

## Wenham Rail Trail, Wenham

**What is the best address to use to find your park, area, or trail?** Route 97 between Maple St & Valley Rd.

**Website:** <https://www.trailforks.com/trails/wenham-rail-trail/> <https://www.danversrailtrail.org/>

**Is there parking available at this location?** Yes

**Is there a fee for parking?** No

**When is parking available?** Daylight hours

**Is there lighting, such as street lamps, on this path?** No

**Is there clear signage marking the trails/paths?** Yes

**Are there benches along this path?** Yes

**Are public restrooms located near the trail or path?** No

**What type of setting is the path?** Other: gravel/ stone dust flat rail trail

**Are multiple trails/paths available at this location?** Yes

**Are maps available? If yes, where can they be found?** <https://www.danversrailtrail.org/static-map>

**Approximate length of the walk:** You can go south as far as Danvers, about 3 mi., or north to Ipswich, about 5 mi. The Cedar Swamp is about .3 miles from the parking lot and is a .3 mile boardwalk through the Cedar Swamp. Lots of birds and wildlife are visible.

**What type of terrain?** Other: dirt and gravel/ stone dust. Easy walking, fairly easy with a wheelchair

**What is the grade of the walk?** Flat

**Rate the walk for level of exertion (1 = easy, 5 = difficult):** 1

**Amount of activity at the site:** Moderate (frequently see people)

**What types of activities can be done at this location?** Walking, Running/Jogging, Biking, Bird watching, Dog Walking, and Learning Opportunities (e.g., informational signs about history, ecology, etc)

**Brief summary of the walk:** This is an enjoyable walk with a wide trail that is easy to navigate and benches conveniently placed. If you are interested in wildlife, take the Cedar Swamp walk which is a short distance from the parking lot. "The boardwalk crosses two small islands and includes an open viewing platform with a picnic table and benches. There are additional benches along the way. Beavers actively work the area in and around the SwampWalk, maintaining two large beaver lodges and a fairly long beaver dam. Trees felled by the beavers can be seen all along the boardwalk. Other wildlife includes painted and snapping turtles, frogs, various snakes, occasional deer, eagles, hawks, and other birdlife." (<https://www.danversrailtrail.org/danvers-wenham-swampwalk>)

**Are there any notable activities in the area that people might want to check out?** Pretty scenery, not many stores accept Winfrey Candies on Topsfield Rd at the intersection of Cherry St/Maple St.

This trail allows you to go long-distance or short, depending on your stamina. Bike riders do use the trail, especially on weekends, but are polite and not reckless.

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