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Guides



**Columbia  
Greenway  
Rail Trail**  
*Massachusetts*



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Most of the trail is elevated, following the former New York/New Haven/Hartford Railroad. The section between the Westfield River and Main Street is completely elevated as it passes through downtown Westfield, offering unique views of the city and the surrounding landscape. It is one of the only elevated urban rail-trails in the United States. The route also has nine pedestrian bridges.

## Connections

From its southern end, the trail connects seamlessly to the [Southwick Rail Trail](#), which continues nearly 7 miles to the Massachusetts–Connecticut state line.

The Columbia Greenway Rail Trail is part of the larger New Haven & Northampton Canal Greenway, a trail network that will, when complete, span over 80 miles between New Haven, CT and Northampton, MA.

## Overview

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## About the Route

The rail-trail runs between the Westfield River Esplanade and the Southwick Rail Trail (just south of Shaker Rd).

From its northern end by the Westfield River, the trail heads south through downtown Westfield. It crosses above city streets, farm fields, and the Little River, to the Southwick town line.



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**States:** Massachusetts

**Counties:** Hampden

Length: 3.1miles

**Trail end points:** Westfield River Esplanade to Southwick Rail Trail at the Westfield/Southwick town line

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt

**Trail category:** Rail-Trail

**Trail activities:** Bike,Inline

Skating, Wheelchair Accessible, Walking, Cross Country Skiing

## Parking & Trail Access

The Columbia Greenway Rail Trail runs between the Westfield River Esplanade and the Southwick Rail Trail (just south of Shaker Rd) in Westfield, MA.

Near the northern end of the trail, the Depot Square Lot is a paved municipal parking lot. Access the parking lot from Pochassic Street or N Elm Street. Parking is free for 3 hours.

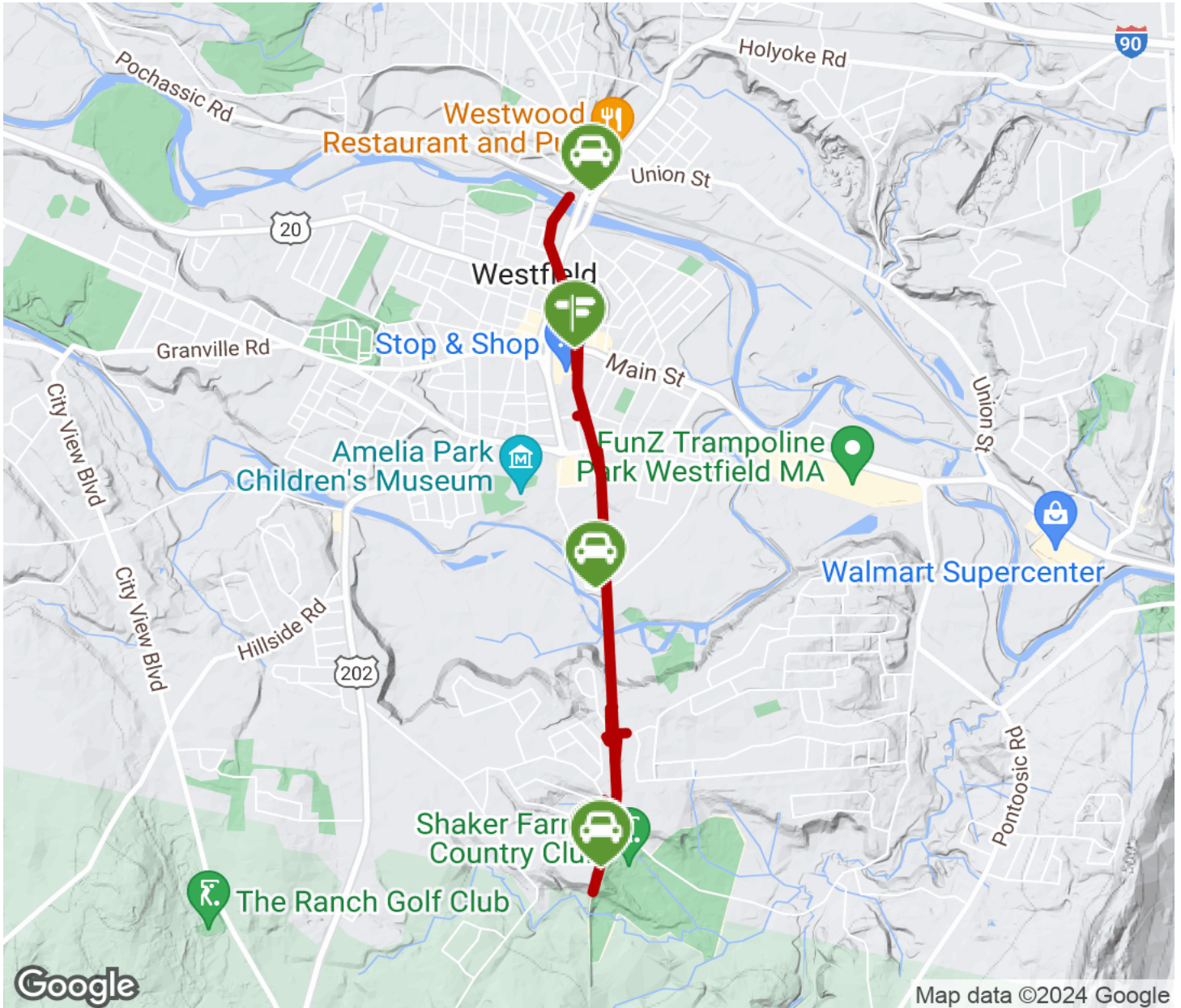
At the southern end of the trail, there is a large gravel parking area behind the Shaker Farms Country Club (866 Shaker Road in Westfield).

Visit the [TrailLink map](#) for detailed directions.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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