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HARBORSIDE WALK, BRADLEY POINT PARK, & SANDY POINT BIRD WALK

West Haven, CT

The City of West Haven provides 3.5 miles of public beach or waterfront park, each with its own amenities or environmental setting. Beaches from Bradley Point Park to Sandy Point are networked through a 1.7 mile walkway providing pedestrians, bicyclists and roller-bladers a continuous waterfront urban "greenway" experience. Views of Long Island Sound exist throughout most of the walkway and Long Island, New York can usually be seen very faintly in the distance.

The Savin Rock Conference Center is also located adjacent to Bradley Point and provides benches, telescopes, occasional public art displays, and a gazebo. Interpretive signage is provided on the origins of Savin Rock. The site includes a museum that provides the history of the White Park/Savin Rock Amusement Park on the

site 100 years ago that offered roller coasters, rides, and other amusement.

Bradley Point Park (shown below) is a small sandy beach with a grassy park area. This site offers spectacular 4th of July fireworks with views to other displays along the shore. There are benches with extensive Long Island Sound views. Three sets of permanent posts for impromptu volleyball games are available on the sandy beach. Temporary toilets during the summer season and ample parking for 40 cars is available on site.



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Sandy Point Bird Sanctuary (above) is a great place for bird watching. Visitors will find that the site is sometimes closed for protection of the birds during nesting periods. There is a parking lot on-site. Most beach parking lots in West Haven close at 11:30 p.m. although the walkway is open 24 hours, every day. To help you reach the West Haven shore points, some routes leading to this site are posted with the brown and white Long Island Sound Access sign.

Directions and Parking:

West Haven's beach area can be accessed via I-95 - Exit 42 or 44. From exit 44 - take Kimberly Avenue south to First Avenue to Beach Street for parking at Sandy Point. For parking at Bradley Point Park - take Kimberly Avenue/Elm Street south to Wagner Place to Kelsey Avenue to Captain Thomas Boulevard or from exit 42 - take Saw Mill Road to Kelsey Avenue to Captain Thomas Boulevard.

Permitted Activities:

The paved boardwalk area is for walking, biking, and skating. Swimming is permitted at the beach with lifeguards seasonally on duty. Dogs are allowed on the boardwalk only, but must be leashed. Please pick up all animal waste.

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