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Guides



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Winnisquam  
Scenic Trail**  
*New Hampshire*



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connects to the southern trailhead of the 2.7-mile [WOW Trail](#), which travels east toward Laconia and is perfect for cyclists.

The paved 1.8-mile rail-trail winds through lush forest, where you can enjoy the shade of dense, tall trees and the chatter of wildlife. The southwestern portion provides stunning views of the water and far-reaching corners of the lake. From this trailhead, the town of Belmont plans to connect to the 5.1-mile [Winnipesaukee River Trail](#) to the west toward Tilton and Franklin.

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Starting at the eastern trailhead located near the Leslie E. Roberts Beach and Recreation Area, you will find picnic tables, a playground, a restroom, and, of course, a place to dip your toes in the water. Fishing is allowed in the lake; license-free fishing days occur in January and June. At the junction of US 3/NH 11 and Business US 3, the trail



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**States:** New Hampshire

**Counties:** Belknap

Length: 1.8miles

**Trail end points:** Leslie E. Roberts Beach and Recreation Area at US 3/SR 11 to Bus. US 3 to US 3/SR 11, 0.1 mile south of Union Road (Belmont)

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt

**Trail category:** Rail-Trail

**Trail activities:** Bike,Inline

Skating, Wheelchair Accessible, Walking, Cross Country Skiing

## Parking & Trail Access

To reach the trail from I-93, take Exit 20 for US 3/SR 11 (toward NH 140/Tilton if coming from the south, or toward SR 132/E. Main St. if coming from the north). Turn left onto US 3N/SR 11 E/Laconia Road, following signs for Belmont/Laconia. See directions below depending on the trailhead you wish to reach.

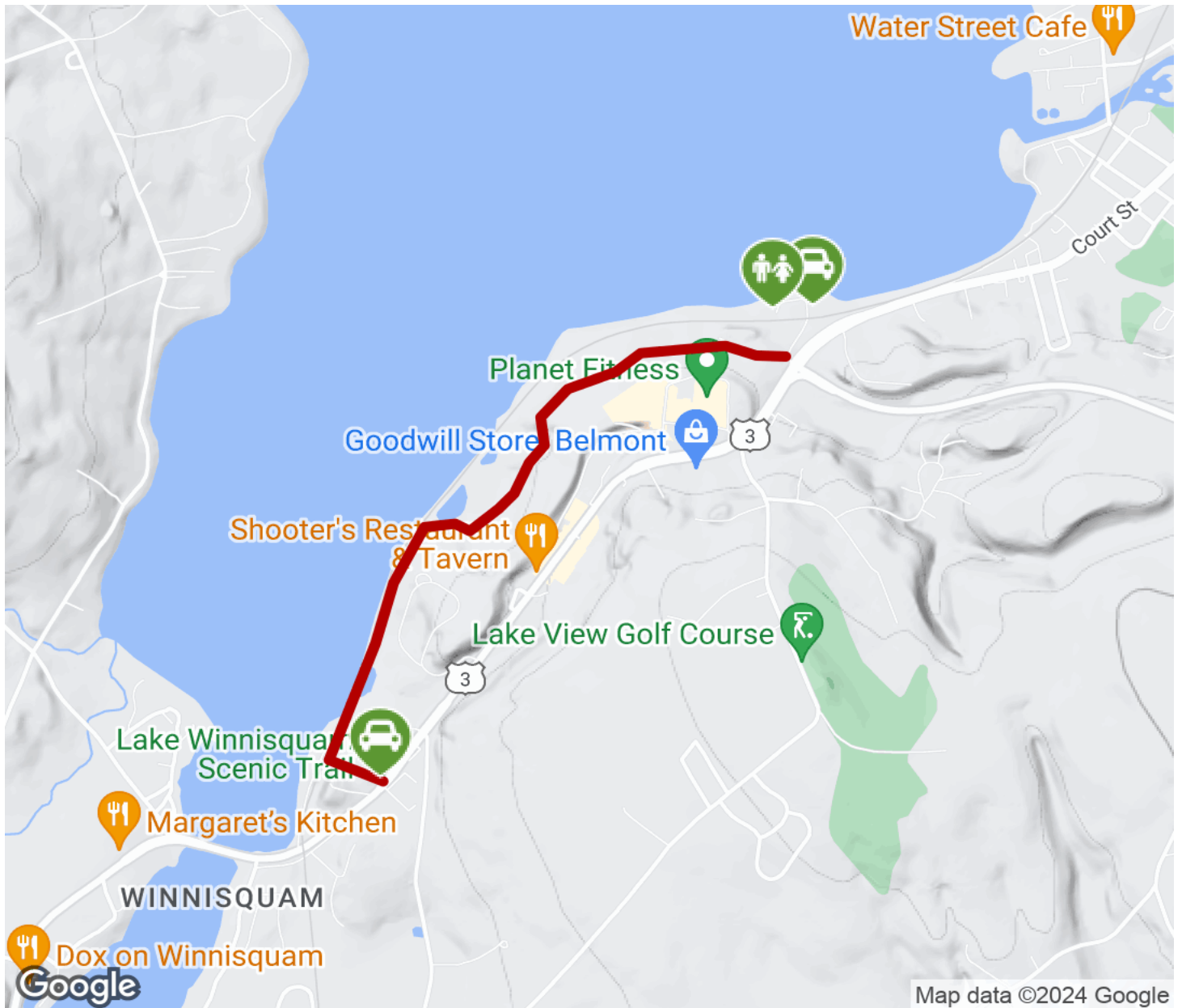
To reach the eastern trailhead at the Leslie E. Roberts Beach and Recreation Area, follow US 3 N/SR 11 E/Laconia Road about 6.5 miles. Turn left onto Leslie Roberts Dr., just before US 3 N/SR 11 E becomes Bus. US 3 N, where the parking lot can be found less than 0.5 mile to the right.

To reach the western trailhead at Osborne's Agway (a farm and garden supply store in Belmont), follow US 3N/SR 11 E/Laconia Road 5.1 miles. Turn left at Osborne's Agway. A small trail parking lot with four spots is located immediately to the left of the entrance, on the southwest side of Osborne's Agway, adjacent to the start of the trail.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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