

Elk Neck State Park

Trails

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 be prepared! Start at the trailhead in the Rogues Harbor Area.

Hiking: Difficult

Biking: Expert. Bikes not permitted on portions of this trail. Please follow the signs.

Turkey Point Lighthouse Trail: 1 ½ Miles

The signature destination at Elk Neck State Park is the Turkey Point Lighthouse. This historic tower sits on a 100-foot-tall cliff overlooking the Chesapeake Bay. This easy loop trail affords breathtaking views. Start at the Turkey Point parking lot, located at the southern terminus of Route 272.

Alert: Parking is limited. The Turkey Point Lighthouse parking lot, located 0.8 miles north of the lighthouse, frequently fills to capacity on weekends. The best times to visit the area are during the week or during the busy season before 10 a.m. or after 6:30 p.m. on weekends; however, you may be turned away if the parking area is at capacity.

Hiking: Easy

Biking: Easy

Wapiti Pond Trail: 0.3 Miles

Take a short hike along the Wapiti Pond Trail. Enjoy the calming sounds of calling birds and a symphony of frogs. This trail features steep hills and water access spots for non-tidal fishing. Start at the Park Store trailhead located in the Campground.

Hiking: Moderate

Biking: Expert

White Banks Trail: 3 Miles

This challenging one-way trail features steep hills, tight turns, and some amazing views. 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. Begin the trail at the trailhead in the Rogues Harbor Area or on the road past Shelter 2 in the North East Beach Area.

Hiking: Difficult

Biking: Expert

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