



Winter Wildlife

Be on the look out for some of these winter inhabitants: river otter, fox, deer, beaver, coyote, seal, snowy owl, eagle, hawk, cardinal, wild turkey, bluebird.

HORSES & DOGS ON CRANE BEACH



October through May
Dogs  & Horses  are permitted on Crane Beach.
Learn more at TheTrustees.org



www.IpswichMA.gov



This guide lists but a few properties and activities to get you started in your winter exploration of the great outdoors. Websites of partner organizations below offer rich resources. Map out your adventure with a Trail Guide available for purchase at the Ipswich Town Hall Planning Office.

CONSERVATION ORGANIZATIONS



Essex County Greenbelt



Ipswich River Watershed



Town of Ipswich



Massachusetts Audubon



MA Dept. of Cons. & Rec.



The Trustees of Reservations

ACTIVITIES



Sledding



Ice Skating



Snow Shoeing



Winter Hiking



Mountain Biking



Cross Country Skiing

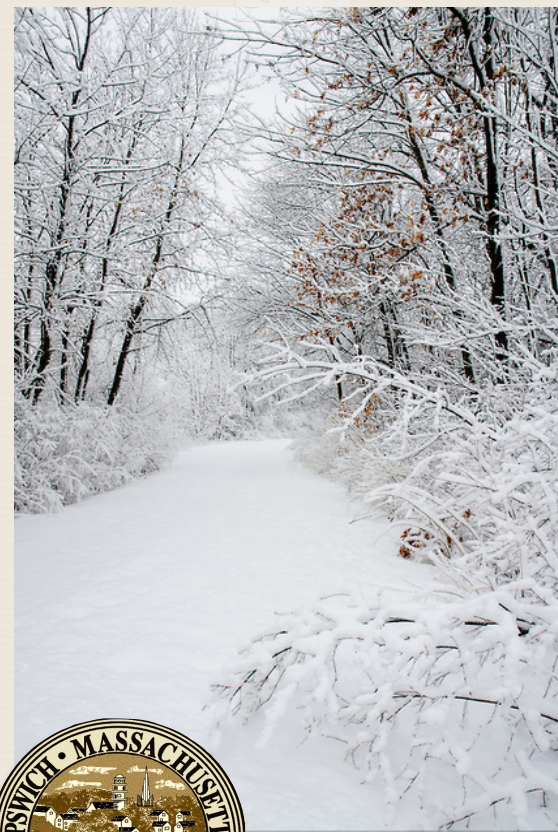


Observation Platform



IPSWICH

Winter Guide



PLAY OUTSIDE


Open Space
ReCreation & Culture



Ipswich Town Hall, 25 Green Street





PROPERTIES



Appleton Farms



4 Waldingfield Road: Rolling grasslands, grazing livestock, stone walls, and historic farm buildings are part of this pastoral landscape. Six miles of footpaths, bridle paths, and farm roads. Connected to Appleton Farms Grassrides  to the south in Hamilton, made up of forest, open fields, and wetlands with 5.5 miles of grass and wooded paths.



 **Bakers Pond Daniel Boone Park** 
35 Spring Street: Pond for ice skating in field with bordering woods.

 **Cable Hill at Cable Gardens** 
124 County Road: Town owned sledding hill.



 **Castle Hill at the Crane Estate** 
310 Argilla Road: Former working farm and country estate buildings, with landscaped grounds and gardens, and diverse natural areas. Home to a wide diversity of wildlife typical of northeast Massachusetts forests. Four miles of trails and roads. Fee free offseason.



 **Crane Beach** 
331 Argilla Road: 5.5 miles of trails traverse dunes and beach front on both the Ipswich Bay and Essex River Estuary sides of the Castle Neck peninsula. October through March dogs & horses welcome.



 **Clark Pond Overlook** 
34 Clark Road: Clark Pond Overlook is adjacent to Clark Pond with an elevated platform overlooking the Pond with views to Halibut Point and Gloucester.


Dow Brook Conservation Area
 **High Street:** Wooded uplands and wetlands adjacent to town reservoir lands with an extensive trail network and loop trails. 



Hamlin Reservation
 **Argilla Road:** Open meadows, salt marsh, and woods through mature woodlands. Beautiful views and a nice loop trail. 



 **Hood Pond** 
44 Boxford Road: A large pond sharing a boundary between the Towns of Ipswich and Topsfield, adjacent to Willowdale State Forest west of Route One.



 **Julia Bird Reservation** 
43 Waldingfield Road: A mix of mature hardwood woodlands and open fields that borders the Ipswich River.



 **Linebrook Woods Conservation Area**
275 Linebrook Road: A half mile trail  that gently ascends north, passing through farm fields and woods, connecting to an extensive trail network on Town reservoir lands, including the Dow Brook Conservation Area. Connects to Willowdale State Forest to the south across Linebrook Road.

Maplecroft Farm 
Between Argilla and Essex Roads: The 1.5-mile trail easement open to the public during daylight hours, connects Essex and Argilla Roads across agricultural fields, farm roads, marshes, and meadows. Maplecroft Farm is a private working farm, so stay on the marked trail at all times. Parking on Candlewood Road at Essex Road and on Argilla Road across from Burrage Lane.



 **Nichols Field** 
60 Labor in Vain Road: A large open meadow with frontage along the Ipswich River. A 1/2 mile perimeter loop trail provides marsh and river views passing through a small wooded section.

 **Riverbend** 
147 County Road: Mostly wooded trails that offer beautiful views of the Ipswich River. Headquarters of Ipswich River Watershed Association (IRWA).



 **Sally's Pond** 
1 South Village Green: Small pond located in the meadow on the Whipple House property, with a short trail running along the Ipswich River, connecting to the rear of the South Side Cemetery on County Road.

 **Sally Weatherall Overlook** 
9 Little Neck Road: Open salt marsh, wooded upland, parking available, short trail leads to wonderful lookout over the salt marsh.

 **Strawberry Hill** 
56 Jeffreys Neck Road: A half mile level path that crosses a meadow managed for grassland bird nesting, and leads to the salt marsh on the Eagle Hill River. There is a secondary path that runs west for 1/3 mile along the marsh edge.



 **Turkey Hill Conservation Area** 
31 Pineswamp Road: A one mile perimeter loop trail through a mature wooded upland follows a level path through a white pine forest, then ascends steeply uphill for a short distance, leading to one of the highest undeveloped hilltops in Ipswich. The loop trail levels out after the initial steep ascent.

 **Turner Hill Golf Club** 
251 Topsfield Road: Public trail easement through private golf course. Year round trail runs north-south in and out of woodlands. Winter seasonal trails run east-west along hilly golf cart paths. Trail connects from the south at Topsfield Road to Willowdale State Forest in the north.

 **Willowdale State Forest** 
282 Linebrook Road: 40 miles of wooded trails and fire roads. The eastern section of the Forest (east of Route 1) abuts Bradley Palmer State Park and the Ipswich River to the south.

MORE:

 **Bradley Palmer State Park** 
Asbury Street, Topsfield: This 721-acre former estate features pine needled paths and acres of sunny rolling meadows, connecting to Willowdale State Forest to the north.

 **Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary** 
87 Perkins Row, Topsfield: Ten+ miles of trails traverse the property through fields, wetlands, woodlands, and an eight mile stretch of the Ipswich River. Wildlife sightings could include small mammals and a variety of birds. The Chickadees eat right out of your hands. Black sunflower seeds are their favorite. Be quiet, be still, birds may perch....



Have Fun!