

Western New England Greenway

Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area & Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership
 Long Island Sound to Montreal Quebec - Route Map 1 of 6: Norwalk, Connecticut to Cornwall Bridge, Connecticut
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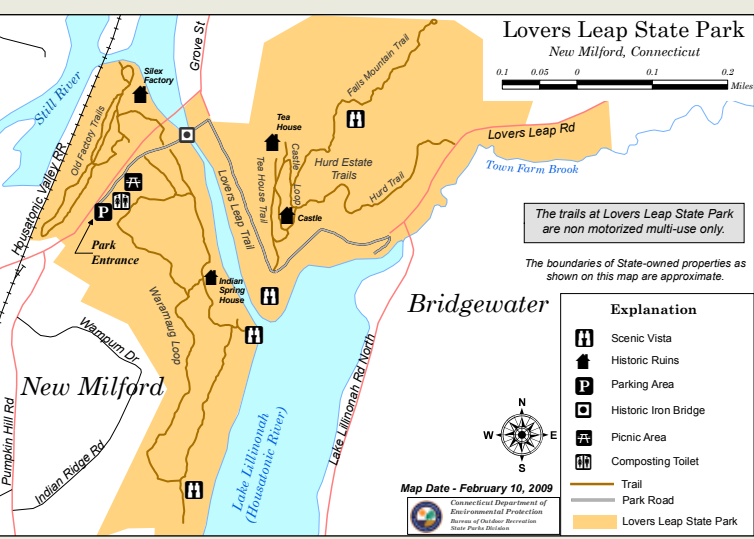
The Connecticut portion of the Western New England Greenway follows the Housatonic River north through gently rolling terrain marked by farmland and river views. The two large towns of Norwalk and Danbury are separated by country scenery and a nice ride along the Saugatuck Reservoir. After Danbury and before Milford is Lovers Leap State Park, see map below, for a nice rest before visiting the numerous small towns on the way to Massachusetts. Bull's Bridge provides another opportunity for excellent hiking around the bridge. The trails in this area meet the Appalachian Trail and afford the opportunity to get great views of the river and the bridge. Just north of Bull's Bridge is a small railroad museum. The next bridge is at Cornwall Bridge, the end of this section.



Sites of Interest

Lover's Leap State Park

This 140 acre park near New Milford, Connecticut offers a pleasant spot to relax and enjoy an extensive trail system, many of which are designed for bicycles. Lovers Leap, overlooking the Housatonic River, is the spot ¼ mile from the bridge leaving the parking lot and is the spot that tradition holds that Pootatuck Indian Chief Waramaug's daughter, Princess Lillinonah, and her lover plunged to their deaths. The 1895 Berlin Iron Bridge is one of only five remaining in Connecticut.



Covered Bridges

The WNEG provides the opportunity to visit three covered bridges in Litchfield County, Connecticut. The most northern of the bridges is the West Cornwall Bridge that is on the cover of this map. It and the Bulls Bridge are both fabricated using Town Lattice and Queen Post Truss construction. The lengths of the bridges are 242 and 109 feet respectfully indicating that spans of the times were limited to a little over 100 feet. The interiors appear almost identical demonstrating how well documented these forms were. The Kent Falls Covered Bridge is much shorter, 37 feet, only uses Town lattice Truss construction and was built in 1974 and is not used for vehicle traffic. All three bridges provide ample photographing opportunities via networks of hiking trails.

