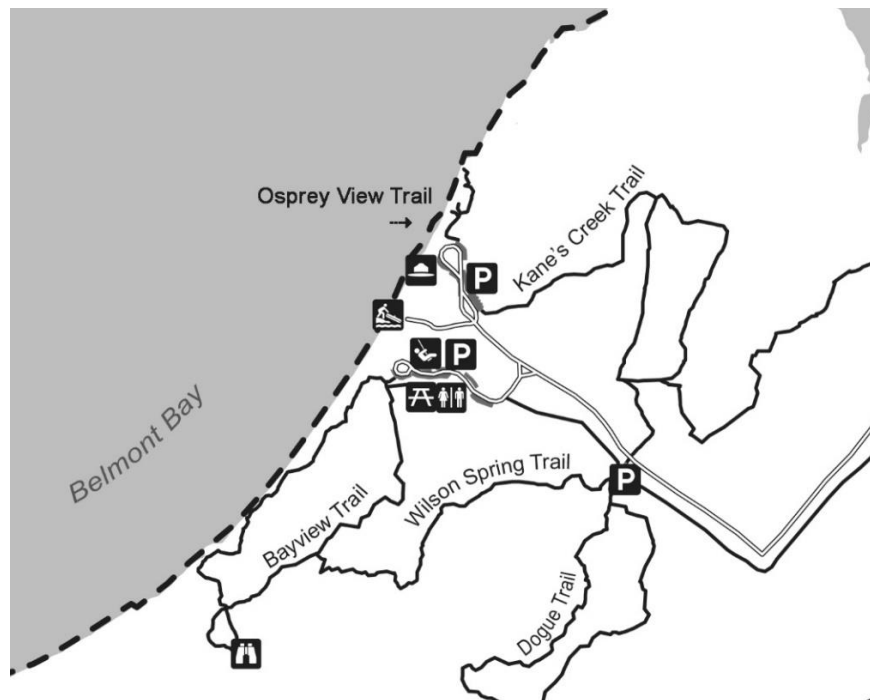




Friends of Mason Neck State Park Accessibility Project

Osprey View Trail

(Labeled "Beach Trail" on the Park's current trail map)



Trail type – out and back
Trail length – 300 yards
Trail width – 5'
Trail surface – paved (asphalt)
Trail blaze – green

There is one accessible parking space at the trailhead. An additional handicapped parking space is available at the visitor center (approximately 100 yards on pavement from the trail).



Osprey View Trail is paved, but users should be aware of surface imperfections like cracks caused by tree roots, fallen twigs, and other natural debris. The trail contains hills that some users may find challenging. At some points, the slope of the trail may exceed ADA requirements.



A wood handrail has been installed along one side of Osprey View Trail to improve the trail's accessibility.



As the trail turns and continues, there are three shaded overlooks providing views of Belmont Bay and the Occoquan River. At the first overlook, a picnic table is available near a tall platform where ospreys may build nests and often roost.



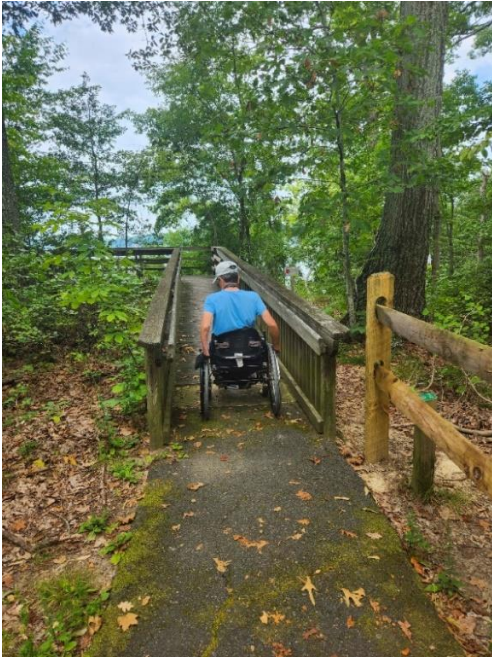


The second overlook provides a broad vista and benches for groups to gather and for educational programs.



The third and highest overlook offers a wheelchair accessible deck, bench seating, and stunning views within a tree-shaded setting. It

is a perfect place to watch ospreys, eagles, geese, ducks and other waterfowl.



Visitors may also see paddlers heading to Kane's Creek, geese, ducks and other waterfowl as well as a variety of birds and woodland animals.



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