



A GUIDE TO ENJOY THE NATURAL RESOURCES OF THE CITY OF WARWICK

FOR THE PHOTOGRAPHER:

Warwick is one of the most photogenic areas of RI. Depending on your interests, you can achieve great shots of many subjects.

Scenic Saltwater Views:

Salter's Grove and Rock Island – Pawtuxet Cove boating, Providence River traffic, water bird activity, kayak/canoe activity inside Rock Island amid rock outcroppings and quiet water.

Conimicut Point Park and adjacent Mill Creek estuary: Historic lighthouses, views up Providence River and in Upper Narragansett Bay; estuary life, especially waterbirds.

Rocky Point Park – Upper bay boating activity.

Oakland Beach – Greenwich Bay and Warwick Cove boating activity, beachfront.

Mary's Creek – Marsh scenes, waterbirds.

Chepiwanoxet Park – Greenwich Bay and Greenwich Cove boating, marsh life & waterbirds.

Sandy Point – Narragansett Bay and Greenwich Bay boating, marsh life & waterbirds.

Goddard Memorial State Park – Greenwich Cove and Greenwich Bay boating activity.

Scenic Freshwater and Upland Views:

Potowomut Pond – Dam and waterfall, stone mill foundation remains, waterbirds.

Greene's River – Upstream: waterbirds, duck boxes, river views; downstream: winding river w/overhanging trees along banks, waterbirds.

Goddard Memorial State Park – Wide riding and hiking trails through pine groves; north of bathing beach along riding/hiking trail is scenic fresh water pond w/birdlife.

Gorton's Pond/Little Gorton's Pond – Fishing activity, fishing pier w/gazebo, at Little Gorton's, waterbirds (across Rte. 5 from Gorton's Pond)

Barton Farm – Small marsh w/bird activity, upland birds in fields.

Dawley Forest – Small millpond on edge of property with bird activity.

Historic Sites

Colonial Buildings:

Pawtuxet Village – Loaded with early colonial homes – see Pawtuxet Village Bike Route

Apponaug Village – Many colonial homes, early Colonial Tide Mill building.

Cowesett – Division St. has numerous colonial homes; and on Cowesett Road, you'll find the 1740 Cowesett Town Pound (large animal impoundment)

Victorian:

Warwick Neck Ave. – The Nelson W. Aldrich estate: Stone and wrought iron gate posts and gates, 1904 home modeled on French Chateau, stables, and tower; many large Victorian homes in the neighborhood on Warwick Neck; See Rocky Point – Warwick Neck Bike Route

Cowesett – Clouds Hill Victorian House Museum: A 27 room stone Gothic Victorian house, now a museum; Spencer Avenue has large Victorian houses and magnificent stone estate entry featuring a moon gate; see Cowesett Bike Route.

Pawtuxet – Pawtuxet Neck: On the east side of Pawtuxet Cove, has many Victorian homes and old stables converted for living. See the Pawtuxet Village bike route.

Lighthouses:

Warwick Neck – Photos can be taken from Sandy Point across the bay or from end of Warwick Neck Avenue through chain link gate.

Conimicut – From Conimicut Point Park.

Nayatt – Former lighthouse, now a home across Providence River channel from Conimicut Light, taken from Conimicut Point Park.

WALKING WARWICK

SCENIC VIEWS, HISTORICAL SITES, AND INTERESTING ARCHITECTURE AT A LEISURELY PACE

Scenic Views:

Rocky Point Park offers a 1.9 miles paved walking/cycling path along the shore of upper Narragansett Bay, with views of commercial and pleasure boat traffic, the east shore and Prudence and Patience Islands and several lighthouses. Along the way, you can see remains of the Rocky Point Amusement Park rides, with interpretive signs. There are two parking areas and handicapped accessible parking.

