

## Chesterfield Gorge and East Branch Trail, Huntington and Chesterfield

The East Branch Trail extends from the Knightville Dam Basin north through Gilbert Bliss State Forest to the Chesterfield Gorge. The trail follows the East Branch of the Westfield River and offers scenic opportunities to walk, hike, ski, and bike. Access from the south may not be possible in springtime due to flooding in the Knightville Basin. At Chesterfield Gorge, a half-mile trail follows the top of the Gorge, with breathtaking views of a dramatic rock canyon featuring 70-foot-high walls.

<b>Location:</b>	Access from the north is just off Route 143 in West Chesterfield at intersection of Ireland St. and River Road. Access from south is off Route 112 about 4 miles from Huntington Center to dirt road that accesses Knightville Dam basin.
<b>Trail Type:</b>	Dirt off-road and some single track
<b>Length/Difficulty:</b>	7 miles (approx.); Moderate
<b>Permitted Uses:</b>	Hiking, cross-country skiing, mountain biking walking, picnicking, fishing, dog walking, wildlife watching
<b>Parking:</b>	Two parking areas, one at northern end and one at southern end of trail. Parking area on northern end on River Rd. is managed by The Trustees of Reservations.
<b>Facilities:</b>	Public restrooms, picnic tables, fire rings
<b>Information:</b>	The Trustees of Reservations, MA Department of Conservation and Recreation, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers