

What is a Right-of-Way?

A right-of-way (ROW) provides lawful passage to tidal waters of the state across a parcel of land. ROWs allow the public to access the shoreline for a variety of activities.

What is a "designated" ROW?

There are over 300 coastal access points in RI.
Of these, more than 225 are state-designated ROWs,
which means that they are protected
for public use in perpetuity.

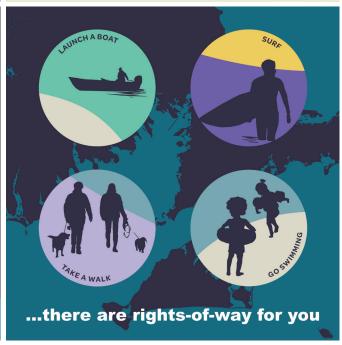
Who designates ROWs?

The RI Coastal Resources Management Council (CRMC) discovers and designates ROWs.

Who maintains ROWs?

Cities, towns, nonprofit organizations, and members of the public work to maintain rights-of-way to the shore. At some locations this includes installing signs, holding cleanups, and keeping ROWs clear and open for public passage.







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Help designate new rights-of-way in RI and report ROW obstructions to the CRMC at crmc.ri.gov

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