

NLES Accessibility Final Report:

Wachapreague - ESHC Walking Trail

Final Score: Yellow – Use caution on this trail if you have a disability (please use report below for more specific recommendations on walking this trail).

Please download the “Seven Easy Walks of the Eastern Shore” document from www.nolimitseasternshore.com/walking-trails to find the ESHC recommendations for directions to the trail, parking options, beginning the walk, as well as the trail map which are referenced in this report.

Comments:

This ESHC Walking Trail will lead users on a quiet and scenic walk through the historic town of Wachapreague. To begin this 1.63 mile walk, our Assessment Team used recommendations from the Seven Easy Walks of the Shore document and parked on Atlantic Ave near the Island House Restaurant. Our team found this to be the best area for parking for users with or without disability as the restaurant is directly across/next to the Town Park and public docking areas, both of which offer public parking. Our team would also like to note that the restaurant also

contains the only amenities available on this trail in the form of an accessible public restroom and access to a telephone in case of emergencies. It may be necessary for some to prepare for toileting necessities prior to walking this trail.

Our Assessment Team found that the majority of the terrain along this walking trail as “acceptable” for users who may have a disability. The entire trail



The NLES Walking Trail Assessment Team during their Wachapreague ESHC Trail assessment!

is along residential, asphalt streets and remains mostly flat. Several pot holes and broken asphalt were noted at various points along this walking trail and therefore anyone waking this trail with a physical disability should use caution. Our Assessment Team would also like to note that the entire town of Wachapreague is at risk of flooding after a heavy rain due to its proximity to the water. Rain often leaves large portions of this trail completely under water.



Users should use caution around potholes and broken asphalt along this walking trail.

Overall, NLES' final grade for this walking trail is **yellow**. Users with disability should be careful while walking this trail using the above precautions. This walk was pleasant and quiet and although there were a few accessibility concerns, all obstacles were completely maneuverable in a wheelchair or with another other physical disability. There are several native species of



A member of NLES examining some native Golden Rod along the Wachapreague ESHC Trail!

plants located along this walking trail, especially near the water front. This trail would make a wonderful location for sightseeing or a picnic!

If you would like to add an observation or comment regarding this trail please e-mail e.fillebrown@gmail.com and include ESHC Wachapreague Walking Trail in the subject line.



Enjoy your walk on the Wachapreague ESHC Walking Trail!



The NLES Walking Trail Assessment Team posing for a photo along the waterfront in Wachapreague!