La Verna Nature Preserve, Bristol

Magnifique! A quiet mile of walking through the woods is a lead-up to a thrilling section of the Atlantic Coast. For the final hundred yards, you can begin to smell the salt and hear the crashing surf. This Coastal Rivers Conservation Trust preserve includes 3,600 feet of craggy, dramatic coastline and 2.7 miles of trails. The trail sits on the forest edge, above the rocks. You can climb down onto them if you wish, and peer into tidal pools. This is a lovely piece of land, and popular. The small parking lot had several cars parked in it the hot, May day I visited.

Directions: Take Route 32 south from Round Pond. Go 3.5 miles south of the Round Pond Post Office (which is the same as 3 miles north of New Harbor Center). Notice Ocean Hill cemetery on your right. Soon after the cemetery, there is a parking area for the preserve on the right (west side of road).