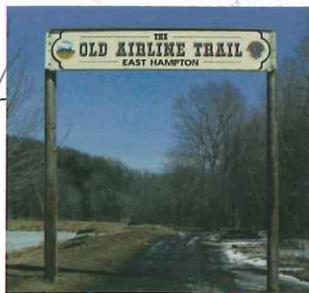


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2) CRANBERRY BOG

This pond offers benches for resting; the sights of wildflowers and sounds of bullfrogs in the summer; and picturesque ice skating and hockey games in the winter. Cranberry Meadow and Bog was once a natural cranberry producing bog. During the 1920's and 30's, the cranberries were harvested, transported to grocers, and bartered for groceries.



3) RAPALLO VIADUCT

Built in 1873 (as was its sister, the Lyman Viaduct, 1-1/2 miles east in Colchester), the Rapallo bears the name of a railroad director and was built for two train tracks. Originally a 1,380 ft. long bridge 60 ft. high above Flat Brook, the increasing weight of freight trains necessitated filling underneath it in 1913. The spectacular views of the marsh to the north and other natural surroundings make this a rare treat.

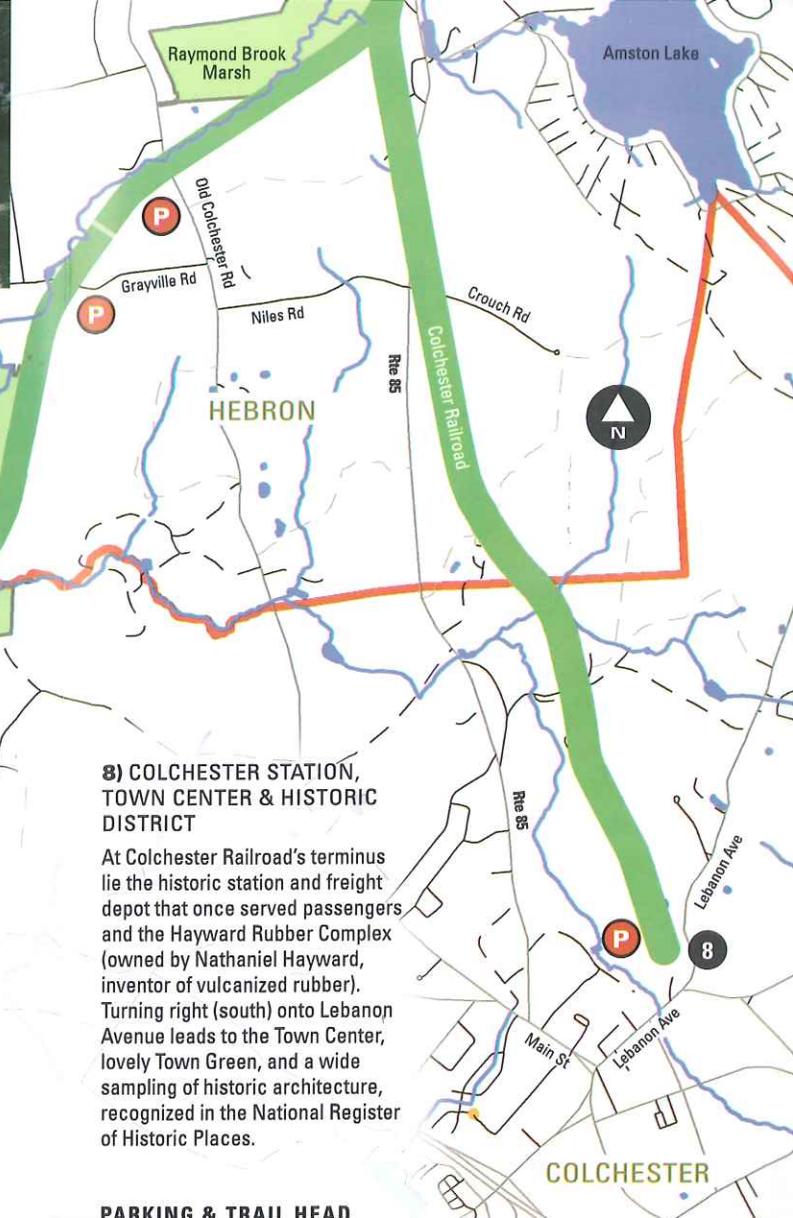
PARKING & TRAIL HEAD

Cranberry Meadow on Smith Street - Handicapped Accessible. A large Air Line Railroad sign highlights the trailhead.

