

Manchester Town Line Trek

Distance: There are two possible start locations for this loop. 1) If you start from the Parks & Rec building (155 S. Mast Road) and ride all the way to the Manchester trestle, the distance is about 4.8 miles 1-way, or about 9.6 miles roundtrip. 2) If you start from the parking lot at the County Complex (329 Mast Road), it is about 2.52 miles each way, or about 5 miles roundtrip.

Notes: 1) If you start from the Parks & Rec Center, please note that there is a section of the trail that should be avoided, just after Pro Landscape. On the map, this is noted as “DIFFICULT SECTION. NOT RECOMMENDED!”. You can avoid this section by a) traveling along the side of Mast Road, and then crossing before the Irving Station, or b) avoid the section altogether by parking & starting from the County Complex parking lot (329 Mast Road, Route 114).

Highlights: If you start from the Parks & Rec building, you can stop for refreshments or lunch at Magoo’s, and see views of Glen Lake. No matter which start you choose, you will see views of the Pauper’s Cemetery, Namaske Lake, and the Piscataquog River. Also some original rail road sign posts. Takes you all the way to Manchester town line, and eventually to the Piscataquog River trestle.

Recommended for: Adults. Not recommended for families with small children due to distance, and some areas that are difficult to pass.

1. **00.0 miles** - Start\Park – Park at Hillsboro County Complex Public Parking Lot (next to women’s prison), 329 Mast Road (Route 114).
2. **Trail access is at the far (northern) end of the parking lot, behind the buildings.**
3. Head right (east) on Rail Trail, towards Manchester.
4. **0.35 miles** – Immediately upon accessing the trail, check out the **Pauper’s Cemetery** on left. It is not immediately visible from the trail.
5. **0.68 miles** – Cross Danis Park Road.
6. **0.62 miles** – Morgan Circle road crossing. Be respectful of private property, including monitoring noise levels.
7. **0.82 miles** – Lynchville Rock Cut area.
8. **0.87 miles** – Lynchville Park Road Crossing.
9. **1.59 miles** – Moose Club Park Road crossing.
10. **2.25 miles** – Manchester Town Line Sign. Trail name changes to “Piscataquog Trail”.
11. **2.34 miles** – Pass paved road on right. Access to road from Piscataquog River Apartments.
12. **2.52 miles** –END\turnaround. Piscataquog River trestle.

