

**EXPLORE**  
**Greenbelt at Your Own Pace**



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Essex County's Land Trust

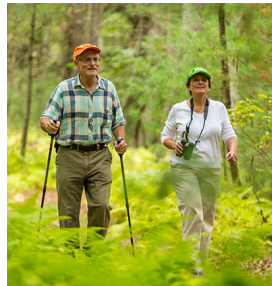
**For nature enthusiasts who enjoy gentle strolls and lovely views, Greenbelt's here for you.**

Get a breath of fresh air, watch wildlife and relax on our conservation land. Enjoy short, gently-graded trails, peaceful viewing platforms and scenic places to rest.

Greenbelt properties are free and open to all, from dawn to dusk daily.



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**Protecting land and nature for you, our communities and the future**

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# Greenbelt at Your Own Pace

Many Greenbelt properties offer short, gently-graded trails to get outside and enjoy nature – whether starting out with young children or maintaining an active, outdoor lifestyle over the years.

## Gentle Strolls

Mainly flat or gently-sloping, wide, firm trails with packed gravel or crushed stone sections.

## Easy Walks

Mostly level, gently-sloping trails with slight inclines and occasional unevenness.

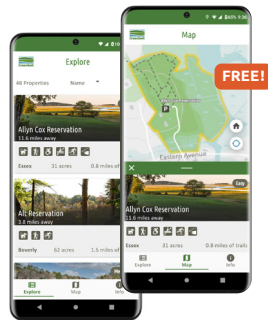
## Moderate Hikes

Gradually-sloping, rolling trails with occasional roots, rocks, ruts.

Woods Roads consist of packed gravel or dirt paths with vegetation in the middle. They are common on these trails.



**GreenbeltGo**  
Real-time Trail Location



**FREE TRAILS APP!**

Maps, History, Directions  
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[ecga.org/gentletrails](http://ecga.org/gentletrails)

Print maps before you head out



# Gentle Strolls



## Allyn Cox

ESSEX 31 Acres

**Flat and gently-rolling trails, tidal estuary, expansive Great Marsh views from platform**

Trails meander fields and follow a packed gravel road leading to the banks of the Essex River estuary.

Nature enthusiasts, dog walkers, artists and birders visit throughout the seasons to enjoy stunning salt marsh views and wildlife habitat.

Watch for activity on the Osprey platforms.

*Packed gravel, grass, woodland, boardwalk*

*Viewing platform, multiple benches*

*Greenbelt Headquarters, ample parking*

82 Eastern Avenue  
Essex, MA 01929

## Arthur Ewell

ROWLEY 31 Acres

**Short walk along flat trail leads to bench overlooking riding club field, then into woods with lovely views of Upper Mill Pond**

Lower trails along the pond beckon the more adventurous visitor with inclined banks.

A prime location to enjoy the splendor of waterfowl during spring migration when ducks are courting. Look for signs of otter and beaver around the pond.

*Grass, woodland, boardwalk*

*Bench*

*Heads-up: Keep an eye out for signs of beaver activity on the pond*

Near 851 Haverhill Street  
Rowley, MA 01969

## Castle Neck River

IPSWICH 32 Acres

**Winding, gently-sloping, packed gravel trail, bench atop knoll with sweeping hayfield views**

Trails continue through gently-rolling fields and transition to woods on the upper reaches of the Castle Neck River.

Fields invite birders to enjoy nesting Bobolinks and Eastern meadowlarks from May through July.

*Packed gravel, grass, woodland, boardwalk*

*Bench*

*Heads-up: eBird hotspot, lower fields can be soggy*

107 Essex Road  
Ipswich, MA 01938





ADRIAN SCHOLES



MARC FRIGON



EMJIA MONAHAN-SKOFF



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KIM SMITH

## Elmlea Woods

**BOXFORD** 42 Acres

**Flat, wide open trails and woods roads wind through woodlands and wetlands**

Located in the Boxford Common recreational area, the hardwood and white pine forest offers trails to explore at many levels.

For the more active visitor, trails are great for biking, snowshoeing and cross country skiing.

*Woods road, boardwalk bridge*

*Bench*

*Heads-up: Boxford Common parking area, use marked spaces only*

Captain Cashin Way  
Boxford, MA 01921

## Kamon Farm

**IPSWICH** 95 Acres

**Short, packed gravel path leads to bench overlooking expansive fields, with grassy trail continuing along field edge**

For a longer excursion, continue through the woods to the Turkey Hill Conservation Area.

