



The NORWOTTUCK BRANCH of the MASS CENTRAL RAIL TRAIL

The Norwottuck Branch of the Mass Central Rail Trail is an 11-mile paved path linking Northampton, Hadley, Amherst and Belchertown along the former Central Massachusetts Railroad Company right-of-way. The path's level terrain provides safe passage for pedestrian and wheeled users of all ages, types and abilities.

Access Points

The Norwottuck Branch can be accessed from various points along its route, including primary trailheads and parking at:

- "Connecticut River," located on Damon Road in Northampton. This access point also offers picnic tables, stunning views from the Connecticut River bridge and car-top river access for boaters.
- "Hadley Depot" on Railroad Street in Hadley.
- "Mountain Farms," behind the Mountain Farms Mall in Hadley.

- "Fort River" on Mill Lane in Amherst.
- "Lawrence Station" on Station Road in Amherst. This access point also has picnic tables.
- "Warren Wright," on Warren Wright Road in Belchertown, is the current eastern terminus of the trail.

The Norwottuck Branch also connects to other paths and roads with access to downtown Northampton and the Northampton Bike Path system via Woodmont Road; UMass Amherst via the Swift Connector; and Amherst center, Amherst College and Hampshire College via Route 116.

LEGEND

- ◆ Highway Exit
- 🏠 College or University
- P Access Point with Parking
- 🏕 Picnic Area
- 🟢 Norwottuck Branch
- 🟡 Connecting Path
- 🚊 Active Railroad
- 🛣 Highway
- 🛤 Major Road
- 🛤 Minor Road
- 🗺 Town Boundary
- 🏠 Building Footprint
- 🌊 Wetland
- 💧 Open Water
- 🌿 Protected Open Space

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0 0.25 0.5 0.75 1 Mile

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