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Rail Trail**
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The year 2017 marks 20 years since a rails-to-trails project was first mentioned in the Goffstown Master Plan, and thanks to work by the Friends of the Goffstown Rail Trail and support throughout the community, this trail has become a shining example of what can become of an old rail corridor. The trail inhabits a segment of the former Boston and Maine (B&M) Railroad route that once spanned northern New England. A flood in 1936 damaged much of the line and its spurs, and in 1976, a fire consumed the covered bridge that crossed the Piscataquog River.

About the Route

Leaving from the Goffstown, the trail starts with little fanfare on Factory Street and sneaks behind

neighborhoods with fleeting views of the glistening river to the left. Upon traveling on East Union Street about 0.3 mile, the trail picks up again past a school bus parking area and starts to take on a life of its own, with glimpses of the river far below.

The trail passes by one of many convenient access points to the trail, the Goffstown Parks and Recreation Department complex, and go another 0.5 mile to the first of two crossings over Mast Road. Though the trail is mostly hard-packed gravel, the three street crossings—two over Mast Road and one over Henry Bridge Road—are paved and have plenty of signage to help residents easily connect to the trail.

In 0.7 miles, the trail emerges from the woods and travel through the parking lot of a service station. (The trail picks up just on the other side, as signs indicate.) Here, a mile marker announces 3.5 miles until the eastern end.

After another mile, the trail slips behind the New Hampshire State Prison for Women and the Hillsborough County Complex and courthouse. Friendly county workers maintain this part of the trail, and trail parking is available in the municipal lot. Note the brilliant redbrick buildings to the right, which once acted as coal storage for the B&M line and are now home to administrative offices.

More of the corridor's history is apparent after crossing Danis Park Road and pass inside the deep cut where the cliffs were blasted to allow trains to travel at a proper grade.

Near the eastern end, about 300 feet short of mile marker 0.0, a connecting path leads to the Sarette Recreation Complex, which has ample parking. At the official eastern end of the Goffstown Rail Trail, the route seamlessly connects to the Piscataquog Trail, which heads over the Merrimack River and into Manchester.

Connections



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States: New Hampshire

Counties: Hillsborough

Length: 5.5miles

Trail end points: Factory St. (Goffstown) to
Piscataquog Rail Trail (Manchester)

Trail surfaces: Dirt,Grass,Gravel,Sand

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Mountain

Biking,Walking,Wheelchair Accessible,Cross
Country Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

The Goffstown Rail Trail runs between Factory St. (Goffstown) and the Piscataquog Trail (Manchester).

Parking is available at:

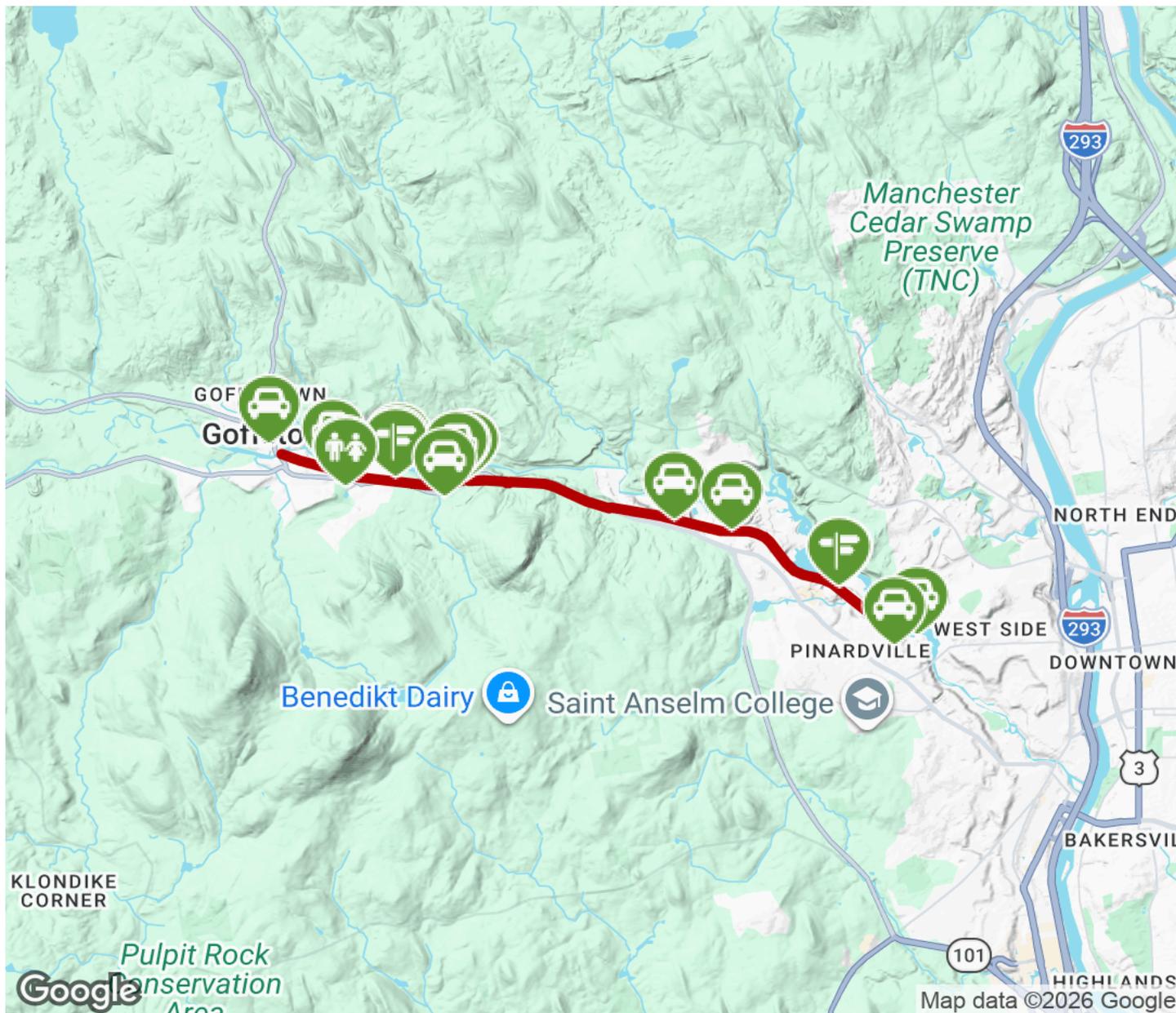
- 25-13 Danis Park Rd. (Goffstown)

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



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-  Trailhead
-  Restroom
-  Parking
-  Water Fountain
-  Tunnel