, occasional steep hills, exposed rocks and roots, occasional sharp turns

Novice: short in length, wide trails, smooth conditions, minimal steep hills

Please stay within your limits! Always remember your helmet for biking and be prepared to ride and hike safely.



Elk Neck State Park

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Trail Map



Please... Leave No Trace:

Plan Ahead and Prepare: *Bring water, a map and a flashlight.*

Travel on Durable Surfaces: *Please stay on the trail!*

Trash your trash: *Take your trash with you when you leave.*

Leave What You Find: *Leave rocks, sticks and plants where you found them so others can enjoy them too.*

Minimize Campfire Impacts: *Campfires are not permitted on the trails; visit North East Beach for grills and picnic tables.*

Respect Wildlife: *Observe wildlife from a distance.*

Be Considerate of Other Visitors: *Expect and respect other hikers and mountain bikers.*

Thank you for enjoying our trails responsibly! Preserving excellent trails for future generations is important. For trail volunteering information please contact the Park Office.

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White Banks Trail: 3 Miles

This challenging out-and-back trail features steep hills, tight turns and some amazing views. Take a break at the white clay cliffs for a spectacular view of the Bay. Start at the Rogues Harbor boat launch facility or North East River day use area.

Hiking: *Difficult*

Biking: *Expert*

Mauldin Mtn. Loop: 1 ½ Miles

From forests to paved roads, this trail displays many trees including oak, beech and tulip poplar. Some of these tulip poplar trees are over 100 feet tall! Start from Mauldin Mountain day use area, within North East River Area.

Hiking: *Moderate*

Biking: *Intermediate*

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Farm Road Trail: 1 Mile

You will follow an old road bed from the North East River day use area to Route 272. Then this out-and-back trail travels through mountain laurel and beech trees towards the Park Store. Start from North East River Area or the Park Store.

Hiking: *Moderate*

Biking: *Intermediate*

Pond Loop: 1 ½ Miles

Around the pond you will find many types of trees, plants and birds. The narrow winding sections of this loop trail are full of surprises! Start from the Park Store or Park Headquarters. To make the hike easier, skip the loop, go around the eastern side of the pond, from the Park Store to Park Headquarters and back.

Hiking: *Moderate*

Biking: *Expert*

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Ravines Loop: 1 Mile

Water is a powerful force! This trail shows the effect of erosion in the soft soils of the Park. Three short bridges and a marsh view make this an excellent trail for exploring. Start at the Park Store.

Hiking: *Easy*

Bikes are not permitted on this trail.

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Beaver Marsh Loop: 2 Miles

Hiking around the marsh is a great place to see wildlife. These tall forests support squirrels, deer and eagles. Beavers have an active lodge in the middle of the marsh. This is a longer trail and the waterfront portion is under water at high tide, so be prepared! Start at the Rogues Harbor boat launch area.

Hiking: *Difficult*

Biking: *Expert*, bikes not permitted on certain portions of this trail. Please follow the signs.

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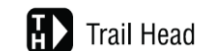
Lighthouse Trail: 1 ½ Miles

The signature destination at Elk Neck State Park is the Turkey Point Lighthouse. This historic tower sits on a 100 foot tall cliff overlooking the Chesapeake Bay. Travel an easy loop trail to enjoy this amazing and unique place... start at the Turkey Point parking lot, located at the very southern end of Route 272.

Hiking: *Easy*

Biking: *Novice*

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Go to the Trail Head symbol to begin your adventure!

- ⊕ Park Store (Camping Area)
- ⊕ North East Beach
- ⊕ Rogues Harbor
- ⊕ Turkey Point