

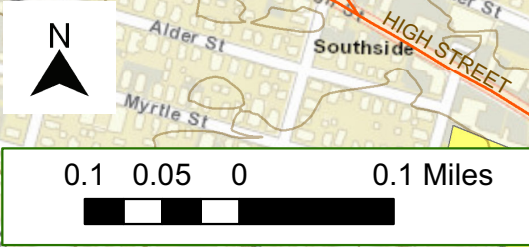
Charles River Reservation in Waltham: East Section

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- 10-foot contours
- Charles River Reservation
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Trail continues on "Charles River Reservation, West Section" map



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and Innovation is in the historic building known as the Boston Manufacturing Company (BMC) established by Francis Cabot Lowell. He bought the Boies Paper mill and built a water-powered cotton mill, housing the entire cloth manufacturing process at a single site. The BMC was one of the earliest commercial companies, ushering in the Industrial Revolution.

16. Site of the “Newton Chymical Company,” incorporated in 1825, which manufactured “oil of vitriol” or sulfuric acid. This area is now known as the Chemistry neighborhood.
17. McKenna Playground and site of a historic swimming beach – one of many on the river. All beaches on the river were closed permanently in 1949 due to pollution.
18. Beaver Brook emerges from a culvert here on the Charles River. The brook flows through Beaver Brook North and Beaver Brook Historic reservations, then is diverted into a culvert near Linden Street. It remains below ground until it reaches the river.
19. At the site of the former Calvary Street Bridge, the Mary T. Early Footbridge

The **Waltham Land Trust** invites you to join in helping preserve, protect and maintain Waltham’s open spaces.

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Site Facts

Terrain: Relatively flat with some wooded areas and some developed ones.

Trail rating and elevation gain: Easy — Developed walking areas including paved and groomed trails.

Hazards: Unprotected access to waterways. Busy roads.

Special rules: Dogs must be on leashes.

Access and Parking: Contact DCR for up-to-date conditions and accessibility.

Public transportation:

- Bus #558 Multiple stops on River Street
- Fitchburg Commuter Rail, Waltham stop

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Websites: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/upper-charles-east-map>

was named in honor of an iconic Waltham citizen who had a keen interest in local politics.

20. Historic sluiceway of the Bleachery diverted water to the water wheels, eventually emerging into the river as waste which sometimes turned the river bright colors.
21. The dam in this location was built to supply water to the Bleachery.
22. Site of former Waltham Cotton and Wool Company: Incorporated in 1812, the factory employed over 200 workers. In 1818, a larger mill was built next to the Cotton and Wool Company, which became the Waltham Bleachery and Dye Works.



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Park Overview

The Charles River in Waltham is located in the southern part of the city, where Moody Street divides it almost equally into western and eastern sections. Portions of the shoreline and abutting lands are owned and managed by the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation. The remainder of the walking trail is accessed by public streets and sidewalks.

The East Section of the river trail in Waltham extends from Moody Street to just beyond Farwell Street where it meets the Watertown city line.

History and Points of Interest

14. Moody Street Fish Ladder assists fish over the dam so they can swim upstream to spawn. The fish are diadromous – they live most of their lives in the sea but reproduce in freshwater rivers.
15. Charles River Museum of Industry