







 1 Chester Village Loop - Easy (0.7miles) - 21min	 6 Prospect St Loop - Challenging (0.8miles) - 24min
 2 C&B Trail Hampden Park Loop - Moderate (0.8miles) - 24min	 7 School St. Loop - Easy (0.3miles) - 9min
 3 C&B Trail Granite RR Loop - Moderate (0.5miles) - 16min	 8 Emery St. Loop - Easy (0.5miles) - 16min
 4 Gobble View Route - Easy (0.5miles) - 16min	 9 Post Office Route - Easy (0.3miles) - 9min
 5 Riverfront Rd. Loop - Easy (0.3miles) - 9min	

*Distance and time estimates are for one-way.



KEYSTONE ARCH BRIDGE

LOCAL LANDMARKS

- WESTERN MASS HILLTOWN HIKERS**
Large map database and group guided tours.
westernmasshilltownhikers.com
- CHESTER RAILWAY STATION**
10 Prospect St. chesterrailwaystation.net
- OLD CHESTER JAIL**
15 Middlefield St. www.chestermass.com
- CHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY**
15 Middlefield St. www.chestermass.com
- KEYSTONE ARCH BRIDGES TRAIL**
Hebert Cross Rd. www.keystonearches.com
- CHESTER BLANDFORD STATE FOREST**
Route 20. Includes Sanderson Brook Falls, Boulder Park, and Goldmine Brook Falls.
www.mass.gov/locations/chester-blandford-state-forest
- LITTLEVILLE LAKE AT DAYVILLE**
Kinnebrook Rd. www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/Littleville-Lake/
- GOBBLE MOUNTAIN PRESERVE**
Middlefield Rd. www.nature.org/en-us/get-involved/how-to-help/places-we-protect/gobble-mountain-preserve/
- ROUND TOP HILL**
Round Hill Rd. Highest point in Hampden County. westernmasshilltownhikers.com
- HIGHLANDS FOOTPATH:**
www.pvpc.org/plans/highlands-footpath-action-plan

ANNUAL EVENTS

- MAPLE FEST: MARCH**
townofchester.net
- CHESTER ON TRACK: MAY**
chesterrailwaystation.net
- MEMORIAL DAY PARADE: MAY**
townofchester.net
- LITTLEVILLE FAIR: AUGUST**
littlevillefair.com
- HOBO HARVEST DINNER: OCTOBER**
chesterrailwaystation.net
- SNOWFLAKE CRAFT FAIR: NOVEMBER**
www.chestermass.com
- CHESTER TREE LIGHTING: NOVEMBER**
townofchester.net

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TRAIL DESCRIPTIONS

1. **C&B TRAIL CHESTER VILLAGE LOOP – EASY**
 Takes you right through downtown Chester historically listed business district, including restaurants and businesses. Near the Railway Station, you can see a huge antique industrial saw, previously used to cut granite in the early 1900s. Historic buildings, including old railroad dormitory. Maple St. overhead truss bridge has Carnegie steel, wildlife visible on Westfield River. Blazed as part of the Chester Becket Trail.



2. **C&B TRAIL HAMPDEN PARK LOOP – MODERATE**
 This route takes you through Hampden Park, along the banks of Walker Brook (nominated for Wild & Scenic status). You'll find a few small pavilions, picnic tables, and outlook benches in the park. Path follows Hampden Street partially on the road, and then along a wooded trail, and connects to the larger Chester Becket Trail.

3. **C&B TRAIL GRANITE RR LOOP – MODERATE**
 Picking up from the Hampden Park Loop, this route travels partially along a quiet road and partially along wooded trails, taking you by historic railroad features such as an old rail bridge foundation, wooden trestle, slew sway, and the ruins of two emery companies (Ashland Emery and Hampden Emery). The upper (northern) leg is the old railroad path.

4. **GOBBLE VIEW ROUTE – EASY**
 Traveling along Middlefield Road, this route is very level and includes sidewalks as well as a traversable road shoulder. You can view the rushing West Branch of the Westfield River and see features like the "stairs to nowhere", an old roundhouse, and a coal tower (not accessible). Gobble Mountain rises up in front of you as you travel north.



5. **RIVERFRONT ROAD LOOP – EASY**
 This route travels along the West Branch of the Westfield River, a bit behind downtown Chester, on a partial paved road, partial gravel walk along the railroad tracks. You may be able to watch a train go by, and from this route, you'll certainly hear it coming.

6. **PROSPECT STREET LOOP – CHALLENGING**
 A somewhat steep incline on a paved road, this route offers pleasant partially shaded views of the surrounding countryside and the town. This area was part of the historic population expansion of Chester during the early 1900s, when the roads used to lead up to Chester Hill & Abbott Hill, until they were rendered defunct by industrial shifts.

7. **SCHOOL STREET LOOP – EASY**
 A nice, short downtown loop along Historic Route 20, partially overlapping with the Village Loop on the north side of Rt 20. There is some limited sidewalk access and partial wooded trail travel, going by Walker Brook, the Library, and remnants of the old Grist Mill Dam.

8. **EMERY STREET LOOP – EASY**
 Beginning near the Chester Railway Station & Museum, this loop takes you around the ball field, where you might catch a game in the evening! The path travels through a residential neighborhood, partially on Emery St and partially through the grassy field. Wildlife is often visible where the nearby mountain meets the village.



9. **POST OFFICE ROUTE – EASY**
 A very easy stroll entirely on the sidewalk, enjoy scenic views on your left and right of the Chester Westfield River Valley, historic homes, Factory Village Cemetery, and the fire station, ending at Chester's US Post Office.



TIPS FOR YOUR WALK

WARM-UP AND S-T-R-E-T-C-H-I!
 Before starting any exercise, move around to warm-up your muscles (walk in place, etc).

REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING so you are prepared for any change of plans or weather:

1. Water, food or snack
2. Sunscreen or hat
3. Bring an extra layer (jacket, etc.) and wear comfortable, supportive shoes
4. Walking map
5. Cell phone, emergency numbers

COOL DOWN – Slow your pace towards the end of the walk. Stretch your legs and arms.

BE SAFE!

- Wear bright, reflective clothing
- Walk against traffic on busier routes

WALK YOUR WAY TO HEALTH

WALKING IS perhaps the simplest positive change you can make to improve your health, and it's an exercise that's easy to stick with.

WALKING JUST 30 MINUTES A DAY MAY:

- Reduce the risk of heart disease
- Maintain a healthy weight
- Help prevent type-2 diabetes
- Decrease risk of some cancers
- Boost energy levels
- Prevent/manage high blood pressure

1 IN 3 AMERICAN ADULTS HAS PREDIABETES. DO YOU?

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HilltownWalks.org

The C&B Trail is the former Chester Beckett Railroad Route.