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Greenway
Trail**
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The Trail currently stretches 4.6 miles in three different Connecticut towns.

East Haven Section

This westernmost section of the Shoreline Greenway Trail, suitable for walking and biking, winds through a heavily wooded area from the former DC Moore Elementary School to the intersection of Hoop Pole Lane and Mansfield Grove Road. If entering the trail from Hoop Pole Lane, proceed slowly, as the trail descends a steep dirt hill into the forest.

From Mansfield Grove Rd., there is a brief on-road section along Pevetty Drive. The trail continues where the road dead-ends and takes trail users into Farm River State Park. This 0.6-mile section of the trail includes two charming footbridges. Unpaved nature trails are also available in the park for further exploring.

Branford Section

In Branford, the Shoreline Greenway Trail runs between Pine Orchard Road to Tabor Drive. From Pine Orchard Road, a 0.9-mile section runs parallel to an active rail line with less than 50 feet of separation at some points, demonstrating the feasibility of such closely located rail and trail facilities. What it lacks in length, it makes up for in scenery; trailgoers traverse woodlands and walk or ride past community gardens.

Another 0.6-mile section, known locally as the [Branford Trolley Trail](#), runs from Tilcon Road to Thimble Island Road and stretches between the communities of Pine Orchard and Stony Creek along a former trolley line, offering pleasant views of the Long Island Sound and Thimble Islands.

Madison Section

This easternmost 1.1-mile section leads travelers through Hammonasset Beach State Park with views of woodlands, marshes, and a tidal stream. This segment is one of the Shoreline Greenway Trail's most active, and trail advocates, academic institutions, and environmental organizations utilize it to promote trail use and awareness throughout the neighboring communities.



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States: Connecticut

Counties: New Haven

Length: 4.6miles

Trail end points: Elliott St. (East Haven) to
Boston Post Rd.(Madison)

Trail surfaces: Crushed Stone,Dirt

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike,Walking,Cross Country
Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

The Shoreline Greenway Trail runs in three sections through the towns of East Haven, Branford, and Madison, Connecticut.

Parking is available at:

- 116 Short Beach Rd. (East Haven)
- 43-53 Birch Rd. (Branford)

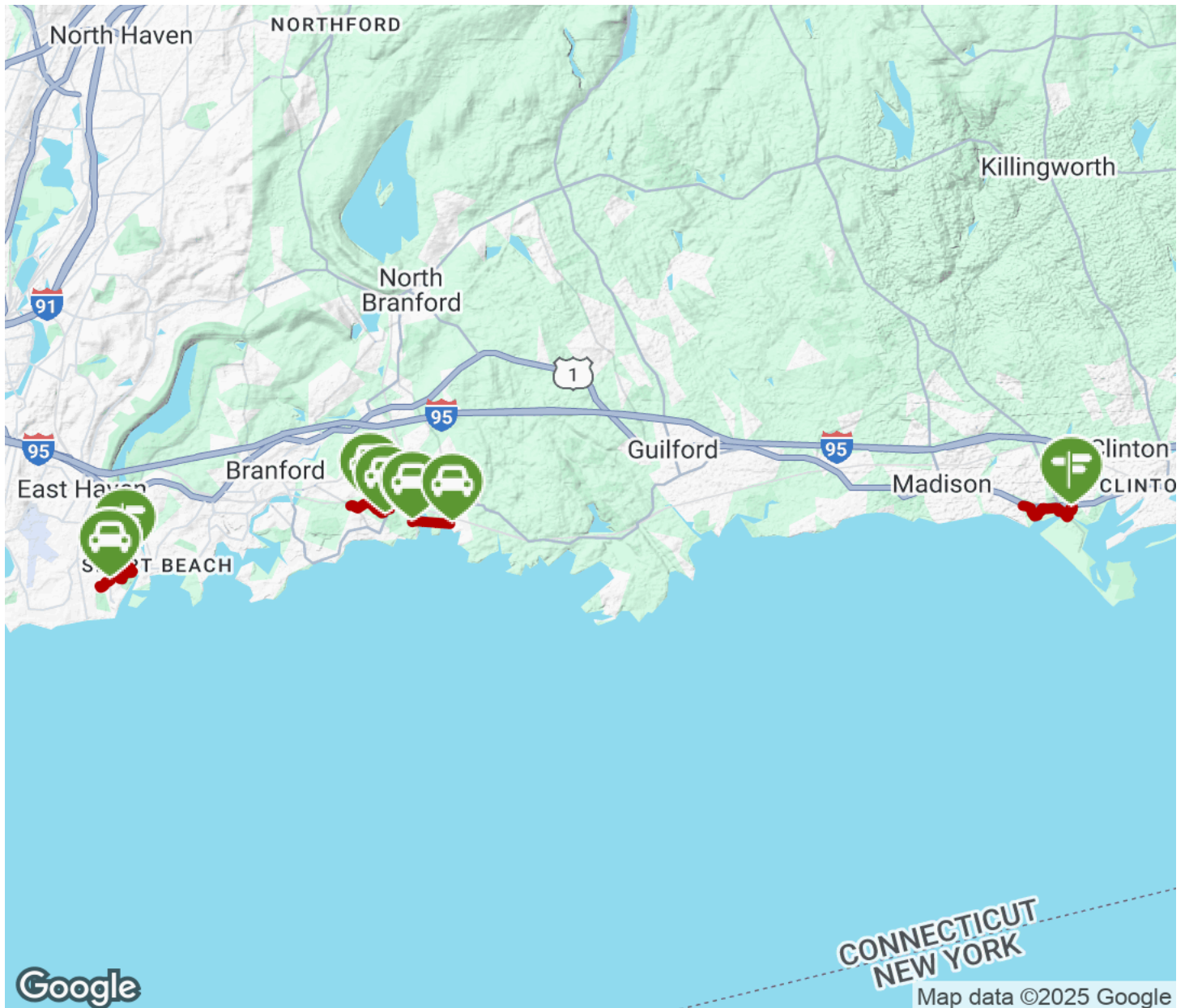
The easternmost section of the trail can also be accessed from 59-1 Webster Point Rd.

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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