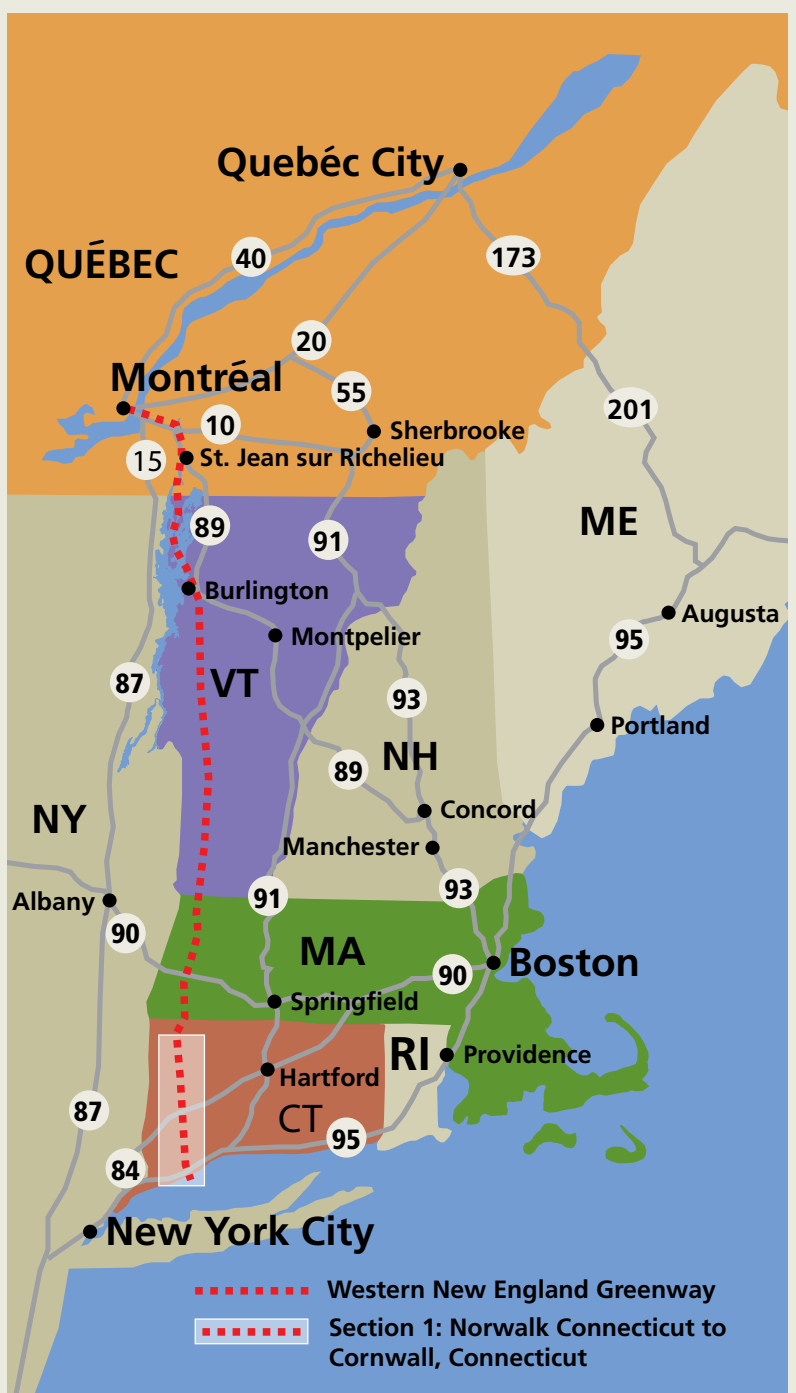
Train Museum

Eric Sloane (1905-1985) was an artist, author and avid collector of Americana. His superb collection of hand tools is displayed in the museum just north of Kent on Rte. 7. Adjacent to the museum is his studio with some of his works. The remains of the Kent Iron blast furnace are preserved on the property. The museum is owned and operated by the CT State Historic Preservation Office.

About the Western New England Greenway

The Western New England Greenway is a three state, two country bicycling route that connects to the New England Greenway in Norwalk, Connecticut thereby linking New York City to Montreal. The route is comprised primarily of public roads that have been selected for their ease of bicycling, scenic surroundings and interesting places to visit. The major metropolitan areas that the WNEG pass through are Burlington, Vermont and Montreal, Quebec. In each of these areas extensive bicycle path networks exist and are used.

The Connecticut portion of the WNEG follows the Housatonic River north through gently rolling terrain marked by farmland and river views. The Massachusetts section is not very long but is filled lovely New England towns, but short, hills and mountain views and gradually levels into the flat plains of Quebec following the Champlain Bikeway and Route Verte.



