

Otter Creek

Bristol Marsh Nature Preserve

Bristol Marsh ("the Marsh") is a rare and important freshwater tidal marsh located along the Delaware River, just southwest of the Historic District in Bristol Borough. It is one of the few remaining freshwater tidal marshes along the Delaware, receiving water from the Delaware River and the Atlantic Ocean. It is home to six rare plant species native to the Delaware River Basin: Waterhemp Ragweed, Swamp Beggar-Ticks, Multi-flowered mud plantain, Long-Lobed Arrow-Head, Subulate Arrow-Head and Indian Wild Rice.

Historically, the Marsh was adjacent to the Delaware Canal Basin where boats mainly carrying coal from Easton ended their journey along the Delaware Canal. The former Canal Basin is now a parking lot. Today, the Delaware and Lehigh Trail runs between the Marsh and the parking lot and ends at Bristol Borough's Riverfront Park.



Bristol Borough - Canal Lock #4

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Volunteers of all ages help keep the Marsh area clean.



Bristol Borough Public Works staff always help out.



Bristol Marsh viewing platform

To learn more about Heritage Conservancy and volunteer opportunities in 00 the Bristol Marsh please HERITAGE CONSERVANCY visit us at...

www.HeritageConservancy.org

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Bristol Marsh

Nature



Bristol Marsh Nature Preserve is located in:





- activities (bird watching, nature study, fishing)
- Provides important volunteer opportunities





Bristol Marsh at low tide near Delaware River.

fragile and highly productive

Pickerelweed

for specialized flora and fauna and function as a water purifier and filter of surrounding waters and as a nursery for fish and other aquatic organisms.

Benefits:

Ecological

Significance and Characteristics

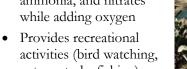
Freshwater tidal marshes. such as Bristol Marsh, are

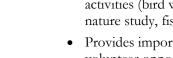
ecosystems. They provide

unique and essential habitat

A Tidal Marsh

- Important feeding grounds for migratory birds, waterfowl, and wading birds
- Provides spawning and nursery areas for fish
- Improves water quality by removing phosphorous, ammonia, and nitrates while adding oxygen









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Bristol Marsh & Otter Creek at Low Tide

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