Host to a diversity of wildlife, this land straddles two watersheds, helping to protect local drinking water supplies.

*Packed gravel, woods road, woodland*

*Benches*

*Heads-up: Furthest trail sections can be soggy; great spot for birding*

81 Pineswamp Road  
Ipswich, MA 01938

## Newman Farm Meadow

**NEWBURY** 4 Acres

**Wide, flat grassy loop follows perimeter of field and pastureland**

Historic stone walls and hedgerows line the fields.

Newbury Lower Green and the surrounding pastoral landscape were listed by Preservation Massachusetts as one of the State's most-threatened historic sites in 2010.

*Grass*

*Benches*

*Heads-up: Great spot for lunch, carry-in carry-out*

*Parking at trailhead only*

Lower Green Road  
Newbury, MA 01951

## Rough Meadows

**ROWLEY** 266 Acres

**Wildlife Sanctuary's level trails lead through coastal woodlands to expansive marshland views**

The viewing platform and Kestral trail loop offer panoramic views of the Great Marsh.

If time allows, continue down Patmos Road by car or foot to enjoy more stunning views from Sawyer's Island, about a mile from the parking area.

*Woods road, grass, dirt and gravel road*

*Viewing platform/bench*

*Heads-up: Co-managed by Mass Audubon, dogs prohibited; trail is tide dependent after platform*

Off Stackyard Road/1A  
Patmos Road  
Rowley, MA 01969 

## Sally Weatherall

**IPSWICH** 60 Acres

**Short, wide path to viewing platform with sweeping marsh views**

Look for egrets and herons feeding on the vast salt marsh or observe migrating waterfowl from the platform just steps from the parking area.

The short path is lined with junipers, bayberry bushes, cedar and honeysuckle.

Watch for activity on the Osprey platform.

*Woodland*

*Viewing platform/bench*

*Dedicated to one of Greenbelt's first executive directors, a tireless land conservation advocate.*

8 Little Neck Road  
Ipswich, MA 01938

## Seine Field

**GLOUCESTER** 16 Acres

**Level, packed gravel path, welcomes visitors with a range of mobilities**

This quarter-mile trail loop meanders through fields that local fishermen use to dry their seine nets.

A designated Important Bird Area, located on Eastern Point, this property can be reached via a request stop on the Cape Ann Transportation Authority (CATA) bus route.

*Packed gravel, grass*

*Multiple benches*

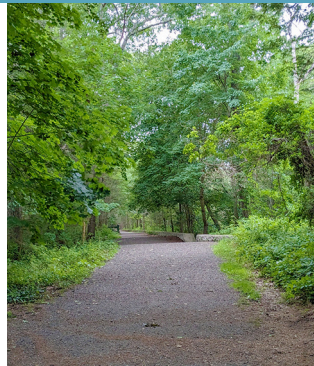
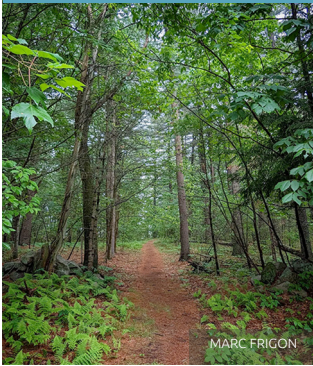
*Heads-up: Wheelchair friendly*

*Request stop: CATA Bus, Thatcher Road Route*



46 Farrington Avenue  
Gloucester, MA 01930





**Alt**

**BEVERLY** 62 Acres

**A relatively flat, rolling woodland trail through oak and pine forest**

Head straight through the woodland to a spot with lovely views across a white cedar swamp, known as Beaver Pond.

A patchwork of former pastures dating back to the early 1900s, Alt’s stone walls once served as pasture borders.

*Woods road, woodland, boardwalk*

*Bench*

*Heads-up: Ample off-street parking*

Near 85 Grover Street, Beverly, MA 01915

**Bailey**

**HAVERHILL** 22 Acres

**Short, gently-sloping woodland trail loop, with Chadwick Pond beyond**

Trail loop leads past scenic pond overlooks; unmistakable signs of beaver activity make this a fun spot to take kids.

In summer, the pond and adjacent wetland are covered in a thick mat of lily pads that present white flowers in July and August.

