



Partridge Island Conservation Area



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*---Emilie Cademartori, Director,
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Partridge Island is surrounded by Reedy Meadow, the largest freshwater cattail marsh in Massachusetts. Formally known as “Lynnfield Marsh”, in 1972 it was designated a National Natural Landmark by the National Park Service. Measuring 540 acres, Reedy Meadow is home to numerous rare and endangered bird, plant and amphibian species. It is listed as a Rare Wetlands Habitat by the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program, and is certified as a Massachusetts Important Bird Area (IBA) by Mass Audubon.

According to the “Municipal History of Essex County in Massachusetts” by Benjamin F. Arrington, 1922, Partridge Island was a long-time site of a Native American camp. Early settlers harvested meadow hay, cranberries and peat.

In 1976, the Lynnfield Bicentennial Commission sponsored The Partridge Island Project, creating 3,600 feet of trail and elevated boardwalk from Main Street to Partridge Island. Each year Reedy Meadow attracts thousands of hikers, bird watchers, school groups and others who enjoy its peaceful surroundings, and native plant and animal species.

We hope you enjoy your visit to Partridge Island conservation area. As with all our conservation properties, for your comfort and safety, activities are allowed from Dawn to Dusk. Please observe all signage as posted. Thank you!

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Trail

- Trailhead to Meadow's Edge
- Entry Signage by Eagle Scout
 - Steel bicycle racks set back from Main Street
 - Elevation Drop is 20 feet
 - Moderate Trail with blazes on trees
 - Mostly wooded
- Island Trail Loops
- Complete loop around each island
 - Mostly wooded with views to Reedy Meadow and surrounds
 - Flat terrain but narrow at some locations

Boardwalk

- Boardwalks Above Reedy Meadow
- Flat, except for transitions to ground trails
 - Transitions are not always stroller friendly, depending on ground wetness
 - Observation decks:
 - ✓ First one has a bench
 - ✓ Second one has an elevated deck for a higher viewing angle
 - Boardwalks are approximately 2 feet above the marsh water elevation
 - Depending on the season, some overgrowth may be encountered, but it does not restrict movement on the boardwalk

Round Trip Distance

- Begin and end at Main Street including all Island trail loops
- 0.68 miles of trail and boardwalk

- No Motorized Vehicles
- No Fires
- No Hunting

Trails are open from Dawn to Dusk
Please respect private property and be considerate to wildlife by keeping an appropriate distance

- Island surrounded by marsh [upland in lighter green]
- Marsh [wetland]
- Pedestrian Access (No Parking)

- Expansive Views of Reedy Meadow
- Observation Deck
- Bicycle Rack
- Parking Allowed (on Heritage Lane Only)

