

Authorized parking for the trail

Chelmsford:

- Old Town Hall, 1A North Rd. (Rt. 4)
- Cushing Place, behind Ginger Ale Plaza (public restrooms, seasonal)
- Municipal lot behind Sovereign Bank, 5 Billerica Rd.
- Byam School (off school hours), 25 Maple Rd.
- Town Land at Heart/Baptist Pond, 2 Pond St. (public restrooms, seasonal)

Westford: No authorized parking

Trail Etiquette

- Be courteous to other trail users
- Stop at ALL STOP signs
- Bicyclists and skaters yield to pedestrians
- Bicyclists and skaters should wear safety helmets. State law requires children under 17 to wear a helmet while biking and skating.
- Keep to the right; pass on the left
- Use an audible signal when passing
- Look before passing
- Travel at a safe speed
- Keep pets on a short leash, remove droppings
- When stopping, do not block the trail
- Obey all traffic control signals and signs
- No littering – carry in, carry out
- Respect property adjacent to the trail
- No motorized vehicles on the trail

In case of emergency, dial 911

Friends of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail

The Friends of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail is a non-profit organization working in partnership with state and local government toward the completion of the rail trail. This 100% volunteer group is active in moving forward the state and federal issues required for the planning, design, construction, and maintenance of the rail trail.

For information on the Friends of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail, status, volunteering, or financial support of the trail:

<http://www.brucefreemanrailtrail.org>

info@BruceFreemanRailTrail.org

Donations for benches, kiosks, portable toilets, etc.:
[chelmsford-amenities@ BruceFreemanRailTrail.org](mailto:chelmsford-amenities@BruceFreemanRailTrail.org)

About the Trail

The Bruce Freeman Rail Trail (BFRT) follows the old New Haven Railroad Framingham & Lowell Line through the communities of Lowell, Chelmsford, Westford, Carlisle, Acton, Concord, Sudbury, and Framingham in Massachusetts. **Phase 1** (6.8 miles in Chelmsford, and Westford) is now open. **Phase 2** in Westford, Carlisle, Acton, Concord, and Sudbury (13.1 miles), **Phase 3** in Sudbury and Framingham (4.6 miles), and the **Concord River Greenway Connector Trail** in Lowell and Chelmsford are proposed extensions.



Mile markings are painted on the pavement every quarter mile. They are measured from the Lowell terminus of the old railroad line and align with historic granite mile posts. The first marking is 1.75 near the Rt. 3 terminus.

About Bruce Freeman

Bruce N. Freeman was a State Representative from Chelmsford from 1969 until his death in 1986. He championed the cause of the Lowell-Sudbury Rail Trail in the State Legislature starting in 1985. Bruce Freeman was inspired in this cause by the Cape Cod Rail Trail in MA and the Coyote Creek Bike Trail in Hellyer Park, San Jose, CA.

Town Support

Chelmsford:

Chelmsford Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Works to improve bicycling and pedestrian conditions in the Town of Chelmsford and to coordinate the maintenance and policing of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail.

<http://www.townofchelmsford.us/Bicycle.cfm>

Chelmsford.BPAC@gmail.com

50 Billerica Rd., Chelmsford, MA 01824

Non-emergency public safety issues: 978-256-2521

Westford:

Patricia Savage, Director of the Parks, Recreation, and Cemetery Department

<http://www.westfordma.gov/rec>

psavage@westfordma.gov

P.O. Box 2444, Westford, MA 01886

Non-emergency issues: 978-692-5532

Enjoy the trail!

