

TRAILS AT ELK NECK STATE PARK

White Banks Trail: 3 Miles

This challenging one-way trail features steep hills, tight turns, and some amazing views. Take a break at the white clay cliffs for a spectacular view of the Chesapeake Bay. Combine the southern section of the White Banks Trail with the Beaver Marsh Loop to make a loop highlighting the diverse landscapes of Elk Neck State Park. Start at the Rogues Harbor Boating Area or North East Beach Area.

Hiking: *Difficult*

Biking: *Expert*

Farm Road Trail: 1 Mile

This one-way trail follows an old road bed from the North East Beach Area, crosses Route 272, and then travels through mountain laurel and beech trees towards Wapiti Pond. Start from the North East Beach Area.

Hiking: *Moderate*

Biking: *Intermediate*

Wapiti Pond Trail: 1 ½ Miles

Wapiti Pond provides a diverse ecosystem for many types of birds, plants, and trees. The narrow, winding sections of this loop trail are full of surprises! Start from the Park Store or Park Headquarters. To make the path easier, skip the loop and go around the eastern side of the pond, from the Park Store to Park Headquarters and back.

Hiking: *Moderate*

Biking: *Expert*

Beaver Marsh Loop: 2 Miles

A hike around the marsh provides a great opportunity to see wildlife. These tall forests support deer, eagles, and squirrels. Beavers have an active lodge in the middle of the marsh. This is a longer trail and the waterfront portion is under water at high tide, so it is recommended to embark on the trail near low tide. Start at the Rogues Harbor Boating Area.

Hiking: *Difficult*

Biking: *Expert*, bikes not permitted on certain portions of this trail. Please follow the signs.

Turkey Point Lighthouse Trail: 0.4 Miles

The signature destination at Elk Neck State Park is the Turkey Point Lighthouse. This historic tower sits on a one-hundred foot tall cliff overlooking the Chesapeake Bay. Travel is an easy out and back trail along a wide gravel trail, or take the scenic loop trail in the second field to get closer to the water. Start at the Turkey Point parking lot, located at the southern terminus of Route 272.

Hiking: *Easy*

Biking: *Novice*

Go to the Trailhead symbol to begin your adventure

- North East Beach Area near Shelter 1
- Park Store (in the Elk River Camping Area)
- Rogues Harbor Boating Area
- Turkey Point Lighthouse Area

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