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Guides



**World War II
Veterans
Memorial
Trail/Norton
Rail-Trail**
Massachusetts



World War II Veterans Memorial Trail/Norton Rail-Trail

Massachusetts

This paved 6.6-mile trail links the edge of Mansfield's downtown past the city's municipal airport and through the town of Norton. In



The trail rests on an abandoned corridor once served by the Old Colony Railroad. During World War II, the railroad transported American soldiers bound for Taunton's Camp Myles Standish along the line in immediate advance of their departure to Europe.

The World War II Veterans Memorial Trail opened in Mansfield in 2004 after several decades of advocacy by local rail-trail supporters. It was later extended through Norton.

This paved 6.6-mile trail links the edge of Mansfield's downtown past the city's municipal airport and through the town of Norton. In Mansfield, the trail is called the World War II Veterans Memorial Trail and in Norton, the trail is known as the Norton Rail-Trail.

About the Route

The majority of the route is through dense groves of trees. At the northern end of the trail, a short trip on Old Colony Road—also built on the former rail corridor—leads directly to Mansfield's MBTA commuter rail station. The southern end of the trail is near the Norton/Taunton border.

Trail History



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Massachusetts

States: Massachusetts

Counties: Bristol

Length: 6.6 miles

Trail end points: East St (Mansfield) to Crane St (Norton)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Inline

Skating, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible

Parking & Trail Access

The World War II Veterans Memorial Trail/Norton Rail-Trail runs between East St (Mansfield) and Crane St (Norton), with parking available on both ends.

Parking is also available at:

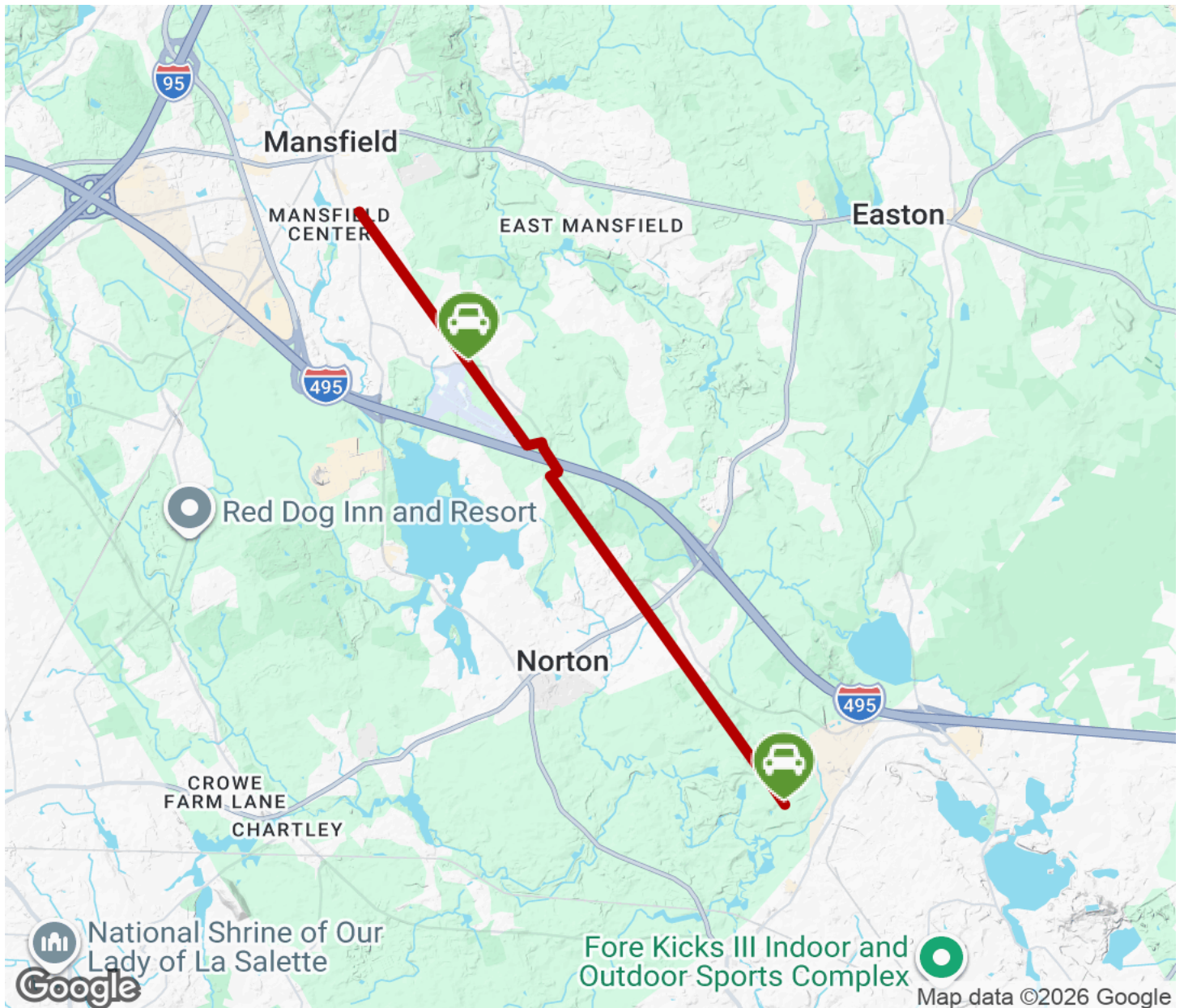
- Winthrop Dahl Nature Preserve, 189 N Washington St. (Norton)
- 91 Cobb St. (Norton)

Please see [TrailLink Map](#) for detailed directions.



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Massachusetts



Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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