

## BECOME A MEMBER OF THE FARMINGTON CANAL RAIL-TO-TRAIL ASSOCIATION

Supporting the trail from New Haven to Plainville

Join the Farmington Canal Rail-to-Trail Association by filling out the information below and returning this form and your membership dues to: **FCRTTA, 940 Whitney Ave., Hamden, CT 06517**. For more information and online registration visit **www.FCHTrail.org**.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone (days) \_\_\_\_\_ (eves) \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Would you like to be contacted for volunteer opportunities? Y / N

Check desired box and enclose membership dues:

- ☐ \$20 – Individual Member  
☐ \$30 – Family Membership  
☐ \$50 – Supporting Members  
☐ \$100 – Sustaining Member  
☐ \$1,000 – Trail Blazer

## GUIDELINES FOR TRAIL USERS

Always respect posted rules. Each town through which the trail passes is responsible for regulating trail use within its borders. The following are guidelines to ensure your safety and maximum enjoyment.

• **Always wear appropriate safety gear.** Trail users are responsible for their own safety. Cyclists and inline skaters should always wear approved helmets, gloves, and other protective equipment. Make sure your equipment is in safe operating condition.

• **Always walk, ride or skate to the right.** Always pass on the left. Please move off the trail when stopped to allow others to share the limited trail width. (Stone dust side path is for walkers/runners only.)

• **Please skate or ride your bike slowly when approaching other trail users.** Call out or ring your bicycle bell when approaching from behind. Please observe locally posted speed limits. For example, in Hamden it's 10 mph.

• **Please help us keep the trail as naturally clean as possible.** This means taking your own trash back home or placing it in an approved container. Many trail users have volunteered to help keep our trails free of litter by picking up trash left by others.

• **Clean up after your pet.** Whether it's a dog or any other pet, nobody likes animal litter on or near the trail. Dogs must be kept on a leash and close to you.

• **Motorized vehicles (except for wheelchairs) are prohibited on the trail.** Special rules may apply to certain trail sections and facilities as determined by the local town.

• **The trail is open daily, sunrise to sunset, year round except where posted.**



