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Today, the trail runs nearly uninterrupted for 22 miles between Grove Street near the southeastern edge of Franklin State Forest and the Connecticut state line in the Douglas State Forest. Although the trail is open and very scenic, note that much of it is currently unimproved with heavy overgrowth best suited to hiking and mountain biking.

About the Route

From Franklin, the trail heads southwest. There is a break in the trail in Blackstone from Route 122 at Castle Hill Way to the Depot parking lot off Canal Street. There's also a tricky crossing at Worcester-Providence Turnpike/Route 146 and Route 146A. Use caution when attempting to link the broken trail segments and never use active railroad bridges for crossings. A parking brochure is available which also includes descriptions of how to bypass the breaks.

3.5 miles between the Blackstone Depot Parking area and the Adams Street Parking area in Uxbridge have been paved. 1.5 miles in Bellingham between Prospect Street (Franklin) and Center Street (Bellingham) are surfaced with stone dust. The 1 ¼ miles between Grove Street and Prospect Street (Franklin) has a smooth dirt surface. The same surface also exists from Depot Street to Route 96 in Douglas.

Connections

In Blackstone Village, the Southern New England Trunkline Trail meets part of the [Blackstone River Greenway](#).

The SNETT joins the [Air Line State Park Trail](#) at its southern end.



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States: Massachusetts

Counties: Norfolk, Worcester

Length: 21.8 miles

Trail end points: 234 Grove St. (Franklin) to
MA/CT State Line

Trail surfaces: Asphalt, Ballast, Crushed Stone

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Horseback Riding, Mountain
Biking, Snowmobiling, Walking, Cross Country
Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

The Southern New England Trunkline Trail runs between 234 Grove St. (Franklin), where parking is available, and the MA/CT State Line.

Parking is also available at:

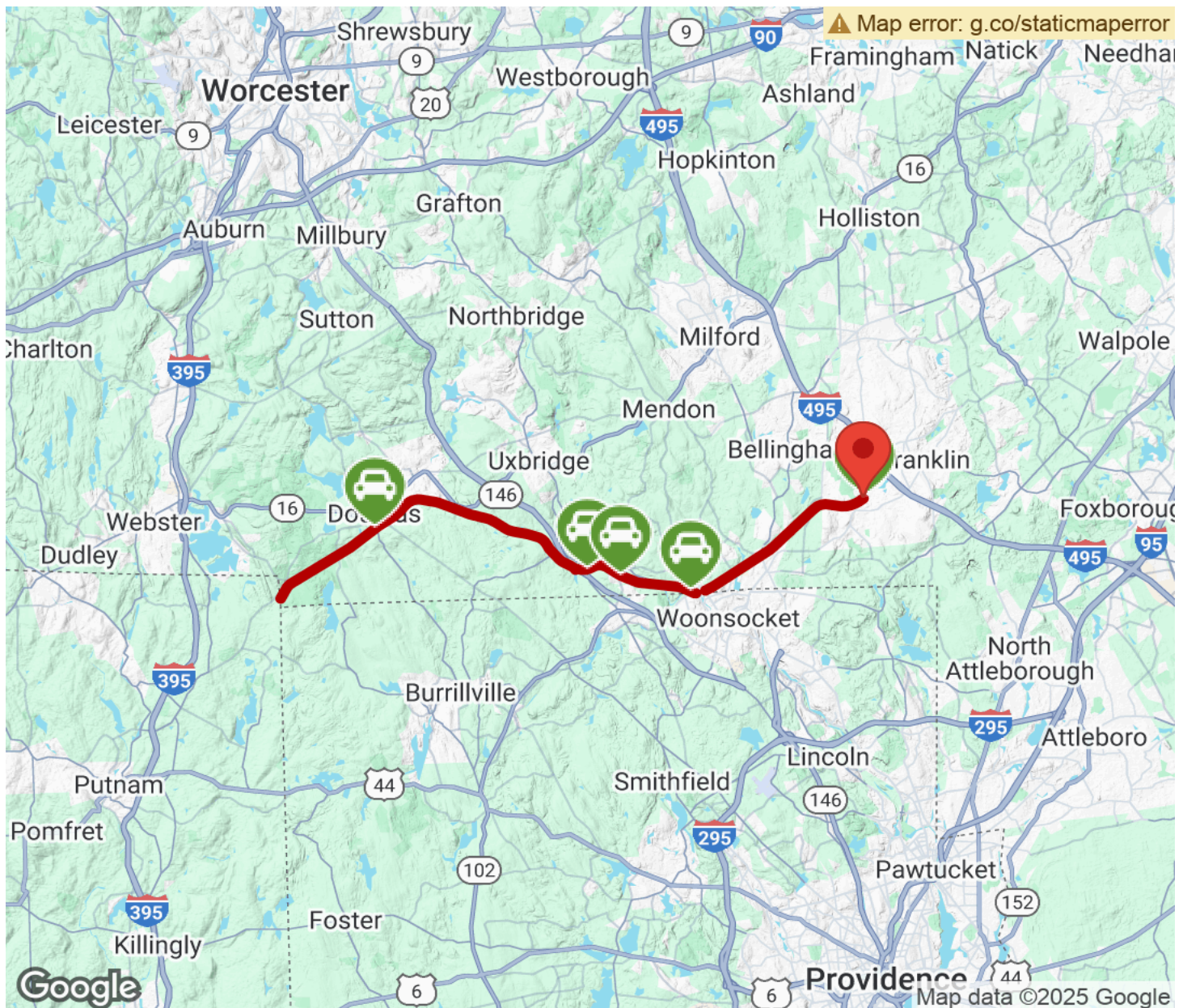
- 195 Canal St. (Blackstone)
- 44 Hope St. (Milville)
- 107 Wallum Lake Rd. (Douglas)

Please see [TrailLink Map](#) for all parking options and detailed directions.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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