*Woodland*

*Heads-up: Rocks make trail uneven in places*

*Parking area is a short distance from Kingbury Avenue*

474 Kingsbury Avenue Haverhill, MA 01835

**Beverly Commons**

**BEVERLY** 409 Acres

**A short, flat trail section leads from Greenwood Avenue entrance, through the woodland**

A mosaic of land protected by the City of Beverly and Greenbelt features impressive rock outcroppings and glacial boulders.

The longer, extensive trail network is popular with mountain bikers and trail runners.

*Packed gravel, woods road, woodland, bridges, boardwalks*

*Heads-up: Easy entrance from Greenwood Avenue*

Greenwood Avenue & Stoneridge Circle Beverly, MA 01915

**Echo & Elizabeth How**

**IPSWICH** 50 Acres

**A relatively flat, rolling woodland trail leads to large beaver pond, vast wetlands**

Enjoy an out-and-back to the scenic viewpoint overlooking the beaver pond and wetlands.

A mixed hardwood forest populated with mature trees and wide trails lined with ferns and old stone walls.

*Woodland*

*Heads-up: Gradual incline near beginning of trail*

Near 398 Linebrook Road Ipswich, MA 01938

**Hans Morris**

**NEWBURY** 25 Acres

**Flat, mowed trail meanders through an expansive grassland bird meadow**

Further on, a boardwalk crosses a meandering stream, separating the grassland field from an undulating trail through a mixed hardwood/conifer woodland.

Property abuts the Martin Burns Wildlife Management Area.

*Grass, boardwalk, woodland*

*Heads-up: Keep an eye out for multiple birdhouses*

Near 110 Middle Road Newbury, MA 01951

**Pikes Bridge Road**

**WEST NEWBURY** 93 Acres

**Straight, flat, wide woods road known as “Warbler Alley” is a legendary birding location along the Artichoke Reservoir**

Continue on through undulating woodlands to a grassland habitat full of summer wildflowers.

If time permits, this property connects to the expansive Indian Hill Farm and South Street Woodlots.

*Woods road, woodland, grass*

*Heads-up: Part of the West Newbury “Emerald Necklace”*

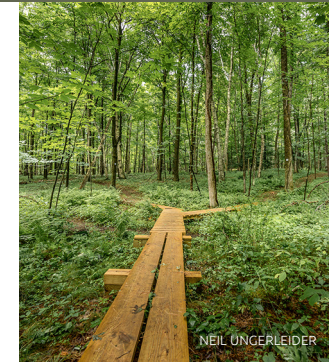
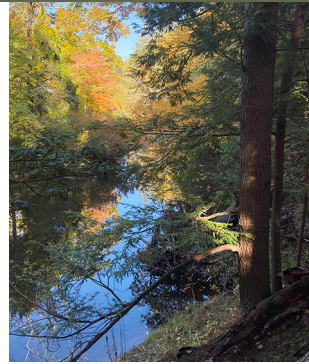
Turkey Hill Road West Newbury, MA 01985



## Easy Walks



## Moderate Hikes



### Vineyard Hill

**HAMILTON** 139 Acres  
**TOPSFIELD**

**Wide, winding woodland trail meanders through hardwood forest, and along fields**

The easier Shaw Field loop takes visitors into the forest, then skirts the perimeter of the field.

The more challenging Vineyard Hill loop, leads up and over a steep drumlin, a classic glacial landscape. Cross an old stone bridge before the hill rises.

*Woodland, woods road, stone bridge, grass*

*Picnic Table, bench*

*Heads-up: Hiking poles can help with the steeper Vineyard Hill trail*

656 Asbury Street  
So. Hamilton, MA 01982

### Baypoint Riverfront

**HAVERHILL** 15 Acres

**Wide, flat upper trail, nice for a stroll through the woods**

This small neighborhood green space offers beautiful views and protects the shoreline of the Merrimack River.

A popular spot for recreation, dog walking and fishing.

This property is a wintering habitat for Bald Eagles.

*Woodland*

*Bench*

*Heads-up: The banks to the river's edge are steep and should be avoided*

Riverdale Ave  
near Bay Point Lane  
Haverhill, MA 01835

### Beaver Pond

**MERRIMAC** 39 Acres

**Footpaths lead to views of a stunning beaver pond nestled in the Merrimack Town Forest**

Continue towards the pond's edge for a more adventurous hike.

