





GUIDE TO WALKING ON SEARS ISLAND

There are many places to walk on Sears Island. The island is 2 miles north to south, and maintained trails are marked *. Mileages on trails are approximate.

- Shoreline Trail – about 5 mi. around. Some places are impassable when the tide is in because of steep banks, so please **consider the tide before you start**.
- Jetty Road – about 1.5 mi., most of which is paved. For a lovely view down the bay, walk up the rise on the left at the end of the road, to a space next to some birches.
- Tower Road – the gravel road that branches left off the paved road. It is about 2 mi. from the gate to the tower, now used by cell phone companies.
- *Homestead Trail – about 0.67 mi., some roots and rocks, and bog bridges. Trail begins at the apple tree on the northeast beach. Note stone walls and some very large “legacy” trees along the way. Just before a field opens up ahead, look to the left for remains of the old farmhouse cellar. After the bench in the field, turn right and walk out to the Tower Rd.
- *Loop Trail – about 0.4 mi., begins and ends at the Tower Rd. Branches arching overhead are charming in winter snow and peaceful any time of year. Flat terrain.
- *Blue Trail – about 0.35 mi., begins beyond Loop Trail off Tower Rd. and leads down to a beach with views to the east and a nice spot for lunch.
- *Green Trail – accessed from the Jetty Rd. (steep entry), leads about 0.6 mi. west, across a stream, to the west shore. You can walk back to the gate along the shore at half tide or lower.

Enjoy the trails at your own risk. Please follow these guidelines, so others may enjoy them too:

- Kindle no fires on the island
- Control your pets
- Use baggies for dog waste and dispose of in designated containers
- Ride horses only on paved and unpaved roads
- Leave no trace from your visit
- Use only non-motorized vehicles
- Carry in, carry out any trash and leave no waste on the island.

Camping and overnight parking are not allowed.

Note: Hunting is permitted on Sears Island during the “open” seasons. Please be mindful of this.