

Shoreline Greenway Trail: D.C. Moore & Farm River State Park

The Shoreline Greenway Trail is a 25-mile cycling and pedestrian trail being developed through five towns from Lighthouse Point in New Haven to Hammonasset Beach State Park in Madison. This trail is being pieced together by an all-volunteer organization without an existing right-of-way such as an abandoned rail line. Nearly 6 miles are complete and usable in East Haven, Branford, and Madison. New sections are added as funding and landowner approvals are obtained.

The multi-use trail in East Haven is approximately one mile. The best place to start is at the D.C. Moore School. From the school access pathway, bear right and hike southwest on a walking trail through picturesque woods to a panoramic view of tidal wetlands at the Bradford Preserve. See several species of butterflies, and land-based and shorebirds. Backtrack and turn right at a rock formation on the main granite-topped trail through the woods. Observe glacial outcroppings, mountain laurel, hickory and tulip trees. Follow the main trail toward the East Haven Trailhead parking area. From the parking area, cross Mansfield Grove Road, and head east on Pevetty Drive, where the trail in Farm River State Park begins. In the park you can see nesting ospreys, caves and spectacular water views. The trail terminus is at Short Beach Road/Route 142. East Haven Boy Scout Troop 401 cleared the one mile of trail from D.C. Moore School through the park.



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Trail Description:

Walkable and Bikeable

Generally easy and accessible as the terrain allows, with some small hills. D.C. Moore and Farm River State Park sections are hard packed with crushed stone. D.C. Moore section is handicapped accessible.

Total trails distance is approx. 1.16 miles

Directions and Parking:

From I-95 Exit 51, take Frontage Road/Saltonstall Avenue. Turn right on Hemingway Avenue, left on Route 142 and right on Mansfield Grove Road to stop sign. Turn right to Hoop Pole Lane to second parking lot on left, D.C. Moore School, Elliot Street parking lot. Access the trail from open field adjacent to parking lot.

Permitted/Prohibited Activities:

Trail use and parking are free. Walkers, cyclists, skiers, wheelchairs, baby carriages and leashed dogs are welcome. No motorized vehicles. Bikers yield to pedestrians. Owners must clean up after dogs. Walkways will not support horses. Carry in, carry out!



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Shoreline Greenway Trail: 1.02 miles. Easy Walk

Shoreline Greenway Spur: 0.12 miles. Easy Walk



Shoreline Greenway Future Extent



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