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Bike rack on the Topsfield Linear Common bike path in Topsfield

two-mile Topsfield Linear Common, (www.topsfieldtrail.org) or bike the Danvers Rail Trail (www.danverstrail.org), a lovely route of woodlands and wetlands, including the Great Wenham Swamp. It runs 4½ miles from Danvers to Peabody, but the first three miles are the most scenic (with a bonus: a third of a mile-long elevated boardwalk, the Swamp Walk). Following the old Boston to Maine railroad, the multi-use trail has a smooth gravel surface and is mostly flat.

Bike a rail trail

Load the bikes and head to Route 97 on the Wenham-Topsfield line, where a couple of local bike paths converge. (Look for the small parking lot and a bike-crossing signal.) Pedal from Wenham to Topsfield along the Ipswich River on the

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