

Heckscher Park



The stamped concrete pathway around the pond at Heckscher Park is undoubtedly the most heavily used trail in the Town of Huntington. Its level nature is ideal for both joggers and nature viewers, and is completely handicapped accessible. Although the park is located in the middle of Huntington Village, it is home to a large variety of plant and animal life, which can be observed along the trail. Heckscher Park was a private park founded in 1917 by the Heckscher Trust, and passed into Town ownership in 1954. The initial park construction included the cottage and cobblestone arches, and the Heckscher Museum followed three years later, in 1920. Heckscher Park is now home to Huntington's annual Fall Festival, Summer Arts Festival, and Spring Tulip Festival. Vegetation has been added to the pond edge in recent years to discourage Canada Geese. Please do not feed the waterfowl. Historic maps identify the pond as Crystal Lake.

You May See:

American Holly, Black Cherry, Cucumber Magnolia, Eastern Redbud, Eastern White Pine, Red Maple, Red Mulberry, Red Oak, Rugosa Rose, Serviceberry, Sweet Cherry, Sycamore Maple, Weeping Willow

American Crow, American Robin, Belted Kingfisher, Black-capped Chickadee, Black-crowned Night Heron, Bufflehead, Canada Goose, Canvasback Duck, Cedar Waxwing, Double-crested Cormorant, European Starling, Hooded Merganser, House Finch, House Sparrow, Lesser Scaup, Mallard, Mourning Dove, Mute Swan, Northern Cardinal, Northern Mockingbird, Northern Pintail Duck, Red-tailed Hawk, Wood Duck | Muskrat | Painted Turtle, Snapping Turtle



Educational Opportunities

Heckscher Park is popular for nature study, and has many opportunities to view the varied plants and wildlife around the park's pond.

Other Park Amenities and Activities

9-11 Memorial, Art Museum, Bocce Courts, Chapin Rainbow Stage, Gazebo, Model Boating, Playground, Playing Fields, Restrooms, Sculpture Garden, Tennis Courts



Location: On Madison St off New York Ave in Huntington.

Terrain: Flat | **Length:** 0.3 mi | **Parking:** Street | **Type:** Loop

Surface: Paved | **Acres:** 18 | **Trailhead:** 40.876431, -73.420657

