

Rules and Safety Tips

- 1) Use the path during daylight hours only.
- 2) Pedestrians and handicapped persons always have right of way.
- 3) Cyclists must obey all traffic laws and signals.
- 4) Skaters and cyclists must give audible warning when passing.
- 5) When crossing Route 20, obey the pedestrian crossing signal.
- 6) No motorized vehicles are allowed.
- 7) Pets should be kept on a maximum 6-foot leash and under control.
- 8) No alcoholic beverages are allowed.
- 9) For safety, wear a helmet that is properly fit to your head to prevent injury.
- 10) Keep your bike tuned to avoid flat tires or other malfunctions.
- 11) Consider biking with a friend for more fun and support.

The River Walk Springfield Section

The Connecticut River Walk and Bikeway provides outstanding opportunities to bike, run, walk, or rollerblade along 3.7 miles of the Springfield riverfront.

There are scenic vistas of the Connecticut River, the Springfield city skyline, and Memorial Bridge. The path also provides access to the Basketball Hall of Fame, Riverfront Park, the Pioneer Valley Riverfront Club, downtown hotels, housing, and offices.

Springfield’s Riverfront Park entrance allows visitors to travel north or south along the river’s edge, traveling past the North End Bridge, the flood control dike adjoining the Brightwood neighborhood, and the major Baystate Medical facilities on Wason Street and Birnie Avenue.

The map on the back of this brochure provides information on access points, parking, and destinations.

Riverwalk Segments Currently Open

Agawam – 1.7 miles from Borgatti Park north to School Street, running between the riverbank and River Road. The River Walk also forms part of a 3.3 mile loop between town center, via Main Street and School Street.

Chicopee Canalwalk – .25 miles along the Chicopee River, from City Hall to Chicopee Falls.

Holyoke Canalwalk – .5 miles along the First Level and Second Level Canals in downtown Holyoke.

Springfield – 3.7 miles from the South End Bridge north to Plainfield Street in Chicopee.

Future Plans

Future plans for the River Walk will see it expand to a 20-mile corridor that connects Agawam, Chicopee, Springfield, Holyoke, and West Springfield.

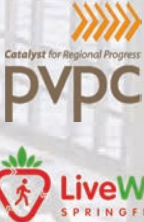
Most of the path will run immediately adjacent to the banks of the Connecticut River, passing through a continuous greenbelt and offering majestic river views. Where a riverside route is unfeasible, connections will be made using on-street bike lanes.

River Walk Segments Under Design

Chicopee – 4.9 miles; the I-391 corridor will bring the route north from Plainfield Street to Chicopee downtown. After crossing the Chicopee River, the route will use the riverside land west of the flood control dike between the Medina Street boat ramp and Nash Field.

Chicopee Canalwalk – 2.1 miles, extending the current segment further east and west along the Chicopee River to Chicopee Falls.

West Springfield Riverwalk – 2.0 miles in a loop around Riverdale Shops.



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For information on events happening along the River Walk visit the City of Springfield Department of Parks and Recreation at: www3.springfield-ma.gov/park

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