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About the Route

This former carriage road includes new paving, striping, and signage that informs westbound drivers of the new eastbound bike traffic. Along its 5.5-mile route, the trail

passes a number of sites, starting at its western endpoint which leaves off from the Charles River Reservation. From here, this western section of the trail passes Norumbega Park and Lyons Field. As the trail continues east towards Newton, the trail passes by the Brae Burn Country Club, the Newton Cemetery and Newton City Hall. On the south side near Irving Street, cyclists can find local shops where, within business hours, they can purchase baked goods and other treats. The eastern endpoint of the trail, which comes as the former carriage road merges back into the main thrum of the traffic of the highway, is located at Mt. Alvernia Road, in the village of Chestnut Hill, a short distance away from Boston College and Chestnut Hill Park. Cyclists who want to continue westbound to BC are asked to use the RRFB at Mt. Alvernia to cross over to Commonwealth Avenue, which has a striped bike lane.

Please note that in the westbound directions, this is a local road and cyclists may at times be sharing the road with westbound motor vehicles and pedestrians. Westbound cycling from the Boston College T station is permitted. Cyclists are asked to observe all signage such as a STOP signs.

Please note that cyclists have a dedicated lane through intersections in the eastbound direction.



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States: Massachusetts

Counties: Middlesex

Length: 5.5miles

Trail end points: 2401 Commonwealth Ave.
(Auburndale) to 27 Commonwealth Ave.
(Chestnut Hill)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT

Trail activities: Bike,Inline

Skating,Walking,Wheelchair Accessible

Parking & Trail Access

The Commonwealth Greenway runs between 2401 Commonwealth Ave. (Auburndale) and 27 Commonwealth Ave. (Chestnut Hill), which both offer parking.

Parking is also available at:

- Lyons Park, 104 W Pine St (Auburndale)

See TrailLink Map for detailed directions.



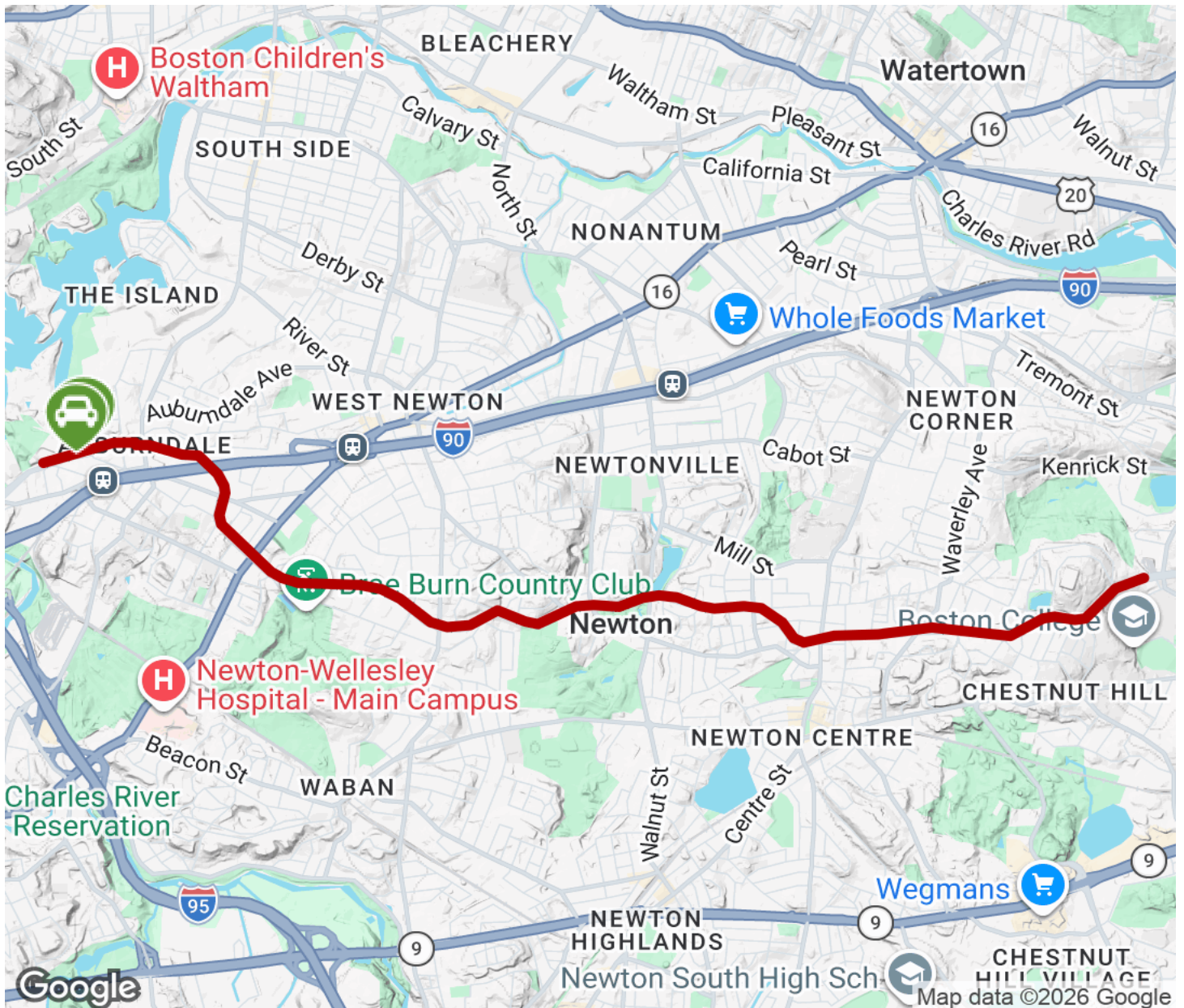
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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



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