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An Easy But Gorgeous Hike, The Canonchet Farm Trail Leads To A Little-Known River In Rhode Island

If you are looking for an easy, slightly off-the-beaten-path hiking trail in southeastern Rhody, we may have found just the one for you. The Canonchet Farm Trail offers lovely views of the Pettaquamscutt River, or as it is often called locally, Narrow River. Step outside and discover the natural beauty that Rhode Island has in store for you!

During these uncertain times, please keep safety in mind and consider adding destinations to your bucket list to visit at a later date.

The Canonchet Farm Trail is located in Narragansett, Rhode Island, stretching out towards the shores of the Narrow River.

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The Canonchet Farm Trail is an out and back trail, from 1.3 miles to just over 2 miles long, depending on where you start, and if you take the offshoot loops. You can park off of Kingstown Road/Route 1A by the Community Center, or across from the Narragansett Town Beach – turn on Annie Hoxsie Lane from Route 1A.

The trail is shaded by the canopy of trees. Sometimes you will cross boardwalks and bridges, other times you will walk on a groomed dirt path.

John H/AllTrails

This parcel of land was originally the Robinson Farm until Governor Sprague and his wife purchased it in 1850 and built a mansion. In 1909 the house burned down, though remnants of the stone stable are still visible. Of the 175-acre property, 165 acres are now owned by the city, of which the South County Museum leases eight. The remaining 10 acres are owned by the John H. Chafee Wildlife Refuge.

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Canonchet Farm is home to many plants and animals, including deer and osprey.

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Behold the boulders, or glacial erratics, along the way, reminding us of the geological history of the area.

Christine Gallo/AllTrails

Guided walks led by local experts, and volunteer clean up days, are also offered on the trail.

The trail passes by Lake Canonchet, and a couple of ponds, in addition to leading you in the direction of the Pettaquamscutt River.

Lisa Gregory/AllTrails

Near the museum, you can also visit a small cemetery, and sheep in the barnyard, if you choose to do so.

No matter what time of year you walk the trail, you will be treated to a unique view of the river and surrounding area, different from the last time you visited.

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Enjoy hiking all year long, with panoramic views of the Narrow River, when you hit the trail, the Canonchet Farm Trail that is, in Narragansett, Rhode Island. To peruse a trail map, go to the Friends of Canonchet Farm website, or alltrails.com. For another way to explore the Narrow River, visit Narrow River Kayaks.

Have you hiked the Canonchet Farm Trail yet? Share your thoughts with us!

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Newport Harbor Is A Unique Dog-Friendly Destination In Rhode Island Perfect For An Outdoor Adventure

The Ocean State, with its miles of stunning, jagged coastline, offers quite a few opportunities to spend quality time exploring with your furry friend. The Newport Harbor Walk, on the northwest shores of Newport, Rhode Island, promises an outdoor walking adventure for you and your beloved canine. You will find inspiration in the truly breathtaking views and crisp sea air.

Newport, Rhode Island, founded in 1639, is steeped in history and scenic vistas. As you make your way towards the harbor, you'll discover the Newport Harbor Walk, comprised of two walking paths, Harbor Walk South and Harbor Walk North.

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Harbor Walk South runs from the Stone Pier at King Park to the Newport Shipyard. This walk is just over two miles one way, or four miles round trip.

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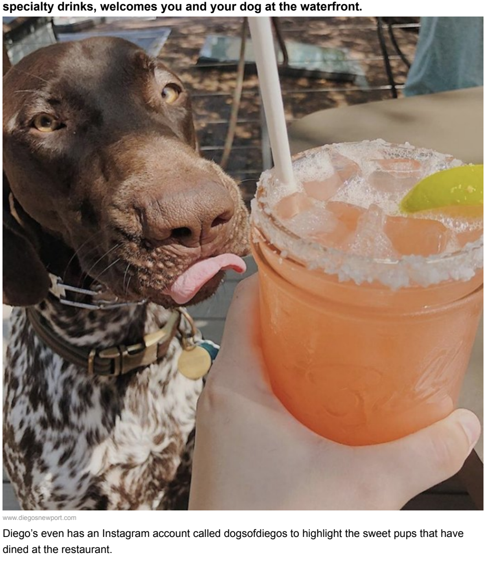
You will recognize King Park by the red-roofed pavilion. The park includes a beach, and you will likely see other pups there enjoying the day. Harbor Walk South features the main harbor, so you will see plenty of boats, including tall sailing ships and yachts, shops, restaurants, and maybe even lobster tanks. Look for the small blue Harbor Walk signs to guide you along the route.

