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Guides



**Martin H.
Burns
Wildlife
Management
Area Trail**
Massachusetts



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area. On its western end, it passes two wide trails that lead out towards Orchard Street in Newbury. The trail then ends just before Interstate 95; you'll know its approach from the distant hum of traffic. The experience on the rail trail is a quiet one; keep your eyes open for deer, fox, beaver, and many types of birds.

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The rail trail through the Martin H. Burns Wildlife Management Area begins at the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) commuter rail station near downtown Newburyport, a coastal Massachusetts city northeast of Boston. On the other side of the train station, north of Parker Street, a connection can be made to the [Clipper City Rail Trail](#) that heads north to the Merrimack River.

The unpaved route was once used for a trolley line and now serves as a utility corridor. Heading west from the station, the trail crosses Little River, then Highfield Road, before entering the heavily wooded 1,555-acre wildlife



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States: Massachusetts

Counties: Essex

Length: 3.4 miles

Trail end points: I-95 (no access) to Newburyport MBTA Station

Trail surfaces: Dirt, Gravel, Sand

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Fishing, Horseback Riding, Mountain

Biking, Snowmobiling, Walking, Cross Country

Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

Eastern Trailhead:

From US 1: Head west on Parker Street from the traffic light near Newburyport Center. Take a left on Boston Way. The trail leaves from the southeast end of the parking lot of the Newburyport MBTA Station (25 Boston Way, Newburyport).

From I-95: Take Exit 57 and head east on MA 113. At the traffic light near Port Plaza, take a right onto Low Street. Then, before reaching US 1, take a left onto Graf Road. From Graf Road, take a left onto Parker Street, then a right onto Boston Way. The trail leaves from the southeast end of the of the Newburyport MBTA Station parking lot.

Western Trailhead:

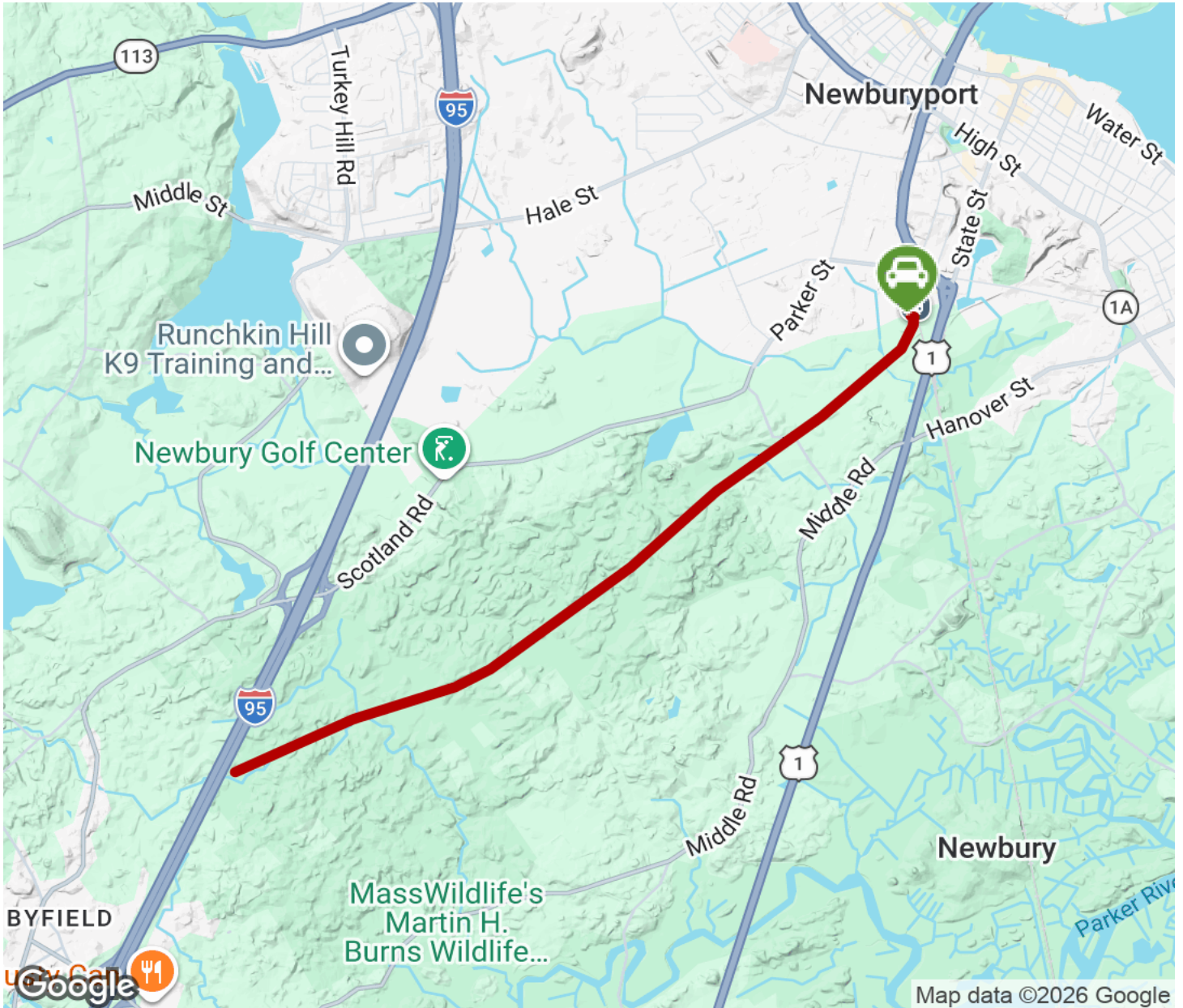
From US 1: Take Elm Street east. When you reach the Governors Academy, take a right onto Middle Road. After crossing the Parker River, take a left onto Maple Street. At the end of Maple Street, take a left onto Orchard Street. After passing Austin Fields Lane, take a right onto a dirt road that is the main access point for Martin H. Burns Wildlife Management Area. Keep driving on this dirt road until it ends at a gate. Low-to-the-ground cars may have to park before the gate. From the gate, take the wide main trail until you reach the rail-trail.

From I-95: Take Exit 55 and head east on Central Street. At the first Y-intersection, take a left onto Orchard Street. Soon afterwards, take a left onto a dirt road that is the main access point for Martin H. Burns Wildlife Management Area. Keep driving on this dirt road until it ends at a gate. Low-to-the-ground cars may have to park before the gate. From the gate, take the wide main trail until you reach the rail-trail.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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