

# Quinnipiac River State Park

## HISTORY...

Quinnipiac River State Park (QRSP) was created in 1948 from surplus land acquired for the construction of the Wilbur Cross Parkway. The 1920's saw a summertime recreational and riverside community established which eventually became year round homes. As a result of surrounding development, runoff to the river increased and flooding events became increasingly destructive and more frequent. In the mid-1970's the State bought the property and removed the homes. The QRSP is comprised of approximately 300 acres of land from Banton Street in the south to Toelles Road in the north.

## TODAY...

The North Haven Trail Association (NHTA) has taken on the responsibility of maintaining the trail system which currently consists of a 1 mile section of dirt trail and a 1/2 mile section of paved roadway. Future plans would be to connect to the Wallingford trail at Toelles Road. NHTA has sponsored events throughout the seasons to view the bird population and marsh marigolds for example. Kayaks/canoes can enter the river at the Park entrance. The permitted hunting season is posted on the kiosk also located at the park entrance. Ample parking is available. NHTA information can be obtained on Facebook or at [www.NorthHavenTrails.org](http://www.NorthHavenTrails.org).



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## Trail Description:

### Easy to Moderate Hike

Today Quinnipiac River State Park is accessible for hikers and walkers. The 300 plus acres of forested floodplain embrace nearly six serpentine miles of the Quinnipiac River's meandering western shoreline. The park's combination of habitat, location, water availability and forest cover come together to form remarkable wildlife habitat.

Total trails distance is approx. 1.69 miles

## Directions and Parking:

The Quinnipiac State Park Trail is accessed off Banton Street off State Street via Bishop Street (Route 22).

## Permitted/Prohibited Activities:

The Quinnipiac State Park allows canoeing and kayaking and hunting with a state-permit. Leashed pets are allowed, please dispose of any animal waste properly.



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**Orange (Banton Quinnipiac Trail):** 0.97 miles. Easy to Moderate Hike

**Black (Paved Roadway):** 0.46 miles. Easy to Moderate Hike

**Orange/Black (Banton Quinnipiac Trail/Paved Roadway):** 0.11 miles. Easy to Moderate Hike



## For more information about this location, contact:

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