MARSHFIELD RECREATIONAL TRAILS

MAP KEY
1. Trail terminus at Careswell Street, no available parking.
2. Old Pilgrim Trail terminus, no available parking.
3. Trail terminus at Marsh.
4. Connection between trail segments to occur along existing street sidewalk network.
5. Francis M. Keville Bridge. South River boat launch at this location.
6. Trail terminus at South River Street. Parking available next to substation, do not block substation access.

LEGEND
- Trail Class I: Narrow width, potential steep and rugged terrain, none or few signs
- Trail Class II: Medium width, moderate grade, limited trail marking
- Trail Class III: Broad width, easy grade, well-marked
- Recommended trail connection route
- Roadway
- 30 ft elevation contour
- Parcel boundary
- Waterbody
- Easement
- Wetlands
- Open space
- School facility
- Trail parking and trail marker

LOCATION PLAN (TOWN OF MARSHFIELD)
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MAP

RAIL TRAIL
SOUTH OF SOUTH RIVER ROAD

DESCRIPTION

LAND DESCRIPTION:
The rail trail exists in two parts. Part 1, the northern segment extends from its intersection with South River Street and the bridle trail south to its intersection with Ocean Street, a distance of roughly 2,400 feet. Its entire length follows a former rail grade, is level, and well-graded. A wide range of uses can be accommodated along this length and the paved section extending from Ocean Street to the Francis M. Kevele footbridge is ADA accessible with the exception to an area of asphalt heaved by a large tree at the edge of Dandelion Park.

Part 2, the southern segment of trail starts at the intersection of Carewell Road and South Point Lane, and continues north approximately 3,200 feet to its current terminus at Stagecoach Drive within the pilgrim trail housing development. A small network of well graded trails at Crowder's woodlot meander east of the main trail. The historic pilgrim trail once snaked through this area and opportunities exist to connect to the existing trail remnants. This segment contains numerous spur trails, but the main access is easy to follow.

PARKING:
At Ocean Street, there exists numerous commercial establishments which provide nearby parking. Unofficial parking at the South River Street substation lot provides additional parking access.

MARKINGS AND WAYFINDING:
This trail lacks blazing and signage, though its width and wear make the existing track difficult to lose even in snowy conditions.

DIFFICULTY AND TRAIL LENGTH:
The north segment is easy to locate and follow while the south segment is poorly marked, but once on the trail, easy to follow. The segments are well-graded, though the southern segment is slightly rougher than the north. The following trip times are based on an easy hiking speed of between 1.5 and 2.5 MPH:
- South River Street to Ocean Street = 0.5 miles or approximately 30 minutes.
- Street connection from Ocean Street to southern trail segment at Steamboat Drive = 2.0 miles or approximately 60 minutes.
- Steamboat Drive to Carewell Street = 6.6 miles or approximately 35 minutes.

PERMITTED ACTIVITIES
Hiking
Dog Walking
Biking
Horseback Riding
Nordic Skiing

PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES
Camping
Fire
Smoking
Consumption of Alcohol
Use of Firearms and Trapping
Use of Paintball Guns
Motor Vehicles (except for emergency or service)

NOTE: Exclusion of an activity from these lists does not imply its prohibition. Activities not on the prohibited list and not permitted under Massachusetts or Federal law are also prohibited. Refer to Town of Marshfield Conservation Commission list of Rules and Regulation for up to date information.