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Guides



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System Trails**  
*Massachusetts*



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boat cruise. Whichever your mode of transport, the riverwalk and canalway routes stop by many historical sites and museums. Throughout the year many cultural events will keep you entertained.

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The system of canals once rivalled that of Venice, and today the city is awash in historical and cultural attractions. In the park, which is part of downtown Lowell, you can take a guided or self-guided walking tour along the old trolley line or ride on replica trolleys, some of which parallel the walking paths. You can also take a canal



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**States:** Massachusetts

**Counties:** Middlesex

Length: 1.9miles

**Trail end points:** Lowell National Historical  
Park to Pawtucket Street

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt, Concrete

**Trail category:** Canal

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

## Parking & Trail Access

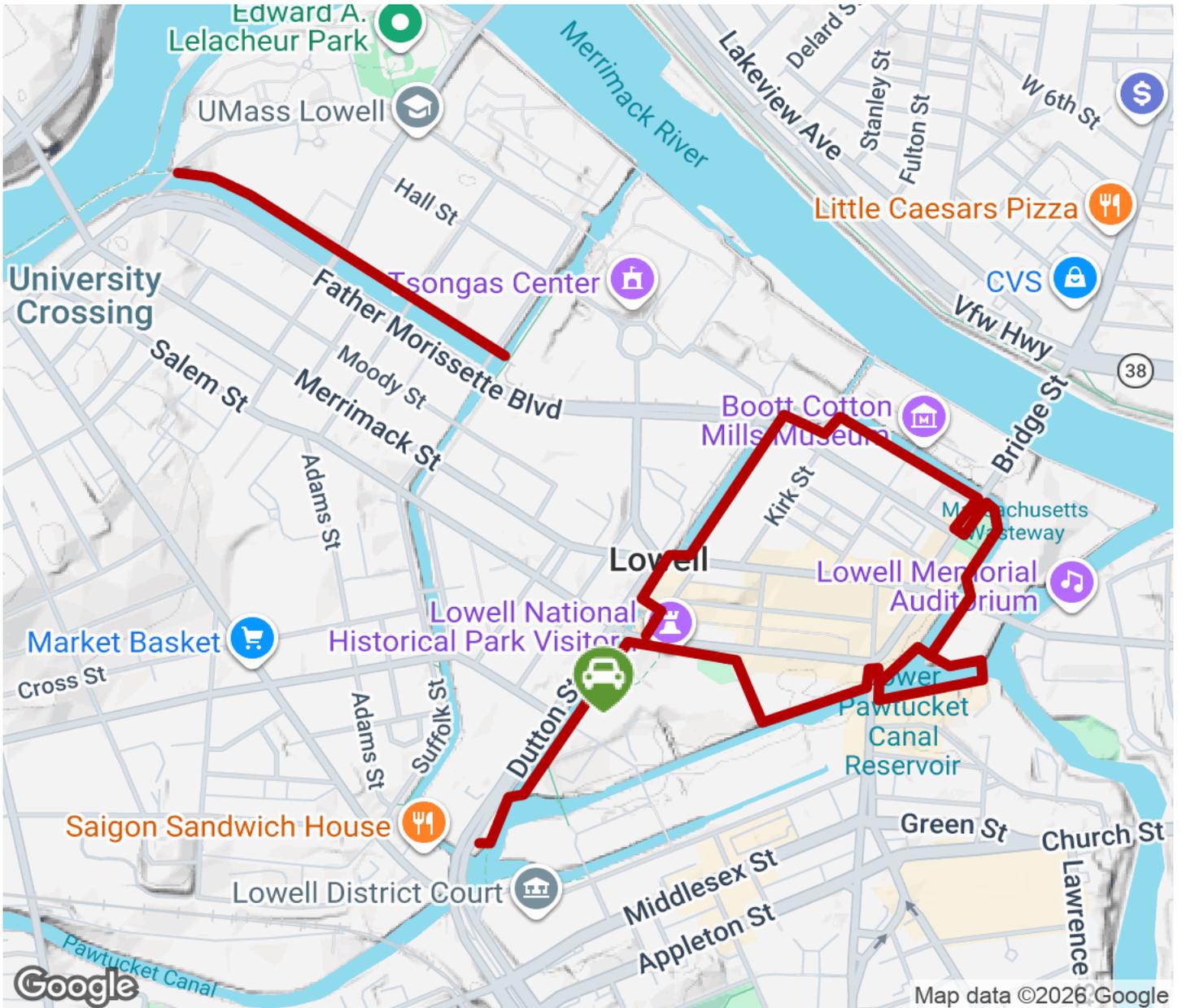
Park at the visitor center on Dutton Street next to Market Mills. The trail is next to the parking lot. The visitor center has information and brochures about the sites and attractions along the trail system.

To reach Lowell National Historical Park, take the Lowell Connector from either Route 495 (Exit 35C) or Route 3 (Exit 30A if traveling southbound; Exit 30B if traveling northbound) to Thorndike Street (Exit 5B). Follow the park signs.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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