Cue Sheet

Starting at Strawberry Hill Ave. and Rt. 136 - East Coast Greenway and Railroad Station

NORWALK

- CT 0.0 ↑ North on Strawberry Hill Ave. under railroad tracks.
- CT 0.5 ↑ Cross over I-95.
- CT 1.8 ↑ Cross Rt. 1.
- CT 2.0 → Turn right on Wolpit Ave.
- CT 3.3 → Turn right on Patrick Ave.
- CT 3.5 ← Turn left on Cranbury Rd.
- CT 3.7 → Turn right on Newtown Ave., becomes Newtown Tpk.
- CT 4.8 ↑ Cross over Merritt Pkwy.
- CT 6.0 → Turn right on Broad St.
- CT 7.1 → Turn right on River Rd. (no sign).
- CT 7.7 ← Turn left on Lyons Plain Rd.
- CT 11.2 ↙ Bear left on Valley Forge Rd.
- CT 13.8 → Turn right on Rt. 53/Newtown Tpk.
- CT 15.9 ← Turn left on Glen Rd. staying on Rt. 53.
- CT 16.6 ↑ Continue straight on Redding Rd. - Rts. 107 & 53.
- CT 21.4 ↑ Continue straight on Nashville Rd.
- CT 23.0 ↙ Bear left on Chestnut St.
- CT 23.1 → Turn right on Maple Ave. in **BETHEL**.
- CT 23.7 → Turn right Plumtrees Rd.
- CT 25.0 ← Turn left on Rockwell Rd.
- CT 25.8 ← Turn left on Walnut Hill Rd.
- CT 26.0 → Turn right on Benedict Rd.
- CT 27.1 ↘ Cross Stoney Hill Rd., Rt. 6, onto Vail and bear right onto Hawleyville Rd.
- CT 27.8 ← Turn left onto Stony Hill Rd.
- CT 27.9 ↑ Cross I-84.
- CT 30.5 ← Turn left on Rt. 133 & under railroad before going up hill.
- CT 30.6 → Turn right on Pocono Rd.
- CT 30.6 ↑ Pass Brookfield Gov't. Offices & Rec. Area.
- CT 32.4 → Turn right on Rt. 25, Station Rd.
- CT 32.5 ← Turn left on Ironworks Hill Rd.
- CT 33.1 ↙ Bear left on Old Middle Rd.
- CT 34.3 ↙ Turn left under railroad and right onto Aldrich Rd.
- CT 35.2 ↑ Continue straight on Erickson Rd.
- CT 36.4 ↙ Turn left on Pumpkin Hill Rd.
- CT 36.7 → Turn right on Still River Dr.
- CT 37.0 ↙ Turn left on Grove St. Lover's Leap State Park on right.
- CT 39.6 ↙ Bear left on Rt. 202, Bridge St. - **NEW MILFORD**.
- CT 40.0 → Turn right on Patriot's Way - parking lot at RR station.
- CT 40.2 → Turn right on Housatonic Ave.
- CT 40.5 ↙ Turn left on Boardman Rd.
- CT 42.5 → Turn right on River Rd. before bridge (becomes unpaved).
- CT 46.8 → Turn right on Station Rd at triangle.
- CT 47.0 ↙ Turn left on Browns Forge Rd.
- CT 48.0 ↙ Turn left on Long Mountain Rd.
- CT 48.1 → Turn right on South Kent Rd. (no sign).
- CT 49.5 ↙ Turn left on Bulls Bridge Rd.
- CT 52.0 ↑ Cross Rt. 7.
- CT 52.2 → Turn right on Schaghticoke Rd. (no sign).
- CT 56.5 → Turn right on Rt. 341, Macadania Rd. into **KENT**.
- CT 57.2 ↙ Turn left on Rt. 7.
- CT 66.2 **CORNWALL BRIDGE**. Intersection of Rts. 7 and 4.

