The Ashuelot trail in Swanzey at the north end starts at the Keene/ Swanzey town line near Krif Road (entrance to the KSC Athletic Complex). Trail runs southwest through forest, over an old railroad bridge, crosses Sawyers Crossing Rd., where there is a parking area, through West Swanzey, past farms, fields, and runs along the Ashuelot River to the Winchester line. This stretch of trail is 7.2 miles



Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Grant

The Rail Advisory Committee submitted and was approved to receive a TAP grant of $740,000. This money will be used to upgrade and improve the trails to a standard that is suitable for walkers, bikers, hikers, and runners. The Ashuelot Trail will be upgraded and improved from Holbrooke Ave. to the Winchester/Swanzey town line. The Cheshire Trail will be revitalized from Joslin Station Rd. to Web Depot Rd. (Marlborough).

The Ashuelot Rail Trail is 7.2 miles

Ashuelot Rail Trail Mileages

0 Winchester Street

0.2 Bridge over the Ashuelot River

.9 Krif Rd, parking area

1.3 Ash Brook Bridge

2.8 Sawyer's Crossing Rd, Cresson Covered Bridge, parking area and picnic tables

5.3 Holbrook, parking for 2-3 cars

6.8 Holbrook Ave, Westport, parking for 2-3 cars

About the Committee

In July the Town of Swanzey formed the Rail Trail Advisory Committee (RTAC) with the mission to revitalize and help maintain the 7.2 miles of the Ashuelot Rail Trail and 4.2 miles of Cheshire Rail Trail that run through Swanzey. The RTAC is made up of a group of citizen volunteers who perform a variety of duties. This includes doing trail work, assessment and planning.



The Carlton Bridge

SWANZEY RAIL TRAILS



The Ashuelot Rail Trail

The Cheshire Rail Trail is 4.2 Miles

Cheshire Rail Trail Mileages

0 Swanzey Factory Road

0.2 Joslin Station Rd, parking for 1-2 cars

1.00 Mt Huggins Rd, parking for 2-3 cars

1.75 Across from Cheshire Fairgrounds

2.5 A deep stone cut

3.0 A deep stone cut, walls up to 25' tall

4.0 Old Historic Stone Bridge

The Cheshire Trail parking spots are at Joslin Station Rd., Mount Huggins Rd., and Web Depot Rd. In Swanzey the Cheshire Trail at the north end starts at Swanzey Factory Rd. This is just south of State Route 101 near the historic old stone bridge over Minnewawa Brook. Going south the trail goes past homes, through forest, past the Cheshire Fairgrounds and through several impressive deep stone grade cuts. At Webb Depot Rd. (Marlborough) is another old historic stone bridge. This section of trail is 4.2 miles in length.



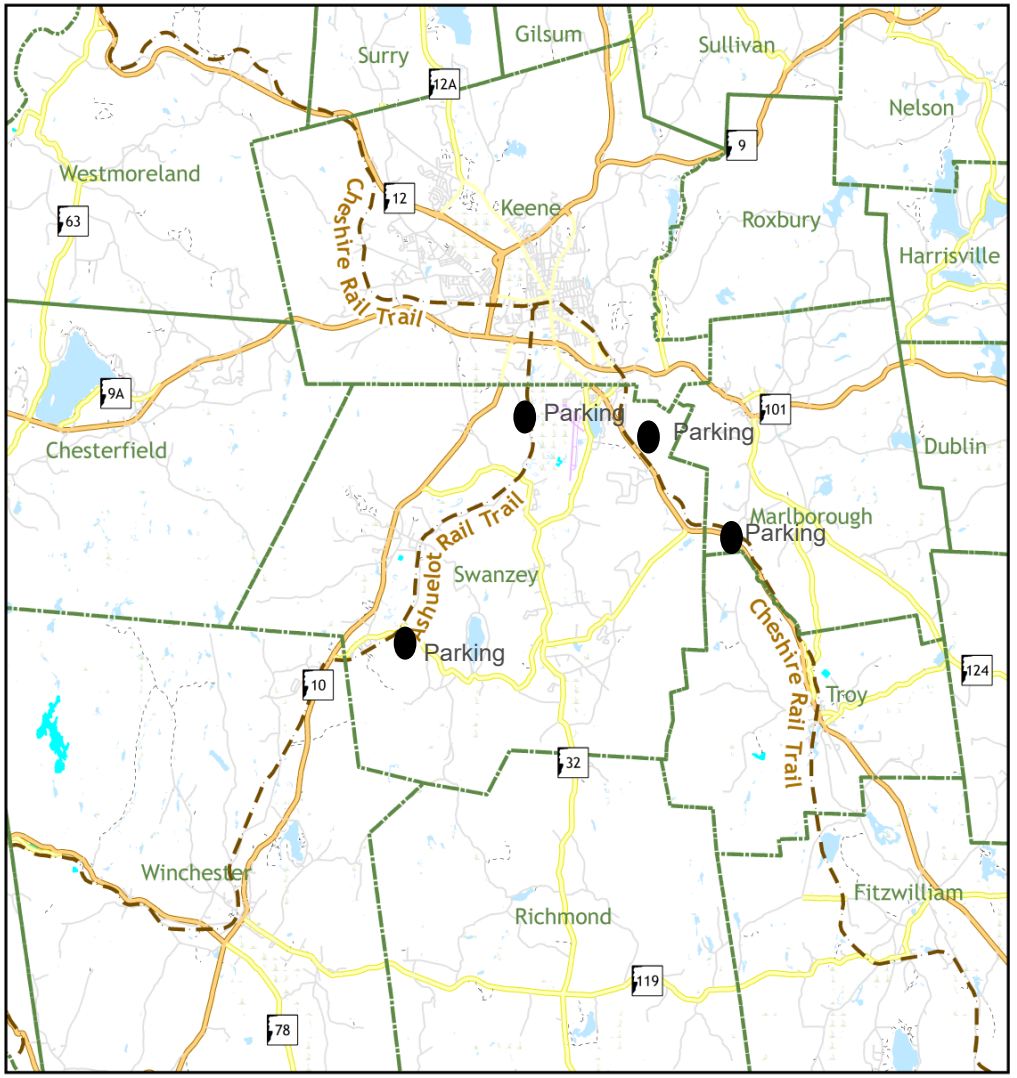
The Cheshire Rail Trail

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