

# Harkness

Spruce Street, Rockport #harknesspreserve

**TRAIL:** 1 mile loop, easy

SIZE: 23 acres

# ROCKPORT HARBOR OVERLOOK, QUIET STREAM, CHESTNUT SPROUTS

This loop trail is a gentle walk suitable for young families. Two hand-built footbridges cross Ott Brook, a perennial stream that is rust-colored from tannic and humic acids from an upstream wetland.

### **DIRECTIONS**

From Camden, take Route 1 south, turning left onto Pascal Avenue. Turn right onto School Street, then turn right onto Spruce Street. About 100 yards up Spruce Street is the preserve parking, marked by a sign.

#### LOOK FOR

- Stone seat that overlooks Rockport Harbor
- This preserve's last full-sized American chestnut trees died in 2010, but stump sprouts live on
- Lime kiln chimney cap, a relic of Rockport Harbor's lime kilns

## **HISTORY**

Named in honor of John Harkness, a Revolutionary War hero, who settled in Rockport. Donated in 1996 by Mary Cramer and The Nature Conservancy.

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