

Marblehead events to be part of Trails & Sails weekends

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Momentum is building as the Essex National Heritage Commission presents its premier partnership event, Trails & Sails: Two Weekends of Walks and Water, Sept. 16-18 and Sept. 23-25.

Now celebrating 10 years, Essex Heritage and its partners have organized the largest-ever collection of unique and exciting Trails & Sails events throughout Essex County to give residents and visitors a taste of the region's distinctive history, breathtaking landscapes and hidden gems. The organization invites you to "plot your course to fun and adventure" at trailsandsails.org.

The Marblehead Museum & Historical Society is participating in Trails & Sails, offering a tour of the 1768 Jeremiah Lee Mansion, opening the G.A.R. Room and Civil War Museum in the Old Town House and also having an open house in the J.O.J. Frost Folk Art. In addition, Marblehead Heritage Tours, operated by former Marblehead Museum curator Judy Anderson, will offer a "Spirit of '76 Walking Tour."

Trails & Sails takes place throughout the 34 cities and towns of the 500-square-mile Essex National Heritage Area. This year, all participants are encouraged to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the event with the Passport to Trails & Sails found in the printed guide or on trailsandsails.org to use as they travel to any of the more than 190 free, fun and family-friendly events over two weekends. Participants with a passport "stamped" at 10 or more unique events can mail the passport back to Essex Heritage to be eligible to win one of the following prizes: an REI suitcase, or backpack or fanny pack stuffed with goodies from Essex Heritage's "generous partners," or a TD Bank beach basket or an Eastern Bank picnic basket.

Visit trailsandsails.org to review the full listing of Trails & Sails events, plot your course and create your own customized itinerary by bookmarking your favorite events and printing your passport. On-the-go enthusiasts can use the organization's enhanced mobile website to navigate their weekends from anywhere in Essex County. A limited number of printed guides will be available for free at Essex National Heritage Area Visitor Centers and TD Bank and Eastern Bank locations in Essex County, after Sept. 2. Printed guides can also be purchased for a nominal fee online at [**trailsandsails.org**](http://trailsandsails.org), or call 978-740-0444.