

# Urban Shore Fishing

Access for all....

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## Warren River Bridge: "The Old Railroad Trestle"

### Warren, Rhode Island

The Warren River is another of the more popular spots in the upper east Bay area that many families attend to introduce the next generation to fishing. The bridge itself is also a fantastic spot to spend the late nights during an incoming tide to drift bait and catch a trophy when the conditions are right. It's also a friendly spot with lots of other users other than anglers, as this bridge is also part of the east bay bike path.

Keep in mind that I hesitate to call the river, other than the bridge, kid friendly. Down below in the eelgrass, like most estuaries, it can be tricky and dangerous with hidden ruts and creeks. In fact during a spring moon tide I have seen the entire area flooded, so keep the little ones on the bridge which in fact can be just as productive if not better than the wading areas below on some days or nights

The fly fishing here can be outstanding at times. I like the outgoing tide on the east sand bar that a football team could fit onto which has plenty of back casting room. I have seen actual fly fishing classes here being taught and I still had room to fish.

Also the Warren River will welcome almost any canoe or kayak and the choices of playing in the current or drifting around in the huge cove that the incoming eddies into is always a difficult decision to make, as both can be productive.

Getting your small vessel in the water can be a bit tricky though. One option is to park near the bike path and drag your craft across the path and onto the eels grass for a short walk to the water. The other is to put in at the Barrington river bridge launch and go south to where the two rivers meet and turn north. Paddlers however will have some serious currents to contend with under the bridges themselves.

The only caveat with this river is the parking. There is no public parking nearby so you have two choices; either park at the previous article Barrington river bridge lot and walk (or

bike), or park in the nearby streets. I have never been harassed by a resident and I almost always find a spot.

You will find that the more popular parking spots near the bike path have trash receptacles nearby, use them. In this part of the state it wouldn't take much to get a resident-only parking zone. So quickly and quietly park your car, and set up your equipment down by the river, not in front of their homes.

I have seen folks with bicycles very similar to the "canal cruisers" riding along the entire area going from bridge to bridge looking for the fish and dropping off mom or dad for a bit while the rest of the family continues on to the next spot with cell phones at the ready for the fishing reports.

#### Directions

I-95 to Rt 114. Follow it right through Barrington Center, and

as it turns left look for the second bridge on your left, across from the luggage manufacturer.



### INFOMATION TO NOTE

<b>GPS...</b>	<b>41°44.160" N 71°17.218" W</b>
<b>Parking...</b>	<b>Neighborhood</b>
<b>24 Hour access...</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Canoe/Kayak use...</b>	<b>Excellent</b>
<b>Fly Fishing...</b>	<b>Excellent</b>
<b>Busy spot...</b>	<b>Yes (on bridge)</b>
<b>Kid friendly...</b>	<b>Yes (on bridge)</b>
<b>Wading...</b>	<b>Excellent</b>
<b>Cleats Needed...</b>	<b>Recommended</b>