

Open Space Trails in Manchester

All of these trails are shown on *the Manchester-Essex Conservation Trust (MECT) Trail Map*. These can be purchased in Manchester for \$5.00 at the *Manchester ACE Hardware* and *Seaside Cycle*. Maps are free with new MECT memberships. See www.mect.org for more information.

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Agassiz Rock Reservation	Forested woodland with vernal pools and large glacial erratic boulders	East of Southern Ave.; north of 128	Yes — along the east side of Upper School Street (north of 128) near trailhead	124	Temporarily Closed Due to COVID-19 The Trustees of Reservations
Clara Winthrop Nature Preserve	Small woodland with vernal pool	Off Jersey Lane	No — accessible on foot from the east side of Jersey Lane	7.6	MECT
Coolidge Reservation	Woodlands and expansive lawn overlooking ocean	East Manchester, on Coolidge Point	Yes — marked parking area on east side of Route 127	73	Temporarily Closed Due to COVID-19 The Trustees of Reservations
Cranberry Pond Reservation	Hilly woodland and wetlands near the border of Manchester and Gloucester	East Manchester (south of 128) and Gloucester	Very limited, from Dexter Pond or Forest Lane	47	Essex County Greenbelt Association
Dexter Pond Conservation Area	Shallow pond and woods with trail around pond	Colburn Road	Yes, small parking lot off Colburn Rd.	20	Manchester Conservation Commission
Eaglehead Wildlife Study Area	Wetland and upland. Good birding opportunities	Trail leads from Sweeney Park to Eaglehead Road	Yes, at Sweeney Park, off Summer Street	27.5	Manchester Essex Regional School District

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Great Hill and Brookwood Conservation Areas	Hilly woodlands	West Manchester, south of 128	Limited — from the end of Crooked Lane or Brookwood Road	38	Manchester Conservation Commission and the Manchester-Essex Conservation Trust (MECT)
Hooper Trask Pasture	Rocky forested upland with view of ocean from top	East Manchester, west from end of Magnolia Ave.	Yes — along the street, near the end of Magnolia Ave.	23.5	MECT
Long Hill	Trail from Colburn Rd; connects with Dexter Pond Conservation Area. <u>Note</u> : includes steep sections.	East Manchester, just north of the railroad tracks	Yes – at Dexter Pond parking area.	118	MECT (Conservation Restriction)
Manchester-Essex Woods (Wilderness Conservation Area)	The largest swath of protected land in Manchester, these parcels span north Manchester and Essex. Well-marked trails traverse pristine forests and wetlands.	North Manchester (north of 128) and Essex.	Yes – at Cedar Swamp Conservation Area in Manchester located on School Street, about .25 miles north of Atwater Ave.	1,943	MECT, Essex County Greenbelt and the Towns of Manchester and Essex
Powder House Hill Reservation	Woodlands in the center of Manchester with loop trails and an historic restored powder house at summit	Central Manchester, accessible from Pine, Elm, Friend and Pleasant Streets	Limited — behind Newport Park off Pine St., and small parking area on south side of Pleasant St. Also on Friend St.	55	Manchester Conservation Commission and MECT
Wyman Hill Conservation Area	Upland forest; poorly marked trails	West Manchester, south of 128	Limited — from the end of Crooked Lane	68	MECT and Manchester Conservation Commission