Cobbler's Brook winds its way through mature woodlands and boggy wetlands, engaging birders and hikers year-round.

*Woodland, woods road*

*Heads-up: Steep trail section to water's edge*

20 Battis Road  
Merrimac, MA 01860

### Julia Bird

**IPSWICH** 59 Acres

**Mainly flat network of forest and fields with trails along the Ipswich River**

A meandering, hemlock-shaded stretch of river frontage provides beautiful overlooks.

The front field is maintained for polo practice, and the rear field is used for equestrian carriage driving.

*Woodland, woods road*

*Bench*

*Heads-up: Descending steps at entrance to property*

Waldingfield Road  
near railway bridge  
Ipswich, MA 01938

### Mehaffey Farm Trail

**ROWLEY** 28 Acres

**Rolling woodland trail meanders through mature hardwood forest with views of a wetland and beaver pond**

This trail is located on private property and public access is not permitted off the trail.

Make a day of it, the trail connects to the adjacent Willowdale State Forest.

*Woodland*

*Heads-up: The landowner may close the trail from time to time during land management activities.*

Opposite 212 Newbury Rd  
Rowley, MA 01969

### River Road

**WEST NEWBURY** 33 Acres

**Rising up from the Merrimack River, trail offers views of the river, and a mix of woodland and stream.**

After an initial short incline, a forested double-loop trail crosses wetlands on sturdy boardwalks.

Old stone walls meander through a small birch grove on the upper trail loop.

*Woodland, boardwalk*

*Bench overlooking river*

*Heads-up: Short, steep incline at start of trail, consider hiking poles*

Near 225 River Road  
West Newbury, MA 01985



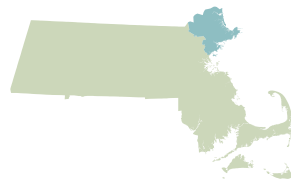


Greenbelt protects natural land and working farms across Essex County forever, helping to conserve healthy ecosystems, clean water, local food supplies, scenic landscapes and free, accessible places for all to benefit from nature.



Greenbelt works within the 34 cities and towns of Essex County, Massachusetts helping individuals, families, municipalities and organizations realize their land conservation goals.

**LEARN MORE**  
[ecga.org](http://ecga.org)



### Before You Go, Good to Know

All Greenbelt trails are **FREE** and open to all.

- Download or print maps prior to exploring: [ecga.org/trails](http://ecga.org/trails), GreenbeltGo Trails App
- Wear appropriate footwear, as trails can be muddy, wet or icy
- Consider bringing hiking poles, hat, bug spray, sunscreen
- Bring binoculars if you have a pair!
- Carry out what you carry in
- Pick up after your pets
- Open between sunrise and sunset
- Respect our neighbors' privacy
- Motor vehicles prohibited



Kamon Farm | IPSWICH

Get Outside with our Greenbelt Guide!

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Handheld Guide with removable maps are available for purchase at the Greenbelt office.



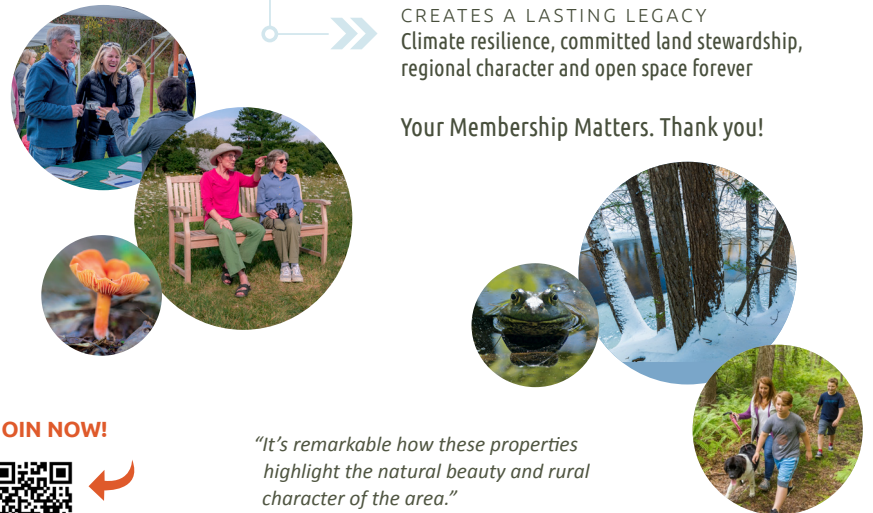
### Greenbelt Membership

**JOIN ONLINE**  
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#### Your Membership

- ▶▶ **BUILDS COMMUNITY**  
Life-long learners, nature lovers and outdoor enthusiasts
- ▶▶ **PROTECTS LOCAL LAND**  
Wildlife habitat, clean water and air, trails, farms and beautiful places for all to enjoy
- ▶▶ **CREATES A LASTING LEGACY**  
Climate resilience, committed land stewardship, regional character and open space forever

Your Membership Matters. Thank you!