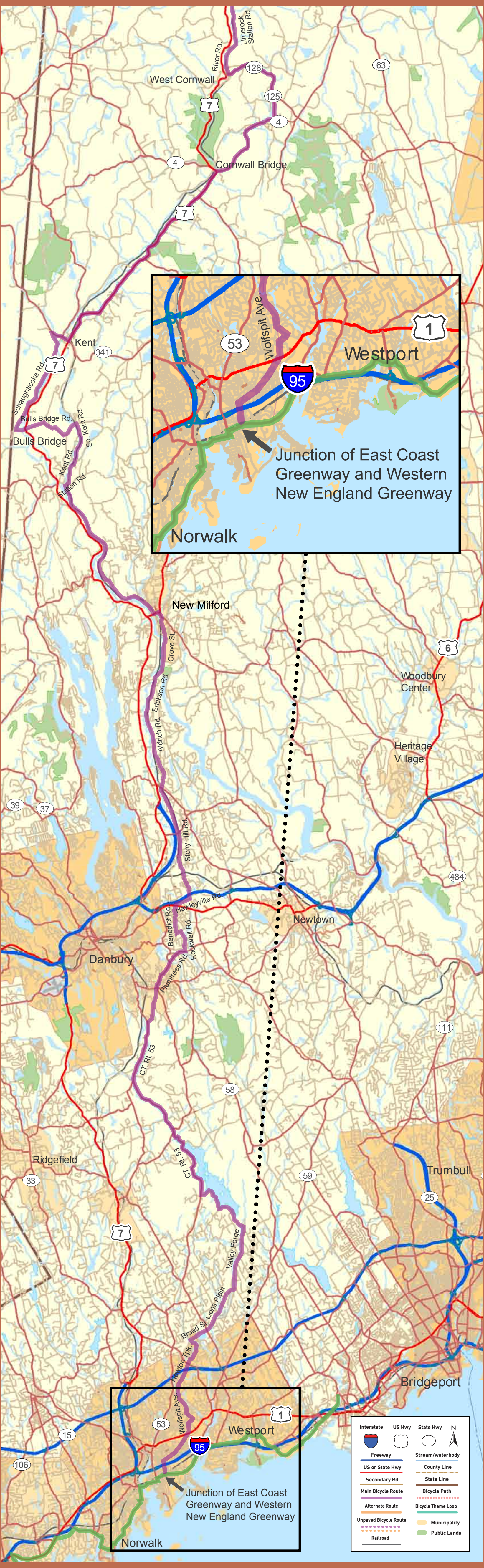
Safety Guidelines

Motorists and bicyclists share scenic roads. Use caution on narrow, winding or unpaved roadway. Follow traffic laws and ride safely. Bicycles are vehicles by law and have the right to use public roads. You are responsible for operating your bicycle under all conditions.

When cycling, please follow these guidelines:

1. WEAR A HELMET and cycling gloves.
2. Ride with the flow of traffic.
3. When using travel lanes, follow motor vehicle laws. Obey all traffic signs and signals. Do not cut corners.
4. Use clear hand signals when making turns or stopping.
5. Ride in a straight line at least 3 feet from parked cars or curbs.
6. If you must ride at night, use lights and reflectors.
7. Ride defensively! Be aware of motorist's actions.
8. Be aware of train tracks and other road conditions.
9. Ride single file.
10. Carry items in panniers or a handle-bar pack.

Disclaimer: Users assume all risks, inherent and not inherent, in the use of materials recommending routes of the Lake Champlain Bikeways network and all affiliated organizations, and individuals disclaim any and all liability for their part for damages or injuries to persons or property should they occur. Routes are chosen, designated and/or signed because: they are popular, or are preferred, or provide continuous routes to destinations, or are lightly traveled, or are scenic, or have more room for cars and bikes, or possess a combination of these attributes.



Junction of East Coast Greenway and Western New England Greenway

Norwalk

Westport

Wolfspit Ave.

53

95

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4

7

125

128

River Rd.

Limerock Station Rd.

63

West Cornwall

Cornwall Bridge

Kent

341

Schaughicoke Rd.

Bulls Bridge Rd.

Bulls Bridge

Kent Rd.

Station Rd.

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