

Interactive Google Map of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail

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The **Bruce Freeman Rail Trail** is a proposed development in Massachusetts that will convert a former railroad bed into a 25 mile, multi-purpose trail stretching from Chelmsford to Framingham, passing through the towns of Westford, Carlisle, Acton, Concord, and Sudbury too . The trail is logistically broken out into three phases, each to be developed sequentially as fund-raising and litigation with abutters move along in parallel.

The BFRT website is chock full of useful information for to help support the building of the Rail Trail. The map which diagrams the route and its 3 phases is rather vague unfortunately. I decided to diagram the bicycle path's proposed route using Google Maps instead, which allows for precise plotting, zooming, and both map and satellite views.

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I would love to see the whole network of rail trails in Massachusetts developed to encourage bicycling for sport and commuting since the roads are so very hazardous here. For starters, a connector trail to join the BFRT with the **Assabet River Rail Trail** would extend the trail network to Marlborough, Hudson, Maynard, and Stow. It would be a dream to also connect it to the **Minuteman Bikeway** that runs from Bedford to Cambridge and provides access to the Alewife subway station and Boston.

I encourage everyone to support the BFRT and **Rail Trails** throughout the country and beyond.