

Target Rock National Wildlife Refuge

During the Revolutionary War, British soldiers used the large rock located at the north end of Target Rock Federal Preserve's trail for target practice. The preserve's trail allows hikers to experience its geologic history. The park is located on the Harbor Hill Moraine, and its soils consist of Riverhead and Haven graded loams. The trail takes hikers down to the rocky beach, with great opportunities for viewing waterfowl. This includes a brackish pond where visitors can view the wildlife with minimal disturbance from behind a blind.

The property was formerly an estate owned by Ferdinand Eberstadt, a New York banker. It was donated to the United States Department of Interior in 1967. It is now managed as a component of the Long Island National Wildlife Refuge complex.

You May See:

Azalea, Eastern Red Ceder, Marsh Cordgrass, Rhododendron, Eastern White Pine | Bank Swallow, Belted Kingfisher, Brant, Bufflehead, Carolina Wren, Common Loon, Common Tern, Double-crested Cormorant, Eastern Screech Owl, Fox Sparrow, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Gray Catbird, Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, Great Horned Owl, Least Tern, Long-tailed Duck, Osprey, Piping Plover, Red-breasted Merganser, Red-tailed Hawk, Red-throated Loon, Ring-billed Gull, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Snowy Egret, Song Sparrow, Veery, Wood Thrush, Yellow Warbler | Eastern Cottontail, Eastern Gray Squirrel, Raccoon, Red Fox, White-tailed Deer

Other Park Amenities

Beach, Observation Deck, Restrooms, Wildlife Blind

Educational Opportunities

Interpretive signs, a trail guide, and a kiosk point out the preserve's vegetation, wildlife, and historic points of interest.

Additional Information

www.fws.gov/northeast/longislandrefuges/



Location: East side of Target Rock Rd in Lloyd's Neck

Terrain: Some hills | **Length:** 1.4 mi | **Parking:** In Park | **Type:** Loop |

Surface: Ground, Bluestone | **Acres:** 80 | **Fee:** \$4.00 vehicle, \$2.00 pedestrian/bicycle, \$12.00 annual pass | **Trailhead:** 40.927156, -73.438097