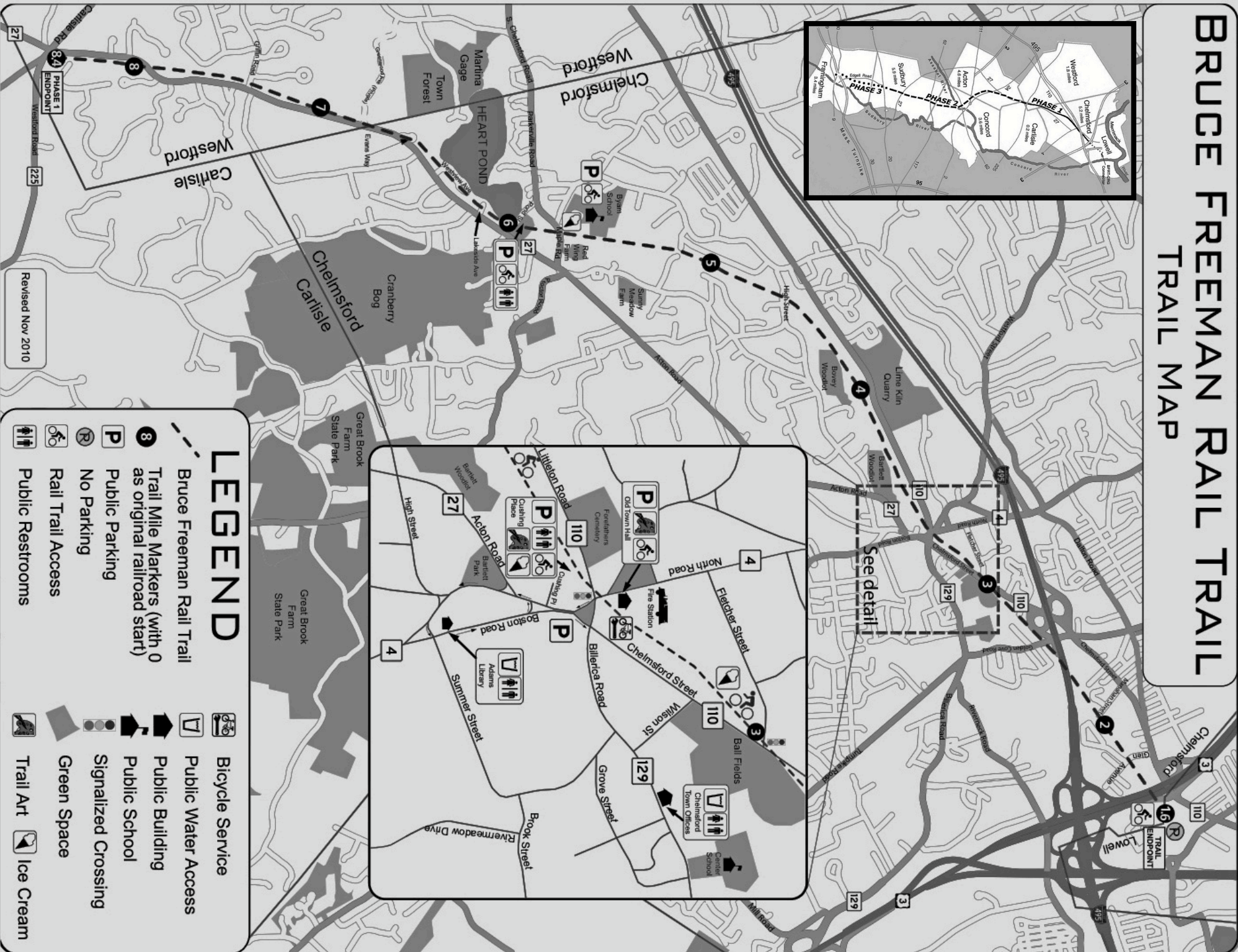
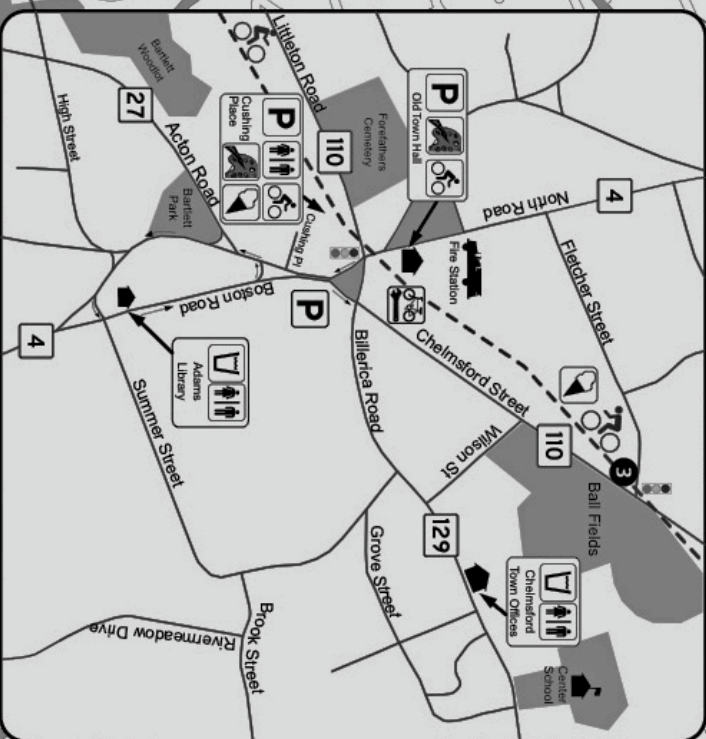
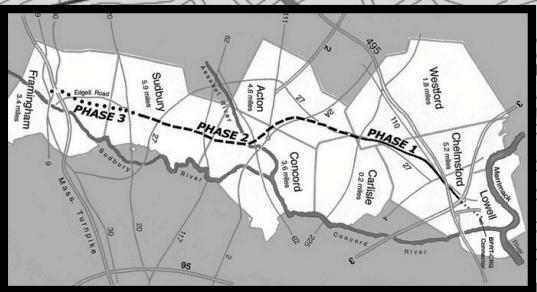
Logo graphic by Emily Simons



The Bruce Freeman Rail Trail is open to non-motorized uses such as cycling, jogging, walking, and rollerblading

BRUCE FREEMAN RAIL TRAIL

TRAIL MAP



LEGEND

- Bruce Freeman Rail Trail
- Trail Mile Markers (with 0 as original railroad start)
- Public Parking
- No Parking
- Rail Trail Access
- Public Restrooms
- Bicycle Service
- Public Water Access
- Public Building
- Public School
- Signalized Crossing
- Green Space
- Trail Art
- Ice Cream

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