

Hiking Trails in The Oceanstone Area

Oceanstone is located near the edge of the Peggy's Cove Preservation Area, roughly a thousand acres that was under a massive ice sheet 10,000 years ago. As the glacier melted and gradually slid to the sea, it picked up large boulders and rocks. The pressure and movement of the glacier ground and scraped the tops of granite cliffs into smooth, rounded formations, appropriately called "whalesbacks" because of their shape. After the glacier melted, the boulders it had picked up along the way were left in strange and unpredictable arrangements, hence their name - erratic's. Whalebacks and "erratic's" are evident along most of the following trails, conveniently located just a stones throw from the resort.

Whalesback

[5 minutes from Oceanstone]

Named after a large granite outcropping along the ocean. Across Hwy 333 from the store with the same name, you will find several informal paths that begin at the edge of the highway and continue across some boggy areas and up to the top of the rocks. The view is spectacular. Tidal pools, driftwood and rare flowers and plants are features.

Polly's Cove

[10 minutes from Oceanstone]

At the end of the Oceanstone lane, turn right on Hwy 333 towards Peggy's Cove.

Drive exactly 6 km. You will see a dirt pull-in on the right hand side with room for several vehicles. A rough dirt road extends towards the ocean from the parking spot.

About 300 metres in from the parking area is a trail on the right that leads to Polly's Cove. There is a great view of Peggy's Cove and the lighthouse on your right.

If you choose to stay on the main path, you will come to an old foundation, the remnants of an abandoned house construction. From here, you can hike rough trails along the coast to either the left or the right.

The left trail descends steeply to the ocean around the base of a large granite slab, continuing along the shore to a natural granite amphitheatre.

Alternatively, you can take one of several paths that lead from both sides of the entry road up to the cliffs that overlook the ocean. The village of West Dover can be seen from the higher elevations.

West Dover Walk

[12 minutes from Oceanstone]

At the end of the Oceanstone lane, turn right on Hwy 333 towards Peggy's Cove. Drive past Peggy's Cove until you see a baseball diamond on your right. Turn left and park. Informal inland trails will lead you to high hills with great views and a series of small lakes near the village of West Dover.

Guest Services would be delighted to provide further information and maps of the area, or arrange one of our gourmet picnic lunch's to take along on your adventure!