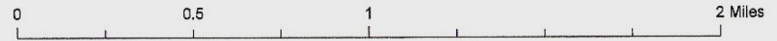
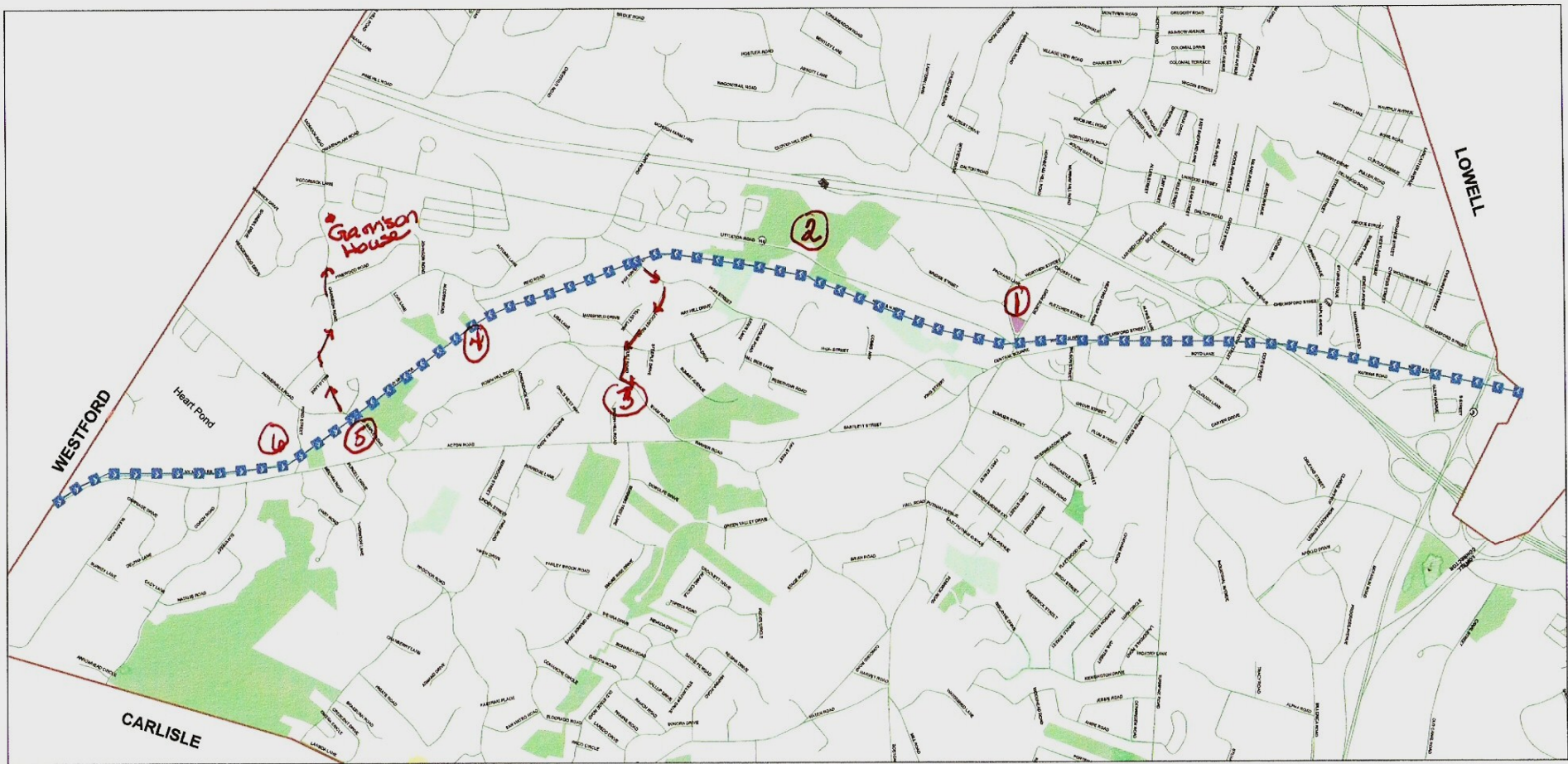


TOWN OF CHELMSFORD
BRUCE FREEMAN RAIL TRAIL



Bruce Freeman Rail Trail Historic Sites

As the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail makes its way thru Chelmsford, it passes some of the Town's most interesting historic sites. Take some extra time and visit these sites:

- Chelmsford Center: Chelmsford Center Historical District:** take a self guided walking tour of the District.
Forefather's Cemetery: one of our state's oldest cemeteries.
The Mill House: walk into the center to visit the Mill House.
- Lime Quarry:** As you ride towards Westford, the path travels along a wetland that provided the water power for the mill in Chelmsford center. Across the street on Rte. 110 is the Lime Quarry where lime was harvested and burned to make "quick lime" an important component of cement. The property has lovely walking paths and is open to the public.
- Barret Byam House,** home of the Chelmsford Historical Society. If you leave the bike trail and follow High Street to Locust Road to Byam Road to the Chelmsford Historical Society. (.3 mi)
The Society has programs on a regular basis. Check their website for events.
- Robin Hill Road:** travel over Robin Hill towards the Town's **Lewis Farm** also known as the Spaulding Farm. Bike a short distance from the trail and you will come upon the site of the **Byam Match Factory** where the first Lucifer matches were created and produced. Travel a little farther and you will be in the quaint village of South Chelmsford.
- Maple Road:** Return to the bike trail using Maple Road.
The First Baptist Church has the Town's oldest continuously running Sunday School.
Red Wing Conservation Area is a lovely piece of Town owned conservation. While taking time to enjoy the open space, take time to admire **Red Wing Farm**, a newly restored, and privately owned homestead that is on the National Register of Historic Places.
Garrison House: One of the oldest homes on Chelmsford used to house the militia, is just a short ride off the Trail. This property is open to the public for various occasions. Check their website for a list of coming events. (.7 mi)
- Kart Pond:** Continue on the trail towards Westford and stop at Pond Street.
Kart pond received its name from the original owner of the lake, Thomas Kart. As you stand on the beach, notice the group of cottages on the left. These cottages originally built by the Nickles family, 1900-1912. The Nickle cranberry bogs were located on the Chelmsford / Westford Line.

For links to the Chelmsford Historical Society's and the Garrison House Association, visit the Historical Commission located on the Town of Chelmsford's website. Chelmsford Historical Commission