

Does a walk in the woods interest you? Ride your bike about seven-tenths of a mile north on Conanicut Avenue beyond the golf course and toward the bridge entrance. Just past the big Historic Jamestown village center sign and to the left is the trailhead for the Conanicut Island Sanctuary. The well-maintained trail is approximately 250 yards long. At its end you will find a panoramic view of Marsh Meadows, Zeek's Creek and the West Passage beyond.

If you find yourself in the mood for a game of tennis or have the urge to shoot some hoops, less than a mile ride up Narragansett Avenue and right onto Melrose Avenue will take you to the town tennis courts and the Jamestown Schools complex where the town skate park is also located.

So, you just will not be satisfied unless you have conquered the extreme ends of the island? Here are a few tidbits to make the trip a little more interesting. When you are riding toward the north end along East Shore Road you will pass many private homes, from the modest to the magnificent, including Stonewall Cottage originally built in 1873. If you turn right at Providence Lane onto the dirt and gravel road you will end up on North Bayview with the chance to enjoy the beautiful view of Hope and

Prudence Islands. At the end of this road is the former Conanicut Lighthouse, now a private home.

Heading south, via Summit Avenue you will pass Stearn's Farm. Turn right at North Road to head back to town. From this point you are about five miles from town and eight and a half miles from the Beavertail Lighthouse. Continue following North Road. Once past Narragansett Avenue you will be on Southwest Avenue to Mackerel Cove where the street becomes Beavertail Road. After passing the beach and the road to Fort Getty, on your way up the hill, you may catch a glimpse of Highland Cattle grazing at Fort Getty farm.

About 2.4 miles from Mackerel Cove you'll reach the entrance to Beavertail State Park. Riding around the park you'll enjoy breathtaking views of Whale Rock, Narragansett, and, if a good breeze is blowing, hundreds of kites airborne over Brenton Point.

And remember, safety first! Wear a helmet. It is required by law for kids 15 and younger. Remember to obey all traffic laws. And if you are riding on the sidewalk, please dismount when you encounter pedestrians. ▲



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