Rocky Point-Warwick Neck Avenue route brings you from the park to Warwick Neck Lighthouse and passes Indian Oaks, the magnificent 1911 Carriere and Hastings designed (modelled on a 17th century French chateau) home of R.I. Senator Nelson Aldrich and its impressive entrance gates and stable block – the equal of any Newport mansion! While you can't access the lighthouse, you can view it and the west passage of Narragansett Bay. A farm stand just off Warwick Neck Ave. invites your attention, and a pick-your-own blueberry farm is at the start. Gracious homes and the lush Warwick Country Club golf course line the route – AND you are traversing roads travelled by one of Prohibition's most notorious villains to reach his home on the west side of Warwick Neck!

Goddard Park Shoreline Walk – From the boat ramp at Goddard Park, the sandy shore of Greenwich Cove can be followed north to Long Point, giving you the opportunity to watch the varied boat traffic, kayakers, and standboarders maneuvering amongst hundreds of moored boats in the cove. Around Long Point you have views of Greenwich Bay as you approach the beach at the park. Here, you turn ashore and follow the park road back to the boat ramp parking lot.

Warwick City Park offers a 3 miles paved walking/cycling trail winding through wooded areas and around open playing fields, with views of quiet, saltwater Brushneck Cove and its birdlife. In the late 1800s, the park was the location of the Warwick Town Poor Farm, and interpretive signs tell the story of the farm's graveyard.

HISTORIC WALKS

Pawtuxet Village Colonial route takes the walker through what is probably the largest grouping of Colonial and Federal buildings in Rhode Island. Parking is at Salter's Grove or Pawtuxet Park, and on leaving the parking lot, you will turn right and walk to the intersection with Rte. 1-A (just before the bridge). Go left on 1-A (Post Road) and you will pass:

2-4 Post Rd. – Kearsage House, built before 1775

18-20 Post Rd. – Former Customs House and Post Office, built 1760 (20th c. add.)

23-25 Post Rd. – Christopher Rhodes House – 1800

27-29 Post Rd. – James and Malachi Rhodes House – built 1734 for James with 1774 addition for Malachi

30A Post Rd. – A 1784 milestone – a piece of slate marker set into a granite monument inscribed "5 miles from Providence Bridge, J.B". (for John Brown)

30-32 Post Rd. - Nelson Slocum House, 1760, used as a tavern

37-39 Post Rd. - Sylvester and Mary Aborn Rhodes House, 1770

40 Post Rd. – former Pawtuxet Bank; built 1814, with 1866 additions

47-49 Post Rd. – Captain Thomas Remington House; 1740

Turn left from Rte. 1-A onto So. Atlantic Ave. and left on South Fair St., where on your left is one of the few Octagon houses still standing in R.I., a craze of the 1850s. This has been modified with an addition. At Fair St., turn right and at Harrison Ave. turn right for .3 miles to a left on Roger Williams Circle (just past the Pawtuxet Cemetery), which will bring you to the John Waterman Arnold House, built between 1770 and 1800, a simple Federal farmhouse. It is home to the Warwick Historical Society. Just past the house, turn right into the cemetery, which has lovely plantings and graves dating back to 1739. Exit through the main cemetery gate and turn right on Harrison Ave. back to Fair St.

Left on Fair St. brings you past several important buildings:

130 Fair St. – Colonel Ephraim Bowen House; 1799 w/1860 additions. Col. Bowen was a participant in the "Gaspee Affair"

89 Fair St. – Slocum Homestead; 1840

69 Fair St. – Fair House; 1819, w/work circa 1848. Built in 1819 as an exhibition hall for the annual fairs of the R.I. Society for the Encouragement of Domestic Industry, and used to 1848.

42 Fair St. – John Waterman Arnold House, built mid 19th c. and Warwick's finest surviving Greek Revival structure.

25-27 Fair St. – Captain John Low House; 1763 At Remington St., turn right and at #59 is the Pawtuxet Armory, 1843, erected by the State of Rhode Island as home to the Pawtuxet Artillery, and now a private home. At the end of Remington St., turn right and return to Salter's Grove or Pawtuxet Park.

Cowesett Architectural walking tour starts from Chepiwanoxet Park, which has a small dirt parking lot. From the park, return to Rte. 1 (Post Road) and turn left until you reach Cedar Street (2nd street on your right). Take a right on Cedar Street and follow it uphill to a left on Spencer Avenue.