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Amesbury Riverwalk Massachusetts



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The Amesbury Riverwalk (also known as the Powwow Riverwalk) offers visitors and residents a picturesque connection between a resurgent waterfront district on the Powwow River and a modern shopping center on the outskirts of this historical mill town. The 1.3-mile paved trail is part of the Coastal Trails Network, which one day will link several northeastern Massachusetts communities with 30 miles of trail.

About the Route

The Amesbury Riverwalk's western endpoint is at 25 Water Street (Amesbury), at the western edge of Heritage Park. The park is rich with relics and exhibits of local history of Amesbury as a 19th- and early-20th-century manufacturing center. Restaurants and pubs are located nearby in in the town center. Upon first entering the park from Water Street, the trail passes the small Salisbury Point Station, built in the 1870s by the Eastern Railroad and later relocated to its current location.

After curving through through Heritage Park, the trail crosses over a small tributary river on a short bridge alongside County Road. A sidewalk is only available by crossing over to the north side of the street. The trail then returns to hug the riverbank, carving a path nearby residential areas. About halfway, the trail snakes around the outer bounds of the nearby historic Prospect Cemetery. The trail crosses underneath I-495 via dedicated tunnel crossings, before proceeding through a stretch of forest. Continuing east, trail then crosses Rocky Hill Rd, and ends shortly ahead, upon reaching the CarriageTown Marketplace at its rear parking lot. The Amesbury Riverwalk's eastern endpoint is at the CarriageTown Marketplace shopping center at 100 Macy St (Amesbury), which offers several shopping options.

Connections

The Coastal Trails Coalition is working with local and state agencies to finish a trail network linking Amesbury, Salisbury, Newbury, and Newburyport. While no direct connections are yet complete, both the <u>Salisbury Point Ghost</u> <u>Trail</u> and the <u>Garrison Trail</u> are located less than a mile east, along Macy St, from the trail's eastern endpoint at CarriageTown Marketplace.

Trail History

The trail follows the Amesbury-Salisbury branch of the coastal Eastern Railroad that began serving the area in 1848. The rival Boston and Maine Railroad took over in 1884. Passenger service continued until 1936, and freight until 1972. The city of Amesbury and Coastal Trails Coalition created the



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States: Massachusetts Counties: Essex Length: 1.3miles Trail end points: Heritage Park at 25 Water Street (Amesbury) to CarriageTown Marketplace at 100 Macy St (Amesbury) Trail surfaces: Asphalt Trail category: Rail-Trail Trail activities: Bike,Inline Skating,Wheelchair Accessible,Walking

Parking & Trail Access

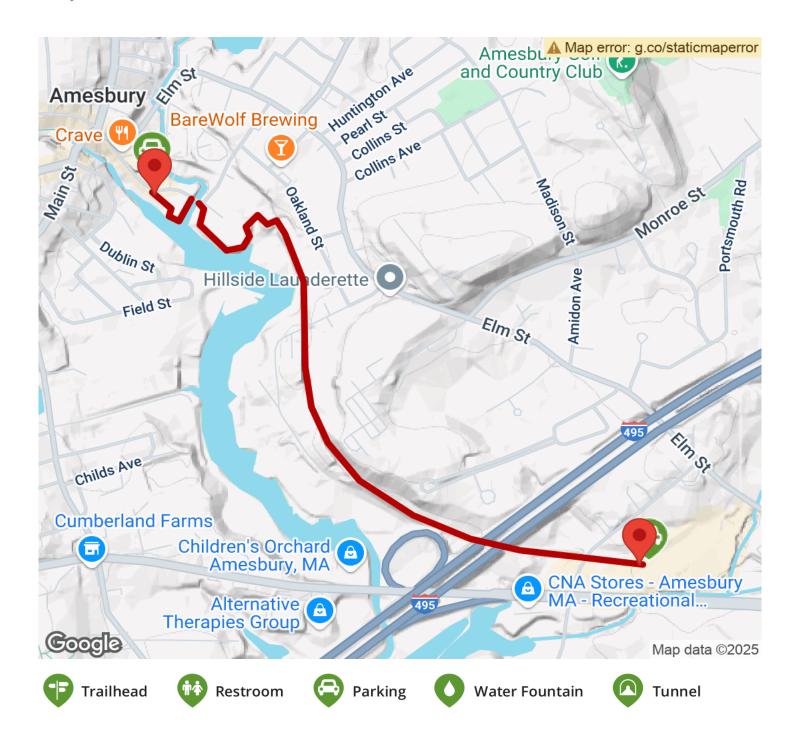
The Amesbury Riverwalk runs between 25 Water Street (Amesbury) and CarriageTown Marketplace at 100 Macy St (Amesbury), with parking available at both endpoints.

Please see <u>TrailLink Map</u> for detailed directions.



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