

Awcomin Marsh

Rye, New Hampshire

Coordinates: N43° 00.170 W070° 45.145

Geocaching.com code: GCXOJX

Type of Cache: Multicache



Awcomin Marsh is located on Route 1A in Rye, directly across from Rye Harbor Marina and just south of Rye Harbor State Park.

The Awcomin Marsh restoration project began in November 2001 and aimed to restore 30 acres of salt marsh. During the scope of this project, fill was removed, appropriate marsh elevations were re-established, and a new tidal creek system was created. Many people and organizations were also involved in restoring the marsh.

The community was very involved in planting the re-vegetation. In the summer of 2002, approximately 30 volunteers, scientists and resource managers worked together to re-vegetate Awcomin Marsh with native plants. The University of New Hampshire's Jackson Estuarine Laboratory spearheaded the re-vegetation effort. Though some areas were re-vegetated with the help of volunteers, much of the marsh is seeing natural re-vegetation by pioneer salt marsh plants such as common glasswort (*Salicornia europaea*) and Atlantic sea blite (*Sueda linearis*).



Learn more about this area and its restoration:

des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/pip/factsheets/cp/documents/cp-11.pdf

Thank you to:

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Passport Question:

- The telephone pole immediately south of the Awcomin trailhead is numbered (with metal numbers). What is the three digit number on the bottom row?

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 1994, the Gulf of Maine Council presented an award to the **Awcomin Marsh Restoration Project** for its efforts in protecting 100 acres of wetlands by restricting tidal flow in a salt marsh.