



## GUIDE to getting to the SHORELINE GREENWAY TRAIL sections.

### New Haven to Clinton

This Guide navigates to & between sections of the SHORELINE GREENWAY TRAIL. Sections in **GREEN** are Official **SHORELINE Greenway Trail** sections. All others are on Public shared Roadways. Please be considerate and stay off and out of private property that abut the trail or shared Roadways. SAFETY is one of the primary elements for which we strive. Caution should be exerted on all shared Roadways and appropriate safety gear, lights, signals and behavior should be demonstrated.

When you see a **!!!!**, this is a highlighted section and provides description of Interesting Views, Important Notes, Convenient Access to Shopping or Alternate Routes among others – **EXPLORE!**

### (WEST TO EAST)

#### Leave New Haven and enter East Haven

**!!!! Leave the connection of the Farmington Heritage Canal Trail and Vision Trail.**

Start at Morris Creek Bridge via South End Rd (CT Route 337) heading South.

Left onto Silver Sands Rd and continue on Route. 337

At Intersection, continue straight (leaving Route 337) onto Cosey Beach Rd.

Left onto Bradford Avenue. (one-way return via Dewey!!) Left onto Coe Avenue.

**!!!! SIDE Trip: Right to visit Beautiful East Haven Town Beach with picnic areas and good food options. Public Parking Oct 15<sup>th</sup> -May 15<sup>th</sup>, RESTROOMS.**

Continue north on Coe Avenue and right onto Austin Ave

First left onto Henry St

First Right onto Elliot St

First right into **Parking area** (this is a former DC Moore school).

The Shoreline Greenway Trail is at the SW corner of the field.

the Shoreline Greenway Trail, bearing left at fork.

**!!!! option: spur to right, at the rock formation to an overlook of the Bradford Preserve and get spectacular views across the salt marsh to the sound**

**After left at rock formation fork, continue on trail.**

**!!!! Observe glacial outcroppings, mountain laurels**

Follow the Trail toward the East Haven trailhead parking area.

Cross to Hoop Pole Lane.

Cross to Mansfield Grove RD.

First right onto Pevetty Dr. Go to end - SGT Trailhead at end.

Left on Brown RD and LEFT to continue on SGT in the Farm River State Park section.

**!!!! home to nesting ospreys, caves and spectacular water views.**

Take Right at Intersection of Wheaton RD.

LEFT on SGT in Farm River State Park to northern trailhead (Short Beach RD) CT Route 142.

Leave the Shoreline Greenway Trail.

Right on Route 142 (Short Beach RD)

#### Leave East Haven and enter Branford.

Travel along Route 142 (Short Beach RD) easterly.

Continue on Route 142 (Short Beach RD) until just short of Branhaven Plaza.

**!!!! Branhaven Plaza has many stores and food stores.**

RIGHT onto Maple St. Continue easterly.

**!!!! SIDE Trip: Right on Harbor with leads to Branford Public Beach at Branford Point and Parker Park.**



**Branford Train Station is 0.25 mile from Indian Neck Ave Intersection.**

RIGHT onto Indian Neck Ave.

Just past the Brewery, LEFT under RR to Meadow St.

RIGHT onto Meadow St. and head north easterly.

Continue to End and RIGHT onto Montowese St. (CT Route 146)

Continue under RR and over bridge crossing Branford River.

Left on Tabor RD. Pass church on Right.

Re-enter the SGT at Trailhead on LEFT behind new pollinator garden.

**!!!! Note BRANFORD LABYRINTH and CHET'S POND.**

Cross Pine Orchard RD and continue on packed dirt surface to trailhead on Birch RD.

Cross Birch RD.

Follow SGT trail section at Young's Pond Park.

Veer right at first major fork.

Continue on SGT, first Easterly, then turning South and around end of Youngs pond.

Exit the SGT.

LEFT on Blackstone RD (CT Route 146). Pine Orchard Golf Club on right.

RIGHT onto Totoket Rd heading southerly. Pine Orchard Golf Club on right.

LEFT onto Tilcon RD and veer Left.

Re-Enter the SGT.

Arrive at Tilcon railway and SGT Trailhead

Turn left to Branford Trolley Trail and Footbridge section of the SGT.

Leave the SGT and join Thimble Island RD.

Turn left on Thimble Island RD under RR and then right on School Street.

**!!!! SIDE Trip: right to Stony Creek with Beautiful views and food stops.**

Right on School Street to Route 146

Right on Route 146 to Guilford Line.

#### Leave Branford and Enter Guilford.

Cross under Rail tracks and continue via Route 146 (Leetes Island RD).

Continue on Route 146 for about 2 miles.

**!!! Route 146 is a Connecticut "Scenic Roadway" and has some biking and pedestrian warning signs. Caution should always be considered.**

**!!!! West Woods Trailhead on Left.**

Road name changes to Water Street.

Continue further on Route 146 for approx. 1.0 mile and cross West River.

**!!!! Beautiful Estuary views to left and right.**

Continue on 146 into Guilford center and Town Green.

**!!! Great lunch and provisioning shops in Guilford Town Center.**

Take a cautious Left onto Whitfield St. and quick Right onto Boston Street (Route 146) at south end of Town Green.

**!!! SIDE Trip: Right on Whitfield to Historic Guilford Harbor.**

**Guilford Train Station down Whitfield, 0.5 mile on Left.**

Continue on Boston Street (Route 146).

**!!! Pass many Historic homes and graveyard.**

**!!! This section has "shared Roadway" markings.**

Take right, with Extreme Caution, at Intersection with Post RD, Rt 1.,

Continue on Post RD until you cross the East River.

#### Leave Guilford and enter Madison.

Continue on the Route One 'Right of Way' for 2.5 miles.

**Option: Right on West Wharf RD, you will come to Middle Beach RD with beautiful sound views and connections along Seaview Ave., Waterbury Ave. and Liberty St. to back to the SGT trail.**

**!!!! Places to catch a bite at end of West Wharf RD.**

Left onto Britton Lane

Left onto Copse RD to pass Madison Town Green.

**!!!! This is beautiful and historic Madison Town Green with Farmers Market on Friday afternoons during the Summer.**

Right onto Meeting House Lane.

Left on Academy Street past school building and athletic fields.

Right on Bradley. Continue straight across route 79 at stop sign, continuing on Bradley.



**Madison Train Station on LEFT.**

**!!!! You are now behind the quaint downtown Madison center with many shops, lunch options and beautiful walking sights.**

Continue to end and Left on Wall Street.

Right at Railroad Ave and parallel the RR tracks/parking lot.

RIGHT onto Scotland RD.

Left at light onto Route 1 .

Continue through stop light at Lovers Lane/Liberty Street and Route 1.

Continue on Route 1 Right of Way until flashing light at Liberty Street.

Re-Enter the SGT at trailhead at intersection of Webster Point RD and Liberty. Take trail 1.2 miles through woods, crossing Toms Creek with beautiful views of salt marshes - all part of Hammonasset State Park.

Cross Boardwalk bridge and parallel Hammonasset Connector to connect with Hammonasset Trail system.

**!!!! Hammonasset Beach State Park has great trails, beaches and many pavilions for coverage in case its raining and tables/grills for a quick picnic.**

Left onto trail to Shoreline Greenway Trailhead parking lot.

Parallel Post RD Route 1 Eastbound

**!!! Numerous places to grab a bit to eat and drink along Route 1.**

**!!!! Look for Salt Meadow Park on Right. Trails along fields and in woods.**

#### LEAVE Madison and Enter Clinton on Post Road Rt 1.

**!!!! Clinton has a Blue and Greenway Trail system connecting at the Bridge.**