



Wachusett Greenways

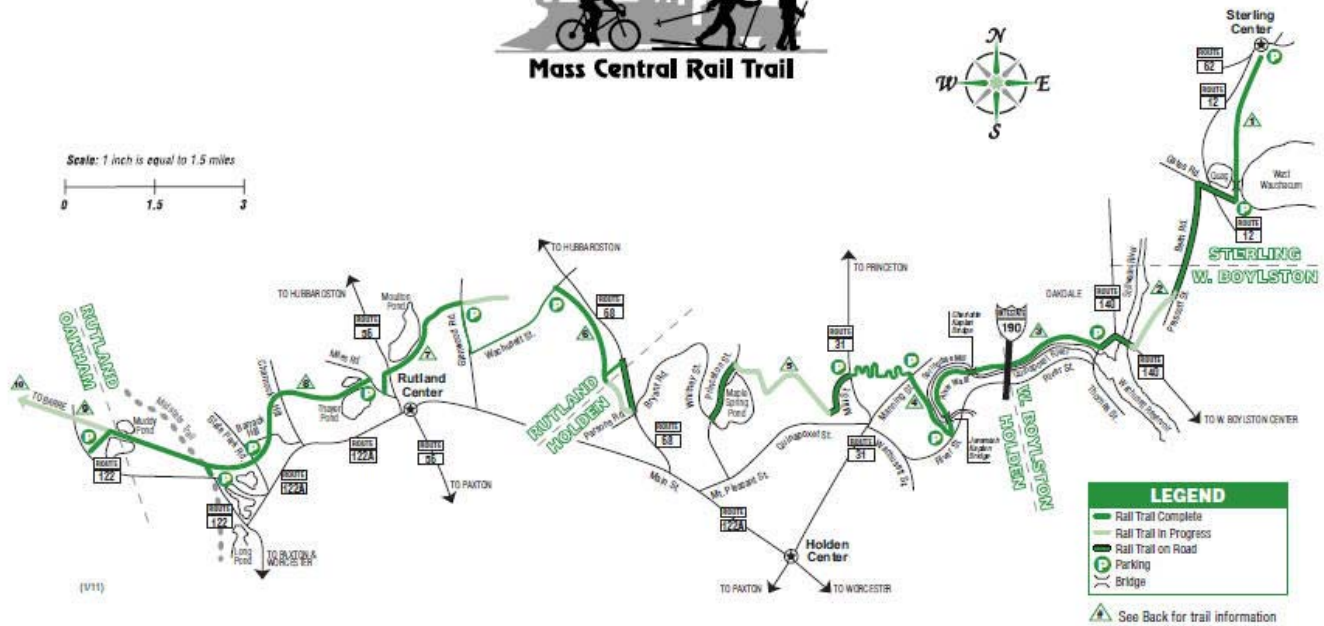
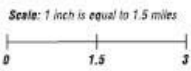
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Wachusett Greenways trail Map August 2011



Wachusett Greenways Section



1. 1.7 miles – Sterling Center to Gates Road, Sterling
Park at the old Sterling Cider Mill beyond Oh My Gosh antiques. From Route 12 in Sterling center take Waushacum Ave. southeast to the entrance. Or park at the Gates Road entrance. The West Waushacum Bridge is 0.2 miles from Gates Road and 1.5 miles from the Cider Mill entrance.

2. 3 miles – Gates Road, Sterling to trailhead off Route 140, West Boylston
Park at Gates Road in Sterling 0.2 mile east of Route 12. This trail section is on active and former roads. Ride on Gates Road to Route 12. Cross Route 12 to Bean Road with extreme caution! Travel south along Bean Road to the Sterling/West Boylston town line. Cross active railroad tracks, then immediately turn right through a yellow DCR gate. Take this rough-graded, inactive road one mile to pass through the next yellow DCR gate. Turn right onto Route 140. Use extreme caution on this causeway where the sidewalk is missing along one bridge. Where Route 140 turns right, turn left and travel a short distance to the Oakdale trailhead on the right.

