

NLES Accessibility Final Report: Melfa - ESHC Walking Trail

Final Score: **Yellow** – Use caution on this trail if you have a disability (please use report below for more specific recommendations on walking this trail).

Please download the “Seven Easy Walks of the Eastern Shore” document from www.nolimitseasternshore.com/walking-trails to find the ESHC recommendations for directions to the trail, parking options, beginning the walk, as well as the trail map which are referenced in this report.

Comments:

The ESHC Melfa Walking Trail is quiet, scenic, and short (0.86 mile) trail that leads through the town of Melfa/Melfa Town Park. Although there is no true designated parking area specified for using this trail, NLES found it helpful to use the ESHC recommendation of parking at Vance’s Furniture & Appliance store on Railroad Ave. Before walking the trail users should be aware that this trail does not have an accessible restroom or access to public telephones/clean drinking water. Please bring water and prepare for toileting necessities prior to walking this trail. There are resting intervals located along this trail throughout the portion of the trail that goes through the Melfa Town Park.



Resting area in Melfa Town park.



Sidewalk ends at corner of Main Street & Virginia Avenue.

It is important to note that this trail is only partially on a sidewalk. Using the ESHC recommendations and beginning this trail on Main Street, there is only a sidewalk available from Main Street to Virginia Ave and then it picks up again through the Melfa Town Park to Railroad Ave. The portions of the trail along Virginia Ave and Railroad

Ave are on asphalt/gravel roads respectively (the gravel road on Railroad Ave has pot holes and should be used with caution). NLES would also like to note that there are a few portions where the sidewalk either narrows or plant life has grown over the sidewalk and users should be cautious of these obstacles as well.



Please use caution when maneuvering around pot holes and overgrown plant life.

Overall NLES' final grade for the Melfa – ESHC Walking Trail is **yellow**. Users with disability should be careful while walking this trail using the above precautions. This walk was very pleasant and quiet and although there were a few accessibility concerns, all obstacles were completely maneuverable in a wheelchair or with another other physical disability.

If you would like to add an observation or comment regarding this trail please e-mail e.fillebrown@gmail.com and include ESHC Melfa Walking Trail in the subject line.



NLES' Walking Trails Assessment Group.



Enjoy your walk on the Melfa – ESHC Walking Trail!