



The Gallants Channel Nature Trail runs three quarters of a mile around the perimeter of the Museum's Gallants Channel property. The entire tract was the Harvey Smith Fishmeal Plant in the 1950s and 1960s and all the forest seen today has grown since the plant closed in the 1980s.

There are currently four distinct legs that make up the Gallants Channel Nature Trail.

Starting on the waterfront at the *Outdoor Classroom* the trail runs northwest along the waterfront overlooking Gallants Channel, continues along a wooded ridge on the Northwest property line with a great view of the Newport River, then drops down to lower ground and proceeds to West Beaufort Road.

Across the road the trail passes through a beautiful Loblolly Pine forest. There is an elevated observation platform in a clearing where the trail bends to the southwest and continues to West Beaufort Road.

Passing through Gate #3 the trail passes an area of wetlands full of weeping willows and then winds across a field of pine trees before proceeding toward the waterfront. There is a large area of wetlands adjacent to the trail that is a Night Heron rookery and has been home to these magnificent birds for over thirty years.

On the waterfront there is a Pavilion where one can enjoy a waterfront view and watch (during the summer) the Junior Sailing Program kids out sailing on Town Creek. The Trail then follows a path westward to the Great Lawn and joins an elevated boardwalk that runs back to the Outdoor Classroom.

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# The Gallants Channel Nature Trail

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