

Park Amenities



- There are no trash bins along this trail. Please “pack-in, pack-out.”
- Pets on a leash are welcome. Please clean up after your pooch.
- This is a hiking only trail. Bikers and horseback riders are encouraged to use the multi-purpose trails and those that are specific for their pursuits.
- We offer a ranger guided Taskinas Trek for groups who want more information about the ecology of the estuarine marsh. Contact our office for more information and reservations.



Directions: From Rt. 607 (exit 231B off of I-64), take a right onto Riverview Rd., or from Rt. 199 west (exit 234B off of I-64) take a left onto Riverview Rd., and follow the signs to the Park entrance.



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Taskinas Creek Trail

Self-Guided Interpretive Trail
 YORK RIVER STATE PARK



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More than a simple walk in the woods

Taskinas Creek Trail is designed for the avid hiker and wildlife watcher. The mixed hardwood and pine uplands plunge into steep ravines. At these bottom lands, quiet streams trickle under the canopy of branches and leaves. This is the perfect habitat for frogs, lizards, turtles, and deer. As the streams

meet the thickets of wax myrtle bushes, the hardwood canopy gives way to a broad and open sky. The streams widen and are controlled by rising and falling tides. Along the exposed mud, fiddler crabs scurry along. Muskrat swim in the deeper waters leading to Taskinas Creek. Keep an eye to the skies as bald eagles, osprey, and great blue herons

frequent this estuarine marsh.

Marsh Overlook (unlisted on the map)

After navigating the first series of hills and ravines, the trail comes into the open marsh. Take your camera in May to capture gorgeous images of flowering mountain laurels.

Heron Overlook

The little streams found at the ravines have converged into a channel deep enough for a solo kayak to enter during a high tide. In the spring and summer, you may spot a green heron as well as our year-round resident great blues.

Osprey Overlook

The spectacular seasonal raptor makes it's home on the platform at a significant hairpin turn in the creek. Bring binoculars for the best view of these birds from March to September.

Eagle Overlook

Our national bird has made a tremendous return to the Chesapeake Bay and tributary rivers. There are a couple of nesting pairs in the park. Don't be surprised to see eagles and osprey competing for fish.

Kingfisher Scenic View

Named for the swift and noisy bird that dwells wherever fish are found, this is a spur overlook that is .3 miles one way. During the paddling season, see canoeist and kayakers paddling down the placid creek. Maybe next time, you will arrive here by water.