3. 3 miles – Thomas St. off Route 140, West Boylston to River Street, Holden
Park near the Quinapoxet River just off Route 140 in West Boylston. [From I-190 take Exit 5, Route 140 south one mile. Where 140 bears left over causeway, continue straight ahead to first parking area on the right.] This 3-mile section of trail on the rail bed follows the Quinapoxet River, crossing the Charlotte Kaplan and Jeremiah Kaplan Bridges to reach River Street, Holden.

Portable toilets located at Sterling center and Oakdale, West Boylston trailheads.

These trail sections are complete with a stone dust surface for bicycles, stroller, wheelchairs and other non-motorized use.

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4. 2.2 miles – Connector from River Street – Manning Street – Route 31 at Mill Street, Holden
Park at River Street (just west of where River Street bridges the Quinapoxet at Harris Street). Access the trail at the back of the parking lot behind the yellow gate. The 2.2-mile connector is not part of the original railroad. The trail from River St. to Manning Street is moderately hilly. The section from Manning Street to Mill Street/Route 31 has steep slopes, better walked in some sections. Parking is also available at Manning Street where the trail crosses and at Mill Street/Route 31. [The Trout Brook Reservation entrance is near the MCRT crossing on Manning Street, and accesses 10 miles of Reservation trails for hiking, mountain biking, dogs on leash, horseback riding, cross-country skiing.]

5. 3 miles – Route 31 at Mill Street to Princeton Street, Holden
Park at Route 31 at Mill Street (north of Holden center). The trail is on-road along Mill Street west for one mile to the old mill site and waterfall on the right. Limited parking is also available just before the bridge. Turn right through a yellow DCR gate and travel up a steep hill to return to the railroad grade. The trail from here to Princeton Street is not yet developed and travels along the railroad bed and old logging roads. Continuing from Princeton Street near Maple Spring Pond to the Holden/Rutland town line off Route 68, the trail is not yet developed. Travel on roads of your choice to reach the town line at Route 68 where you can pass through a gate on the left and climb back to the railroad bed or continue on-road to Route 68 and Wachusett Street.

6. 1.2 miles – Wachusett Street off Route 68, Rutland to Holden line
Park at Wachusett Street just west of Route 68. Travel south 1.2 miles to the Holden line or a bit beyond. This section of trail is complete. Return to the parking lot to complete the 2.4-mile round-trip. To continue, travel on Wachusett Street west to Glenwood Road less than 2 miles, then travel north (right) approximately 1 mile on Glenwood to the bottom of a hill where the former railroad crosses.

7. 1.6 miles – Glenwood Road to Route 56, Rutland
Park at the Glenwood Road trail entrance one mile north of Wachusett Street. Travel west on the completed rail trail 1.6 miles to end before Route 56. See views of Moulton Pond. When the tunnel under Route 56 is developed you will be able to continue thru to the west. will be able to continue thru to the west.

8. 4.1 miles – Miles Road, Rutland, to Route 122, Oakham just west of Old Turnpike Rd.
Park at Miles Road entrance. Travel west over Thayer Pond, through the long, beautiful, mossy Charnock cut, then through the Charnock tunnel. Continue west across Barrack Hill Road, cross the paved Rutland State Park entrance road, the Midstate Trail intersection and travel over Muddy Pond west to outlet. Parking available at the Rutland State Park entrance road, at Route 122 at the Midstate Trail, and at Route 122 just west of Old Turnpike Road.

9. 2+ miles – Route 122, just west of Old Turnpike Road, Oakham, to Route 122 crossing, to Coldbrook Road, Oakham
Continue west from Muddy Pond outlet to where the trail crosses Route 122. Cross Rte. 122 with great caution, pass over WG's 110' bridge and continue to Coldbrook Rd. The section was constructed in 2010 with the final stone dust 'paving' planned for 2011.

10. 1.3 miles – Coldbrook Rd, Oakham to Ware River crossing in Barre
Construction planned for 2012. Available now as unimproved route.

Mass Central Rail Trail (MCRT) Progress Map Sterling Center to Oakham



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