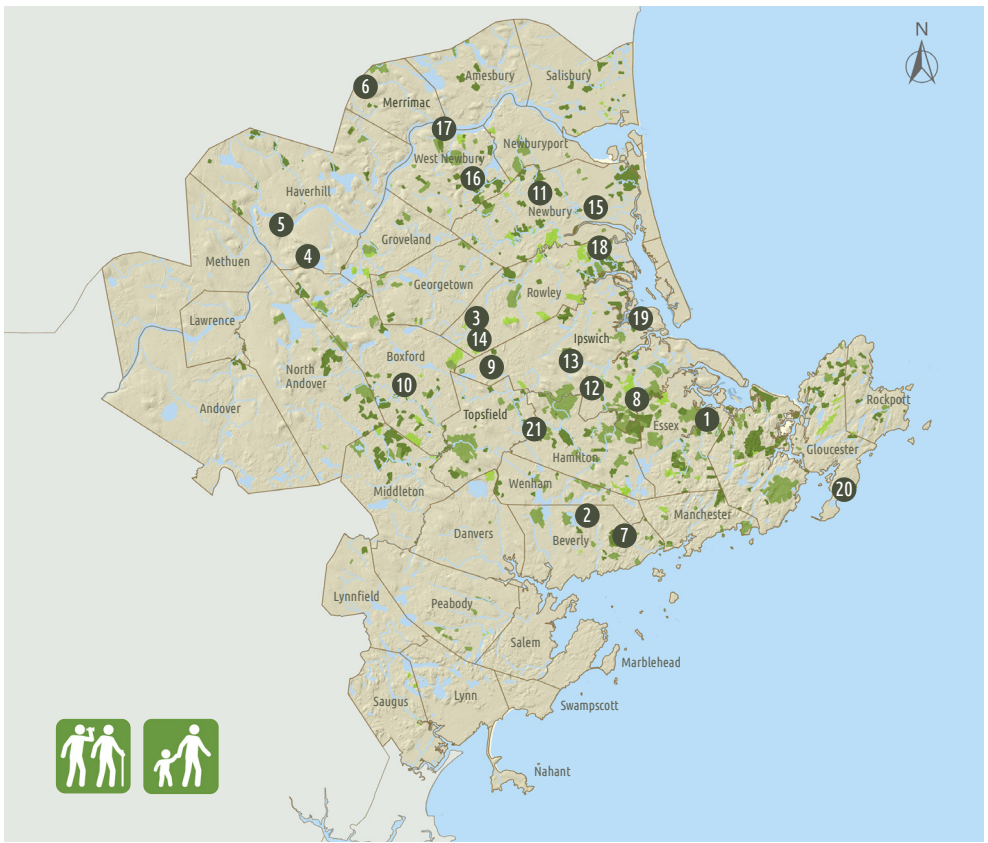
**JOIN NOW!**



*"It's remarkable how these properties highlight the natural beauty and rural character of the area."*

- Marc Frigon  
Greenbelt trails hiker





## Greenbelt Destinations to Explore at Your Own Pace

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|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Allyn Cox           | 8. Castle Neck River    | 15. Newman Farm Meadow |
| 2. Alt                 | 9. Echo/Elizabeth How   | 16. Pikes Bridge Road  |
| 3. Arthur Ewell        | 10. Elmlea Woods        | 17. River Road         |
| 4. Bailey              | 11. Hans Morris         | 18. Rough Meadows      |
| 5. Baypoint Riverfront | 12. Julia Bird          | 19. Sally Weatherall   |
| 6. Beaver Pond         | 13. Kamon Farm          | 20. Seine Field        |
| 7. Beverly Commons     | 14. Mehaffey Farm Trail | 21. Vineyard Hill      |



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