






DIRECTIONS

From the intersection of Route 44 and Route 32, travel south on Route 32 for 0.35 miles. Turn right onto Plains Road and travel 0.2 miles.

Parking area is on the right.

Suggested Park Activities

-  Hiking
-  Picnicking
-  Fishing
-  Canoeing/Kayaking
-  X-C Skiing

Prohibited Park Activities

Unleashed Dogs
Motor Biking
Camping / Camp Fires
Horseback Riding
Swimming
Biking



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River Park

Mansfield, CT

River Park contains 10 acres of field and woods along the Willimantic River at Plains Road. This park features Mansfield's first wheel chair accessible canoe/kayak launch at an easy flat-water section of the Willimantic River, allowing beginners and families an accessible place to paddle year-round. On the multi-use field, you can picnic, fly a kite, just relax or take a walk to Lynch Landing on the Willimantic River Greenway's Midriver Trail.



trail guide

There are 0.35 miles of walking trails accessible from River Park. The trails are blazed in white.

1. Willimantic River - The slow current of this section of the river is created by Eagleville dam located less than a mile downstream. The launch area is protected from the current, making this an ideal spot for beginners and families during normal river conditions.

2. Wheel Chair Accessible Boat Launch - A wheel chair accessible driveway leads to a canoe/kayak launch with a ramp for easy access. Explore the river upstream as far as the Route 44 bridge or paddle downstream to the upper end of Eagleville Lake.

3. Rain Garden - As you head to the boat launch, notice the rain garden in the turnaround. This rain depression is planted with native grasses and plants to filter the runoff from the parking area and field before it enters the river.

4. Recreation Field - The 3-acre grassy area is a multi-use recreation field. Discover a view of the scenic Willimantic River, participate in field sports, have a picnic, fly a kite, or just relax.

5. Trailhead - At the north end of the field, the Willimantic River Greenway's Midriver Trail enters the woods and connects to Lynch Landing via the Quinn Trail. You will soon leave Town land and enter private property, so please stay on the trail.

6. Lynch Landing - Named for Julie Lynch Quinn by her husband Timothy Quinn and daughter, Sheila Quinn Clark, Lynch Landing is a small clearing on the riverbank with views of the river. If you are paddling a canoe or kayak on the river, you can pull up by the bank and take a rest in the shade of riverside trees. The river is too far from the road for this to serve as a launch site. This is reported to be a good fishing spot.

7. Troll Bridge - A footbridge provides dry passage over a seasonal brook. This was named the "Troll Bridge" by neighborhood children. The trail crosses a small meadow, which is now filled with shrubs that can tolerate a high water table. Follow the trail to the river's edge.

8. Helen Clark Lane - Named for a Quinn family member, this old road was formerly used for farming equipment when this was the Lynch family's farm. This 26-acre private property has been in the Lynch-Quinn family for over 80 years. If you are coming from River Park, turn left onto this road to go down to the river or turn right to reach Depot Road.

9. Depot Road Entrance - Park along Depot Road or enter through the EO Smith Depot Campus parking lot and follow Helen Clark Lane downhill. This former farm road leads to Lynch Landing on the river. About half-way along this road, the Quinn Trail goes left into the woods and connects to River Park. Please be respectful of this private property and stay on the trail.

