Mass Central Rail Trail – Norwottuck Trail

The Mass Central Rail Trail - Norwottuck Branch is an 11-mile paved bike path linking Northampton, Hadley, and Amherst along the former Central Massachusetts Railroad Company right-of-way.

Location: Entrance on Damon Rd. just north of Route 9 at Elwell State Park or Station Rd. in

Amherst; also many other access points

Trail Type: Formal, paved, off-road recreation trail

Length/Difficulty: 11 miles; Easy

Permitted Uses: All modes of non-motorized wheeled transport and pedestrian activity; motorized vehicles

and horses are prohibited

Parking: Both ends of the path offer free parking. Parking facilities are also located at Railroad St.,

Hadley, and Warren Wright Rd., Belchertown.

Facilities: Information kiosk and bike rack at Damon Rd. entrance

Information: mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/massparks/region-west/norwottuck-rail-trail. html