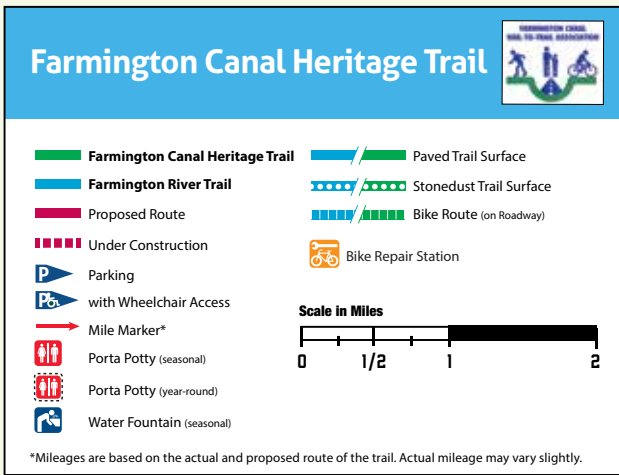
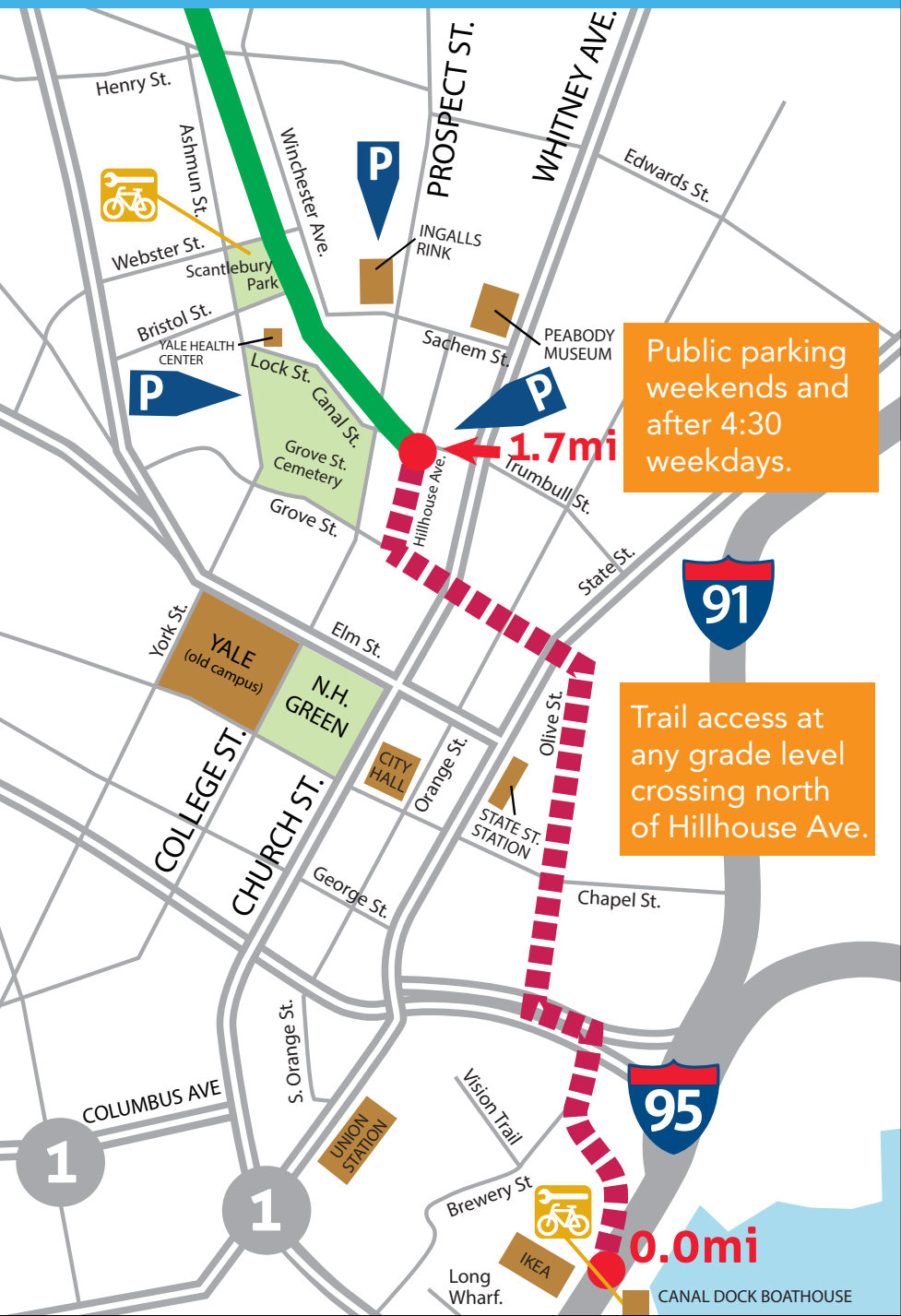
Cheshire Parking Area.

## TRAIL ADVICE

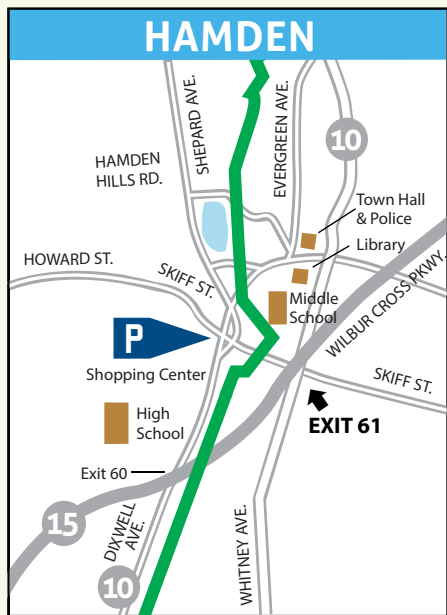
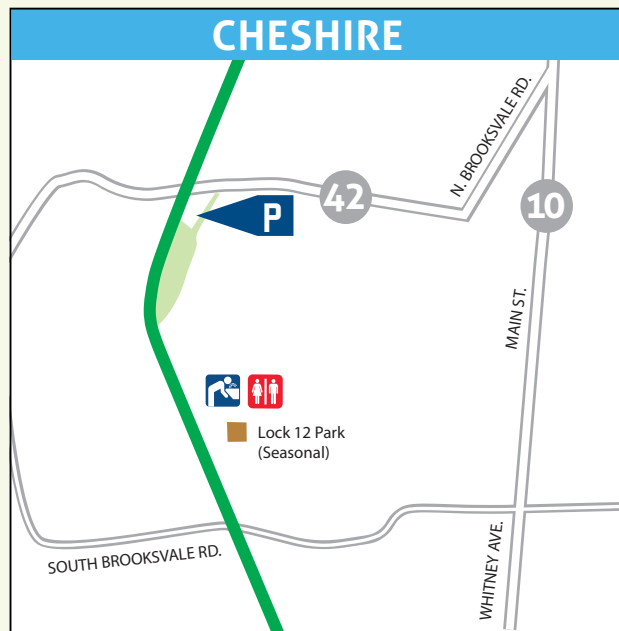
As a result of your hard work and generous support, our trail is a beautiful and heavily used success. Cyclists, roller-bladers, joggers, runners and walkers, commuters and recreational users of ALL SPEEDS and AGES enjoy its car-free, park-like setting. Unfortunately, "car-free" does not mean "danger-free," and success has brought congestion and increased danger to the trail. Serious accidents involving hospital convalescence and police investigations have occurred.

Our trail has over 250,000 users per year, is quite congested at times, and has users moving as slowly as 2 miles per hour, and as fast as 20-25 miles per hour. We have experienced a number of accidents on the trail, and we urge ALL users to be cautious, courteous, and alert. Avoid using the trail alone.

### NEW HAVEN



For interim on-road portions see East Coast Greenway Maps at [greenway.org/maps](http://greenway.org/maps)



### VISIT LOCK 12 HISTORICAL PARK

Once a part of Wallingford known as North Farms, Cheshire, incorporated in 1780, saw its farms grow and prosper following the completion of the Farmington Canal. With the coming of the railroad, Cheshire's industry was able to thrive. Today the only preserved canal lock on the trail may be seen at the Lock 12 Historical Park. Cheshire's most recently completed trail section offers a diverse palette of color from spring flowers to autumn's burning bright foliage. The Canal Trail's historic past from wooded pathways to pre-industrial and industrial sites may be observed from parts of the trail. Original train tracks preserve memories of days gone by.

Mileage Indicators Shown in Red Begin at Long Wharf (Mile #0) and Run North to Red Oak Hill Road, Farmington (Mile #35.2)

### TRAIL INFORMATION

**Northern Connecticut Section**  
Farmington Valley Trails Council, Inc.  
P.O. Box 576, Tariffville, CT 06081  
(860) 202-3928  
[www.fchTrail.org](http://www.fchTrail.org)

**Southern Connecticut Section**  
The Farmington Canal Rail-to-Trail Association  
940 Whitney Avenue, Hamden, CT 06517  
[www.fchTrail.org](http://www.fchTrail.org)

**East Coast Greenway Alliance**  
5315 Highgate Drive, Durham, NC 27713  
919-797-0619  
[www.greenway.org](http://www.greenway.org)

### AREA INFORMATION

**Farmington Valley Visitors Association**  
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[www.farmingtonvalleyvisit.com](http://www.farmingtonvalleyvisit.com)