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Guides



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Harborwalk**  
*Massachusetts*



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The New Bedford Hurricane Barrier was built to protect New Bedford and nearby villages from storm surge during hurricanes, but also ended up cutting off residents from the water that lay just beyond it. Enter, the Harborwalk, constructed right on top of the barrier, a walking and biking pathway that brings people back to the water. The path extends from the the boat ramp off Rodney French Boulevard north to Gifford Street, providing unmatched views of the harbor and of Buzzards Bay. The elevated trail offers a great vantage point to watch the interplay of the natural and the manmade, like the seabirds soaring over the fishing boats and ferries. The trail is open 24 hours and is well-lit for night time use. At its southern end it connects to the Saulnier Memorial Bike Trail.



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**States:** Massachusetts

**Counties:** Bristol

Length: 1.2miles

**Trail end points:** Gifford Street to East Rodney  
French Boulevard boat ramp

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt

**Trail category:** Greenway/Non-RT

**Trail activities:** Bike, Walking, Wheelchair  
Accessible

## Parking & Trail Access

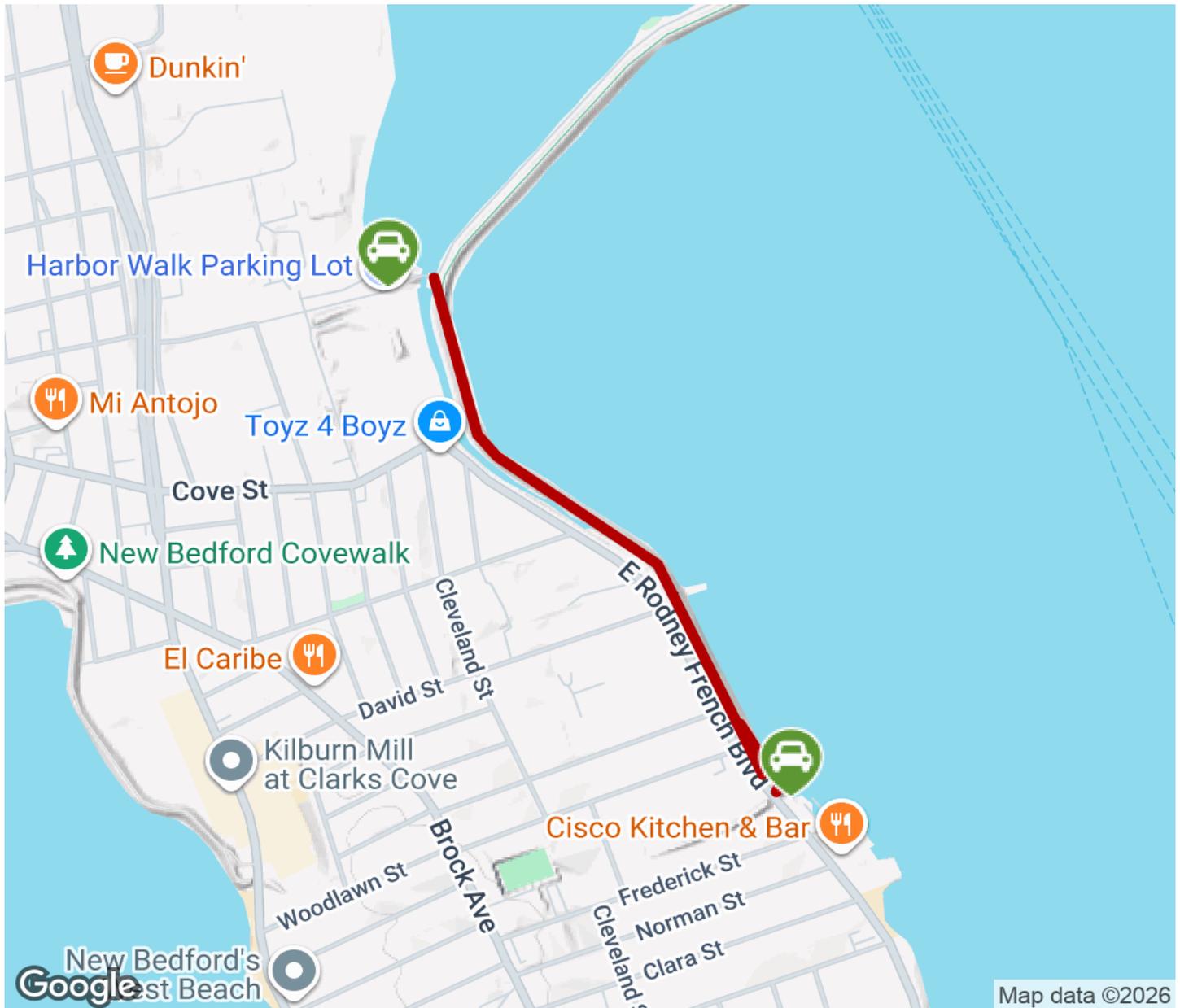
There is parking at the northern end of Gifford Street, just west of the trail.

There is also parking at the southern end at the boat ramp on E. Rodney French Boulevard.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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