

# Huntington Blue Trail

Land-based trails are not the only trails in the Town of Huntington. When visiting any waterfront park, there will likely be kayakers paddling through Huntington's many harbors and inlets, following loosely defined "blue" trails. Water-trails also provide paths for sailboats, rowboats, canoes, and stand up paddle surfing. Many residents launch their boats from Huntington town beaches and public boat ramps. Some of the points where people can "car top" launch are: Asharoken Beach, Centerport Beach, Cold Spring Harbor Ramp, Hobart Beach, Mill Dam Ramp, and West Neck Beach.

These launch sites give paddlers easy access to unique surroundings and views of natural phenomena and historic structures. For example, kayakers who launch from Gold Star Battalion or Mill Dam Ramp can easily paddle past four historic sites: the Van Wyck-Lefferts Grist Mill, Coindre Hall, the Huntington Lighthouse and the ruins of the old Lloyd Harbor Lighthouse. Additionally there is a large osprey nest at the end of the harbor.



The list of recommended segments and the map provided in this guide can help paddlers plan their own trip.



## Recommended Segments:

- Centerport Beach to Fleet's Cove Beach
- Asharoken Beach to Duck Island Harbor to Hobart Beach
- Billy Joel Park / Cold Spring Harbor to West Neck Beach
- Billy Joel Park to Inner Cold Spring Harbor
- Hobart Beach to Coast Guard Station
- Crab Meadow Beach to Geisslers Beach
- Crab Meadow Beach to Nissequogue River
- Gold Star Beach to Lloyd Harbor
- Centerport Beach to Northport Harbor around Bird Island
- Hobart Beach, past Sand City, around the Sallie Ruppert Nature Preserve, to the other side of Hobart Beach

**Fee:** A town beach parking permit is required to launch from town parks. Cost is \$20/Day, \$35 Season Pass for Town of Huntington residents.

**You May See:** American Crow, American Wigeon, Belted Kingfisher, Black Crowned Night Heron, Bufflehead, Canada Goose, Canvasback, Common Merganser, Common Tern, Double crested cormorant, European Wigeon, Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, Herring Gull, Hooded Merganser, Least Tern, Mallard, Mute Swan, Osprey, Pied-billed Grebe, Piping Plover, Red-breasted Merganser, Ring-billed Gull, Snowy Egret, Spotted Sandpiper | Diamondback Terrapin | White-tailed Deer

## Additional Information:

- **Boat Racks:** Town residents can rent space in small boat racks at Centerport, Fleets Cove, Gold Star Battalion, and West Neck Beaches, giving them easy access to the water. The fee is \$100 for the year, and the racks are available from Memorial Day until the end of October. Town of Huntington Department of Maritime Services: 631-351-3192
- **Lighthouse Tours:** The Huntington Lighthouse Preservation Society offers tours of the lighthouse during the summer. 631-421-1985, [huntingtonlighthouse.org](http://huntingtonlighthouse.org)
- **Harbor Tours:** The Nature Conservancy also offers historic tours of the harbor that include views of their Mill Cove Wildlife Sanctuary. 631-367-3225



## Boating Safety:

- Children under 12 must wear a personal flotation device (PFD) on any boat less than 65 feet in length.
- All vessels must have a wearable PFD for every person on board.
- People of all ages aboard boats up to 21 feet must wear PFDs while underway between November 1 and May 1 each year.