Main Street - Handicapped Accessible. Trail access from Memorial Garden Village Parking lot.

4) COMSTOCK BRIDGE

The Comstock Bridge was built in 1791 and rebuilt in 1860. It is one of only three remaining covered bridges in Connecticut. The Comstock Bridge links East Hampton and Colchester and is approximately 1-1/4 miles south of the intersection of Colchester's Bull Hill Road and the Air Line Trail. The bridge is open to pedestrian traffic and has a picnic area nearby.



8) COLCHESTER STATION, TOWN CENTER & HISTORIC DISTRICT

At Colchester Railroad's terminus lie the historic station and freight depot that once served passengers and the Hayward Rubber Complex (owned by Nathaniel Hayward, inventor of vulcanized rubber). Turning right (south) onto Lebanon Avenue leads to the Town Center, lovely Town Green, and a wide sampling of historic architecture, recognized in the National Register of Historic Places.

PARKING & TRAIL HEAD

Bull Hill Road - Handicapped Accessible

River Road - Handicapped Accessible and can accommodate **Horse Trailers**. To reach the Trail, take the path through the woods south of the parking area. Or, take a detour along the unpaved portion of River Rd. following Salmon River to Bull Hill Road and access the Trail a short distance north.



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5) LYMAN VIADUCT

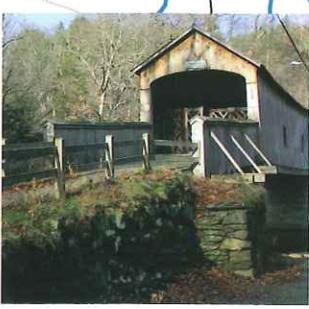
Towering 137 feet high over Dickinson's Creek, this is one of the biggest thrills of the Trail. Built in 1873 and named after David Lyman, the Air Line's first president, the Lyman was once a 1,108 foot long bridge. The increasing weight of freight trains necessitated filling the bridge to the top with gravel in 1912-13 (a culvert allows Dickinson's Creek to flow through).

6) SALMON RIVER STATE FOREST

This 6,115 acre forest offers miles of hiking, provides several picnic areas, and borders Day Pond State Park. Salmon River is a key river in the D.E.P.'s Atlantic Salmon restoration project, and provides water recreation activities such as fishing and spring kayaking, and has a handicap accessible fly fishing area.

7) RIVER ROAD BRIDGE

This 22 foot long brownstone arch bridge was built in 1887 and carried trains 18' above the unpaved section of River Road, which follows the beautiful Salmon River.



PARKING & TRAIL HEAD

Rte 85 - Large parking area next to "Rte. 85 Lumber." **Handicapped Accessible** and can accommodate **Horse Trailers**.

Rte 207 - Limited parking.

Old Colchester Road - Limited parking.

Grayville Falls Park - Can accommodate **Horse Trailers**.

