

## SNETT Ownership and History

The Southern New England Trunkline Trail (SNETT) is one of the longest trails in southern Massachusetts. The Titanic Trail is the name of the entire trail from Franklin to Palmer and the Southern New England Trunkline Trail (SNETT) is the name of the section that runs from Franklin to Douglas. Most of the trail, including the entire trail in Bellingham, is owned by the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR). DCR is working with the towns and various non-profit organizations to improve the trail.



The entire SNETT covers approximately 22 miles from the Franklin State Forest on the east to the Douglas State Forest on the west. It passes through the towns of Douglas, Uxbridge, Millville, Blackstone, Bellingham, and Franklin. It is a nationally registered trail owned by the Mass DCR.

The trail is currently utilized by bicyclists, hikers, and motorized vehicles, but is substantially overgrown, wet, and deeply rutted in most places. The immediate goal of the DCR and the Town of Bellingham is to improve the SNETT in Bellingham and Franklin. The future goal is to work with the towns of Douglas, Uxbridge, Millville, and Blackstone to improve the trail in those towns as well.

Some of the targeted improvements are:

- Surface leveling and grading
- Grading of surrounding land to improve drainage
- Brush back and cutting of trees and bushes that impede the trail
- Installation of necessary signage
- Creation of trail entrance parking
- Create connections to the Towns of Blackstone and Franklin and then on through to Douglas



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