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About the Route

Access the rail-trail's southern end from the South Lawn (1 Broadway, Everett), a park on the shores of Mystic River. Following the shoreline through the park, a 10ft-wide multiuse riverwalk with a stone-brick and paved asphalt surface provides a connection to the Northern Strand Community Trail and the [Malden River Greenway](#). From the connection with the riverwalk and the rail-trail, the Malden River Greenway follows its namesake northwest

through Gateway Park to Village Landing Park. From its southern end connection with the riverwalk and the greenway, the Northern Strand Community Trail heads north through Everett.

In Everett, you'll soon see signs of the revitalization that is sweeping through both Everett and Malden. Many new high-end residential and commercial buildings, as well as adjacent parks, are under construction next to the trail. A few new brewpubs are located a few blocks off the trail in Everett, which some locals refer to as the fermentation district. Local planners and community leaders are doing an impressive job of integrating the rail-trail into this new development, providing opportunities for many lifestyles and business pursuits. Like most communities in the Boston area, drivers are courteous when approaching marked crossings, but it doesn't hurt to be cautious. As of June 2023, the section under Revere Beach Parkway is paved--creating a smooth, continuous route for pedestrians and cyclists to safely bypass the busy thoroughfare above.

In about 1 mile, you'll reach Malden, where the smells from an adjacent bakery and coffee plant come as a wonderful surprise. Notice the well-cared-for community gardens featuring vegetables that reflect the neighborhood's diversity. Another mile farther on the left, you can visit America's largest model train store, which features an operating display on the second floor. At this point, you can see how several restaurants are reorienting themselves by constructing decks and extensions to the trail.

Also notice the gas pipeline markings on the asphalt trail. Many rail-trails do double or triple duty as they share space with utilities. At MA 60 and Beach Street—1.5 miles from the train store—you can choose from several doughnut shops. This area also has lots of free trailside parking. A few more minutes after passing US 1, the trail opens wide to the Pines River Marshes, part of the Rumney Marsh Reservation in Saugus.



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States: Massachusetts

Counties: Essex, Middlesex

Length: 9.9 miles

Trail end points: South Lawn (1 Broadway, Everett) to Bennett St & South St (Lynn)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Inline

Skating, Wheelchair Accessible, Walking, Cross Country Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

The Northern Strand Community Trail runs between Everett and Lynn. Parking is available at a number of locations along the trail, including:

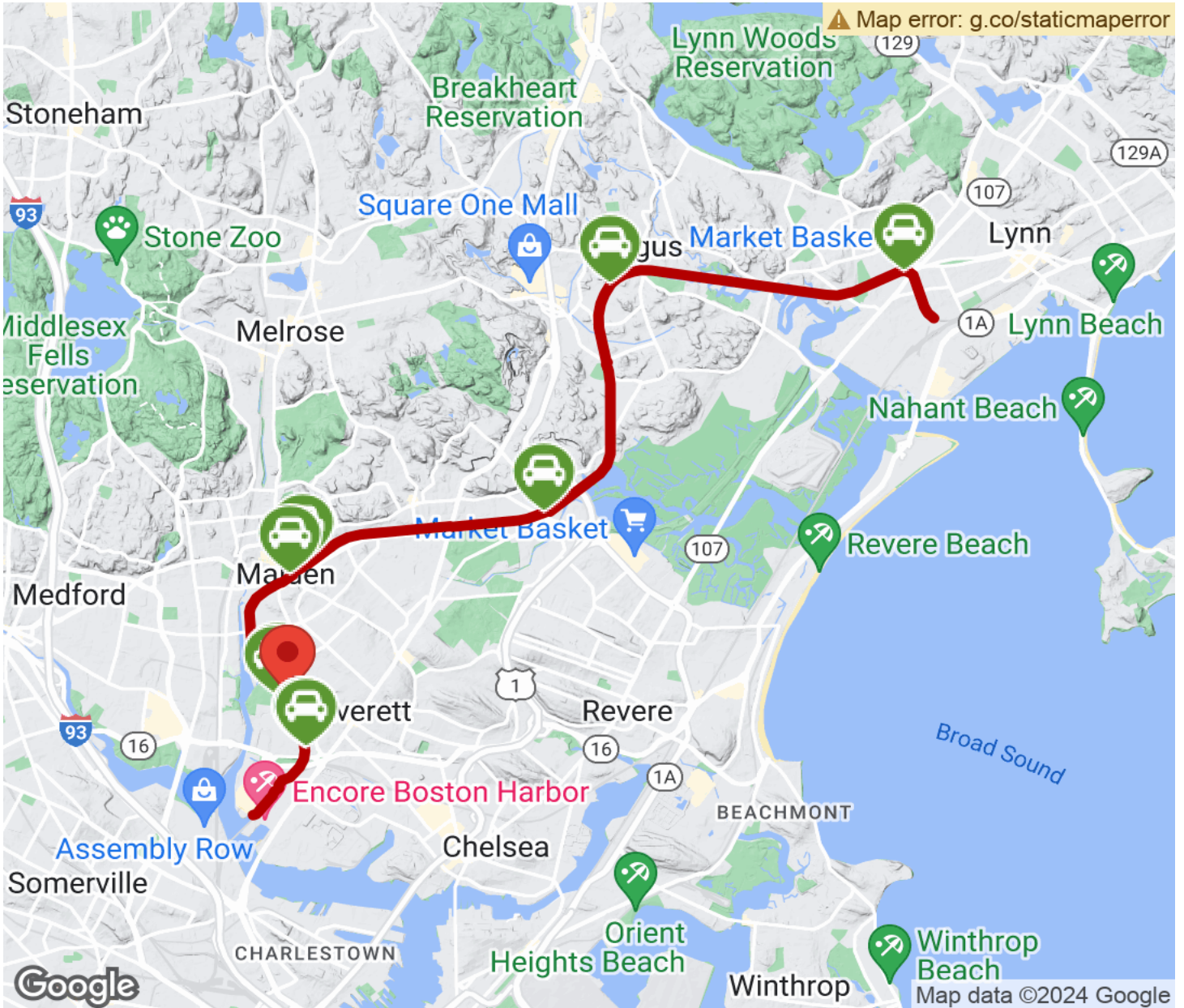
- Rivergreen Park (Everett)
- Holden St & MA-60 (Malden)
- Beach St & Lynn St (Malden)
- Denver St (Saugus)
- Spencer St & Hood St (Lynn)

The Massachusetts Bay transit system (MBTA) provides easy access to the trail. View the [TrailLink map](#) for all driving and transit options, as well as detailed directions.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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