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Guides



**Whitney Spur  
Rail Trail**  
*Massachusetts*



## Whitney Spur Rail Trail

Massachusetts

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immediately winds through the reservation's Great Swamp. After turning west and then south, the trail ends at a gate temporarily blocking access to the former Hingham Annex's storage area.

Here large concrete bunkers, used to store ammunition ready for transfer to the main depot at the Hingham Shipyard, remained standing from the annex's closure after the Korean War until 2014. The recent demolition of the bunkers will allow for the extension of the trail into Wompatuck State Park, which occupies the entire sprawling Hingham Annex site and now offers campsites and dozens of additional miles of trails.

The Whitney Spur Rail Trail runs from just north of the MBTA's Cohasset Station through dense woodlands to the edge of Wompatuck State Park. The corridor was originally a spur off the Old Colony Railroad's Greenbush Line that served the Hingham Naval Ammunition Depot Annex. When the MBTA sought to bring commuter service to the Greenbush Line in 2007, the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation required that the transit agency construct the Whitney Spur Rail Trail as part of a broader deal for state-owned land.

Passing next to the train station's parking lot, the trail offers a convenient way for car-free locals and visitors to access Whitney and Thayer Woods, a preserved nature and recreation area. The paved trail transitions to a stone dust surface after crossing State Route 3A and



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**States:** Massachusetts

**Counties:** Norfolk, Plymouth

Length: 1.6 miles

**Trail end points:** Woodside Cemetery on East St. (near MBTA Cohasset Station) to Wompatuck State Park

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt, Crushed Stone

**Trail category:** Rail-Trail

**Trail activities:** Bike, Walking, Cross Country Skiing

## Parking & Trail Access

Parking for the Whitney Spur Rail Trail is available at the MBTA's Cohasset Station on SR 3A/Chief Justice Cushing Highway. There is a \$4 fee to park.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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