

Odiorne Point

Rye, New Hampshire

Coordinates: N43° 02.459 W070° 42.863

Geocaching.com code: GC15NZJ

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Please use caution and pay attention to the tides!

Predicted tide times and heights:

<http://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/noaatidepredictions/viewDailyPredictions.jsp?Stationid=8424601>

Near Odiorne Point State Park in Rye, is the drowned forest (sunken forest). A forest of trees extended to the east from here to the Isles of Shoals and perhaps beyond. Using carbon dating, geologists have determined that 3,400 years ago the ice-age glaciers had melted enough that the sea-level rose close to its present level, drowning the trees. Trunks and root systems of the trees may be seen today at low tide in the "Drowned Forest" at the southern rim of the park. The roots of different coniferous trees (including white pine and hemlock) are visible at most low tides.

Near this location is the **Seacoast Science Center**. Seacoast Science Center is a non-profit marine science education organization located on the New Hampshire coast. Since 1992 the Center's programs and exhibits have informed people, from toddlers to grandparents, about why a healthy ocean is important. Their mission is ocean education. *"We educate to motivate. We want everyone to recognize and understand that what we do every day has an impact on the health of the ocean and that ocean health impacts our daily lives. A healthy ocean drives our quality of life today and will for future generations."*

Learn more about this area:

www.nhstateparks.com/odiorne.html

www.seacoastsciencecenter.org



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Passport Question:

- Look around for a green bench under a red cedar tree on the lawn behind you. Whose name is on the bench?

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greatbay.org/documents/greatbaypassport.pdf

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The Gulf of Maine Council on the Marine Environment's (GOMC) 2012-2017 Action Plan identifies goals for three broad issues that benefit significantly from regional collaboration:

1. Restore and conserve habitat
2. Environmental and human health
3. Sustainable communities

More information on the GOMC, its partners and its activities can be found at www.gulfofmaine.org



Did You Know: In 1991, the Gulf of Maine Council presented an award to the **Friends of Odiorne** for their efforts at fundraising and sponsorship of coastal education programs. The **University of New Hampshire Maine Docents** group also won a Gulf of Maine council award in 2000. The Docents act as field guides and instructors at the Seacoast Science Center in Rye, and the Sandy Point Discovery Center in Stratham on Great Bay