



Paddling in the
Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor

Lake Quinsigamond- Ekblaw Landing

111 Worcester St. (Route 140), North Grafton, MA

GPS Coordinates: 42°13'17.3"N 71°42'02.4"W



The Quinsigamond River is a river in central Massachusetts. It is a tributary of the Blackstone River and ultimately drains into Narragansett Bay. Although the Quinsigamond has many small tributaries and drains a sizable area, the river proper is only 5.6 miles long. The Quinsigamond River flows south out of Lake Quinsigamond in Worcester and Shrewsbury, MA, flows through North Grafton and Grafton to South Grafton, making its way to the Blackstone River in Fisherville, and then on to Narragansett Bay.

Ekblaw Landing Access: This public river access is perfect for launching your kayak or canoe for a paddling adventure either upstream to the Snow Marsh, or downstream to Lake Ripple. If you head upstream you'll paddle by great stands of native vegetation, through the tunnel under the Mass Turnpike, maybe spot a beaver lodge on the right just after you leave the tunnel, and then slip into the Snow Marsh. If you paddle downstream, you'll enjoy a lazy paddle on the river and then experience Lake Ripple from a whole new perspective. It's flat water all around, until you get to the dam. Portage around it or head back to Ekblaw Landing.

Suitable for all skill levels: Yes

Parking on site: 10 spaces, ADA accessible

Restrooms: None

Access: Boat ramp

Supervising Entity: Grafton Land Trust

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