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Nashua Heritage Rail-Trail New Hampshire

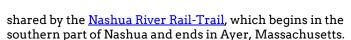


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The trail is a celebration of Nashua's history. The city was established by the Nashua and Lowell Railroad in 1938 as the first railroad township and first link in the Great Northern Railway from Boston to Lake Erie. Indeed, the Nashua and Lowell Railroad was the first railroad to operate in New Hampshire. The trail is part of the original 45.3-mile-long corridor that stretched from central Massachusetts to Nashua. This is the same corridor



For a longer trail experience, you may use a combination of on-road an off-road routes to link up with the Nashua River Rail Trail. Take a left out of the trail on Will Street. At the first intersection, take a right onto Simon Street. Follow until you reach Whipple Street, where you will take a left. Follow this to the end where the Mine Falls Park begins. Follow the trail to the west until you get to the Nashua High School South, where you will connect with Riverside Street by the playing fields. Follow Riverside Drive to State Route 111 west (West Hollis Road) and take a right. Continue until you reach Countryside Drive and take a left. The trail is located across the street from the end of Countryside Drive. There are no bicycle lanes on the on-road portions of this route.

You can also connect to the trails in Mine Falls Park, including the <u>Nashua Canal Trail</u>, via a short on-road connection (7th St.).







States: New Hampshire Counties: Hillsborough Length: 1.3miles Trail end points: Will St. east of Simon St. to Elm St. at SR 111 (Nashua) Trail surfaces: Asphalt Trail category: Rail-Trail Trail activities: Bike, Inline Skating, Walking

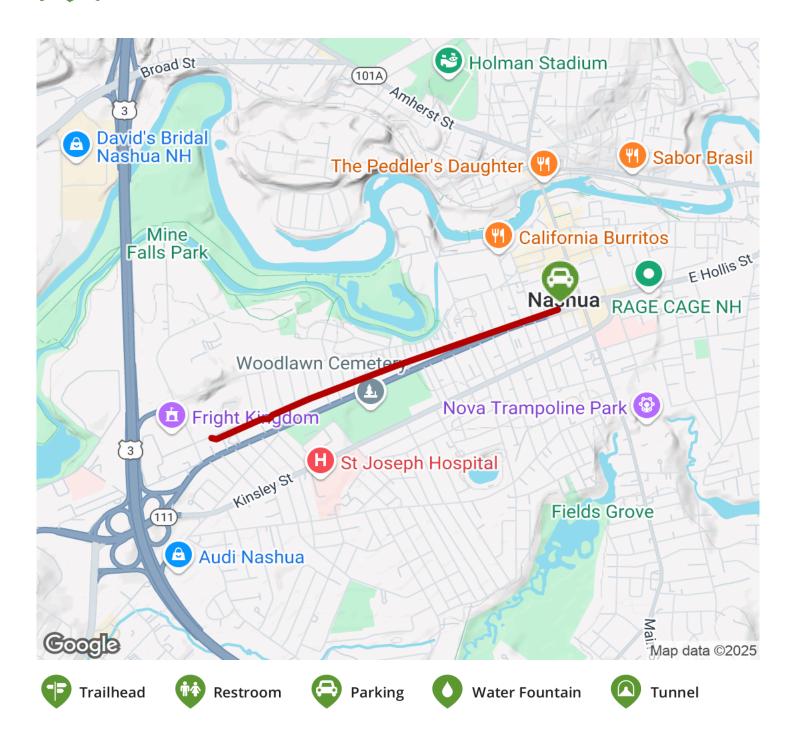
Parking & Trail Access

To get to the Nashua Heritage Rail-Trail from US 3, take the exit for SR 111 (Nashua/Pepperell). Follow signs for Nashua (the road heads right at one point) and then for City Hall. The trail begins at City Hall. There is metered parking in the City Hall parking lot and there are other public parking lots close by.











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