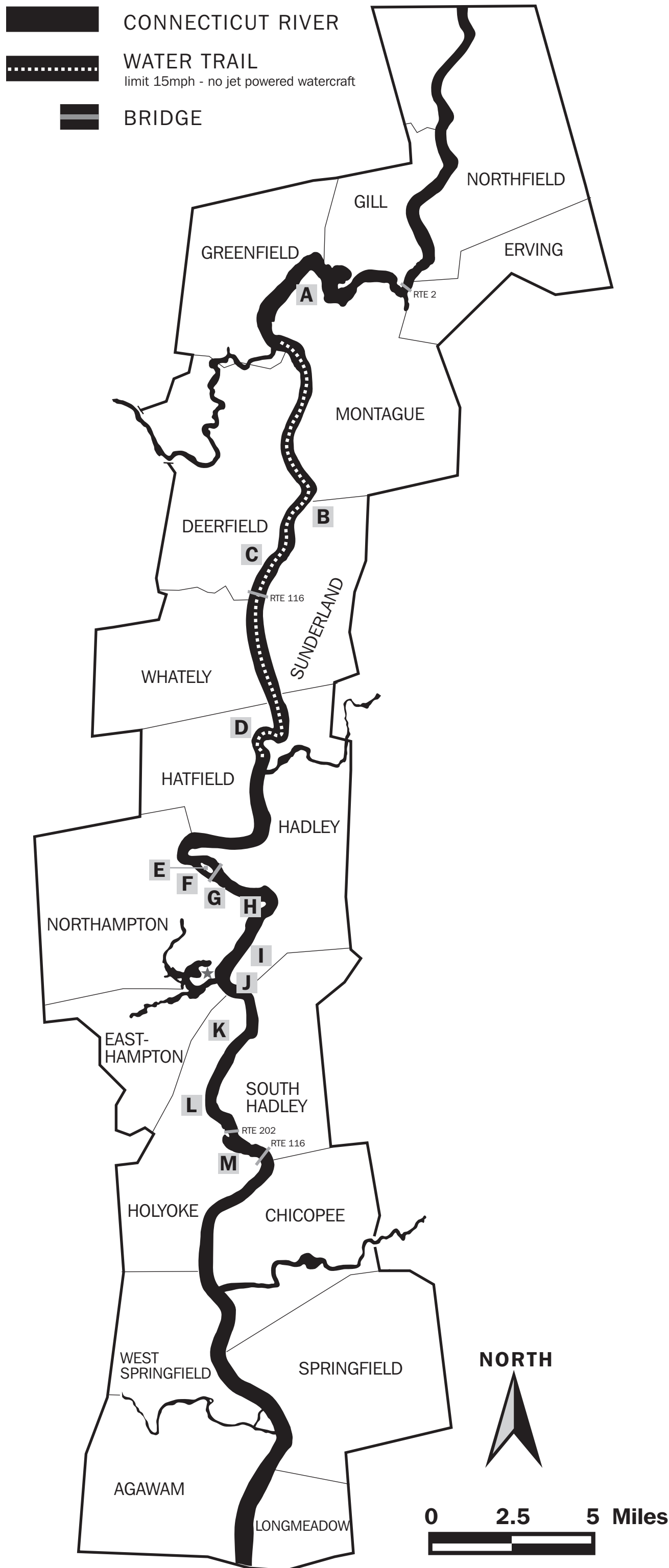


PUBLIC USE AREAS ALONG THE CONNECTICUT RIVER



- A Great Falls Discovery Center** - This environmental interpretation center features exhibits that illustrate the natural, cultural, and historic resources of the Connecticut River and its watershed. Call for hours: (413) 863-3221
- B Mt. Toby State Forest** - Outstanding panoramic views of the Valley from 1,200 feet. A six mile trek on a moderate hiking trail. The M&M Trail and Robert Frost Trail traverse Mt. Toby
- C Mt. Sugarloaf State Reservation** - This 532 acre reservation offers spectacular views, hiking trails, a stone look-out tower and a picnic pavilion. Late April - October.
- D Bashan Beach** - Part of the Connecticut River Greenway State Park. Owned by the Massachusetts DCR. Beaches, floodplain forest, within the Water Trail.
- E Elwell Island** - Owned by the City of Northampton. Large beach, floodplain forest.
- F Norwottuck Rail Trail** - Created by DCR, this 10 mile bike trail follows an abandoned railroad spur line between Northampton and Amherst. The trail crosses the Connecticut River and offers great views of the Holyoke Range and the valley's open fields.
- G Elwell Recreation Area** - ADA accessible dock for rowing, canoeing, and fishing. This DCR property is also one of the trail heads for the Norwottuck Rail Trail.
- H Rainbow Beach Wildlife Management Area** - Jointly owned by the Mass DFW and the City of Northampton. Large beach, rare plants and animals, floodplain forest. Additional regulations are posted.
- I Skinner State Park** - 320 acre park on top of Mount Holyoke is accessible by road April - November. The Summit House, an 1800's popular resort, is open Memorial Day through Columbus Day. Picnic facilities and trails.
- J Hockanum Beach (aka Tent City)** - Part of the Connecticut River Greenway State Park. Owned by the MA DCR. Beaches, floodplain forest. Tenting not allowed.
- K Mt Tom State Forest** - Over 2,000 acres with views of the Connecticut Valley, the Berkshires and the Pelham Hills. Recreational opportunities include: hiking, picnicking, canoeing and fishing.
- L Dinosaur Footprints** - Owned by The Trustees of Reservations. Ancient fossilized dinosaur footprints, rare plants. Note that access to the footprints is from Route 5 only- crossing the railroad tracks to get to the footprints from the river is prohibited and unsafe.
- M Holyoke Dam and the Robert E. Barrett Fishway**
The City of Holyoke Gas & Electric Dept provides the public with the opportunity to view the spring migration of anadromous fish. May-June. Call (413) 536-9461 for hours/schedule

The following regulations apply to all public use areas along the Connecticut River. Some public use areas have additional rules - contact the managing agency for more information.



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