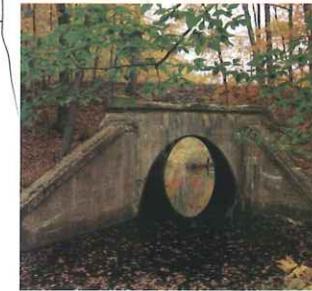
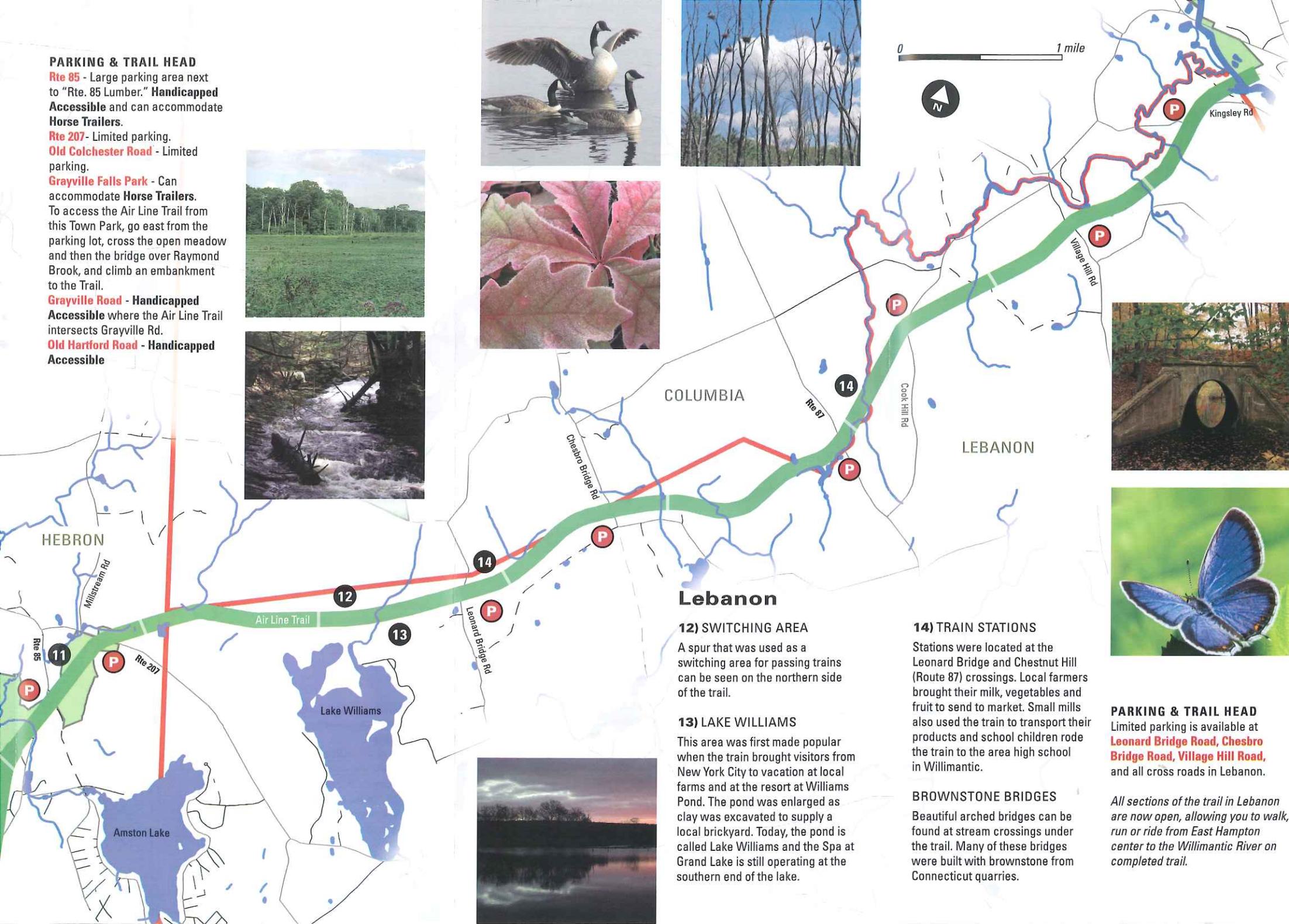
To access the Air Line Trail from this Town Park, go east from the parking lot, cross the open meadow and then the bridge over Raymond Brook, and climb an embankment to the Trail.

Grayville Road - **Handicapped Accessible** where the Air Line Trail intersects Grayville Rd.

Old Hartford Road - **Handicapped Accessible**



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12) SWITCHING AREA

A spur that was used as a switching area for passing trains can be seen on the northern side of the trail.

13) LAKE WILLIAMS

This area was first made popular when the train brought visitors from New York City to vacation at local farms and at the resort at Williams Pond. The pond was enlarged as clay was excavated to supply a local brickyard. Today, the pond is called Lake Williams and the Spa at Grand Lake is still operating at the southern end of the lake.



14) TRAIN STATIONS

Stations were located at the Leonard Bridge and Chestnut Hill (Route 87) crossings. Local farmers brought their milk, vegetables and fruit to send to market. Small mills also used the train to transport their products and school children rode the train to the area high school in Willimantic.

BROWNSTONE BRIDGES

Beautiful arched bridges can be found at stream crossings under the trail. Many of these bridges were built with brownstone from Connecticut quarries.

PARKING & TRAIL HEAD

Limited parking is available at **Leonard Bridge Road, Chesbro Bridge Road, Village Hill Road**, and all cross roads in Lebanon.

All sections of the trail in Lebanon are now open, allowing you to walk, run or ride from East Hampton center to the Willimantic River on completed trail.

The Air Line Trail

A Connecticut Greenway, State Linear Park and Multipurpose Trail for non-motorized users



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