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Guides



**Mary Ellen
Welch**
Greenway
Massachusetts



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Only a stone's throw from the Boston Logan International Airport, the Mary Ellen Welch Greenway (formerly called the "East Boston Greenway") is a great quick escape into the outdoors. Alternatively, the airport's service road from the terminal is also open to bicyclists. The Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) operates this rail-with-trail along active tracks and has linked several green spaces that now total almost 15 acres. The heavily used corridor sections are gated and closed in the evening, but usually not until 8 p.m. in the summer. The parks within the longer corridor stay open later and are heavily used by families from adjacent neighborhoods. The parks include playgrounds, spray parks, and bike rentals.

Beginning at the southern trailhead on Marginal Street,

take in the views from the Boston skyline, just across the harbor. Heading north (the trail has separate, parallel bicycle and pedestrian tracks), the East Boston Greenway will take you under Sumner Street, where a satellite campus of Bunker Hill Community College is located on your right. You'll pass a number of commercial and residential properties as you pass under Maverick and Porter Streets. Five miles from the trailhead, you'll pass under the East Boston Expressway, followed by Bremen Street Park and the East Boston Branch of the Boston Public Library on your left.

After crossing back under the East Boston Expressway, the Mary Ellen Welch Greenway turns into a 0.5-mile newly developed connector trail, which takes you along an active railroad that runs through the heart of the East Boston Greenway. The rail's art and design, including a restored caboose, reflect the area's industrial heritage. You'll pass the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) Wood Island Station to your left and Boston Logan International Airport, followed by views of Boston's waterfront, on your right. Follow the connector trail until you reach the northern endpoint at Constitution Beach.

Constitution Beach includes a bathhouse, concessions, playgrounds, sports facilities, an ice rink, and ample parking. The beach is a perfect place to sit at night and watch the jets take off across the bay.



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States: Massachusetts

Counties: Suffolk

Length: 2.8miles

Trail end points: Piers Park at Marginal St. and Bremen St. to Frankfort St. just south of Lovell St.; Barnes Ave. to Constitution Beach Park

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike,Inline

Skating, Wheelchair Accessible, Walking

Parking & Trail Access

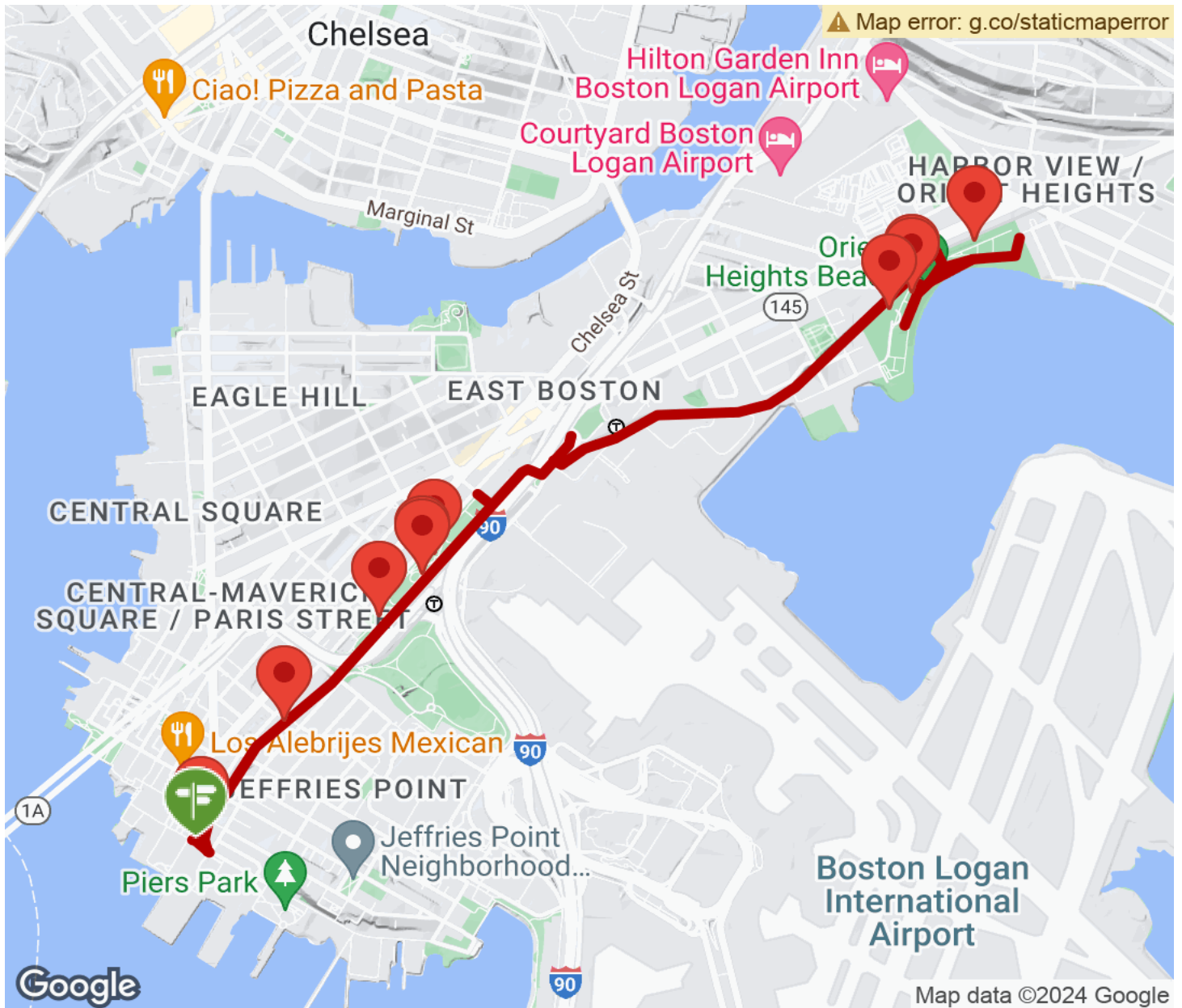
Parking is available at Constitution Beach, 799 Bennington St.

See [TrailLink Map](#) for detailed directions.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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