

Walk where you could not walk before

By 1907, Lynn Shore Drive and walkways finally allowed access to the shore all the way from Swampscott to Nahant. Previously private land prevented access. Now, this parkway and promenade are maintained for the enjoyment of all by the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation. Lynn Shore Drive is listed on the National Register of Historic Places as part of Lynn Shores Reservation. Why not take a walk and enjoy the natural beauty?



Lynn Shore Drive

The story of Lynn Shore Drive begins in 1903, when the Commonwealth of Massachusetts acquired the area that is now Red Rock Park and two adjacent estates. Until then, much of the shoreline belonged to large estates located on Ocean Street. The vision was to construct a road and a seawall from the Lynn-Nahant border to Swampscott to allow the public access to the shore. Several houses located in the vicinity of the road were relocated, including some floated to Nahant and Winthrop.

Above: early beachgoers, circa 1916;
above right: Lynn Shore Drive after early
construction; above far right: A home
being removed by barge in preparation for
the construction of Lynn Shore Drive; at
right, surf at Kings Beach, circa 1908.
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