

Great Bay Discovery Center

Greenland, New Hampshire



Coordinates: N43° 03.355 W070° 53.801

Geocaching.com code: GC16W4R

Type of Cache: Traditional*

Welcome to the Great Bay Discovery Center, education headquarters of the Great Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve. Come visit this land, where the past meets the present. Walk in the footsteps of the Native People and European settlers who made these shores their home while living off the bounty of the Bay.

While visiting the reserve, know that you are just one of many who have been fortunate enough to benefit from Great Bay's abundant natural resources. The self-guided 1,700-foot boardwalk trail begins and ends in the upland forest. Stop at benches along the way to look for birds, berries and new buds in the changing habitats. Access the shore at the boat ramp to see Great Bay up close; hold a mud-snail in the palm of your hand, listen to the wing beats of a passing flock of geese and imagine the journeys of the old Great Bay gundalow captains (excerpts above taken with permission from The Great Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve geocache passport).



Learn more about this area:

www.greatbay.org/

Thank you to: horseshoe crab (cache owner), Great Bay Discovery Center

Passport Question:

- What is the emblem on the end of the boat shed awning?

***Please note:** This site is also part of the Great Bay Geocache Passport. Download your copy here:

greatbay.org/documents/greatbaypassport.pdf

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 2007, the **Great Bay Stewards** received an award from the Gulf of Maine Council for their dedication to the long-term protection of Great Bay by supporting education, research and lasting stewardship of the estuary. 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