If you need some refreshments along the way, Diego's, serving Mexican food and specialty drinks, welcomes you and your dog at the waterfront.



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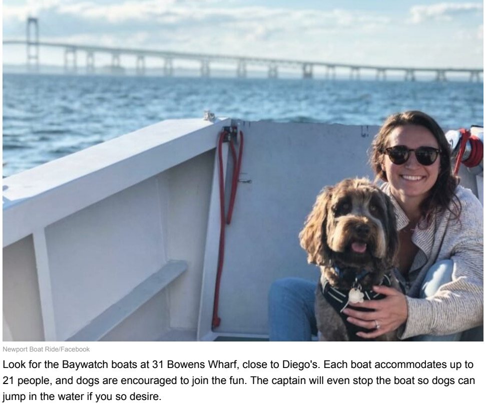
Diego's even has an Instagram account called dogsofdiegos to highlight the sweet pups that have dined at the restaurant.

If the weather is fine, hop aboard a boat for a tour of Newport Harbor with your pooch.



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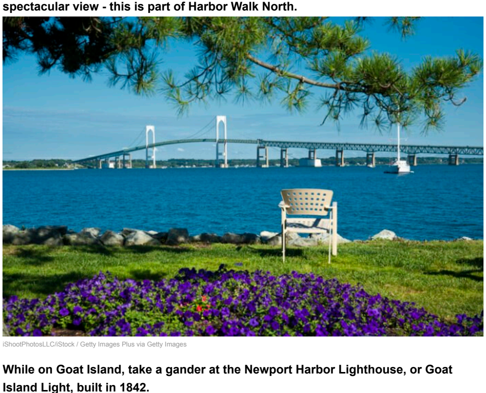
Look for the Baywatch boats at 31 Bowens Wharf, close to Diego's. Each boat accommodates up to 21 people, and dogs are encouraged to join the fun. The captain will even stop the boat so dogs can jump in the water if you so desire.

From Storer Park, you can walk across the causeway bridge to Goat Island for a spectacular view - this is part of Harbor Walk North.



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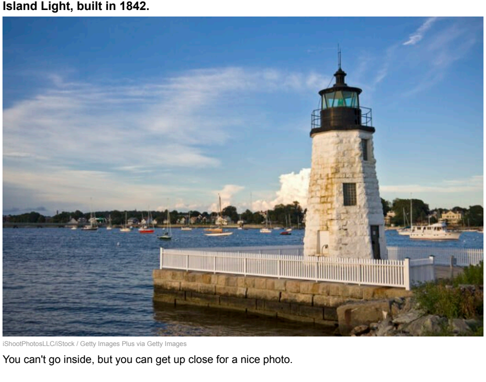
While on Goat Island, take a gander at the Newport Harbor Lighthouse, or Goat Island Light, built in 1842.



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You can't go inside, but you can get up close for a nice photo.

Walk back across the bridge to Storer Park, to pick up the next leg of Harbor Walk North, if you like. You will continue north on Washington Street, through the Point neighborhood, at least as far as Van Zandt Pier.

Sarah Kendall House/TripAdvisor

The Point neighborhood highlights architecture from the 18th and 19th centuries. Colonial and Victorian homes adorn the waterfront along Washington Street, including the Sarah Kendall House and the Hunter House. When you have gone as far north on Washington Street as you like, turn around and head south, back to Storer Park. That will end this portion of Harbor Walk North.

Make a break for the great outdoors with your playful puppy, and soak up the unique sights and sounds along the Newport Harbor Walk. You may wonder why you didn't do it sooner! For a map and more information, click here. To see darling pictures of dogs dining at Diego's, visit the Diego's website. If you and your dog are interested in a boat tour of Newport Harbor, click here. For yet another outdoor adventure in Newport with your pup, may we also recommend the famous Cliff Walk?

Have you ventured out on the Newport Harbor Walk with your dog? Share your thoughts with us!

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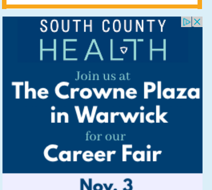
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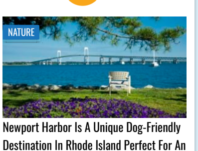
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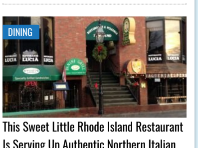
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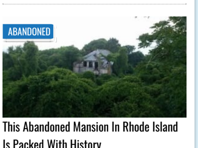
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