

# HOUSATONIC RIVER WALK GREAT BARRINGTON



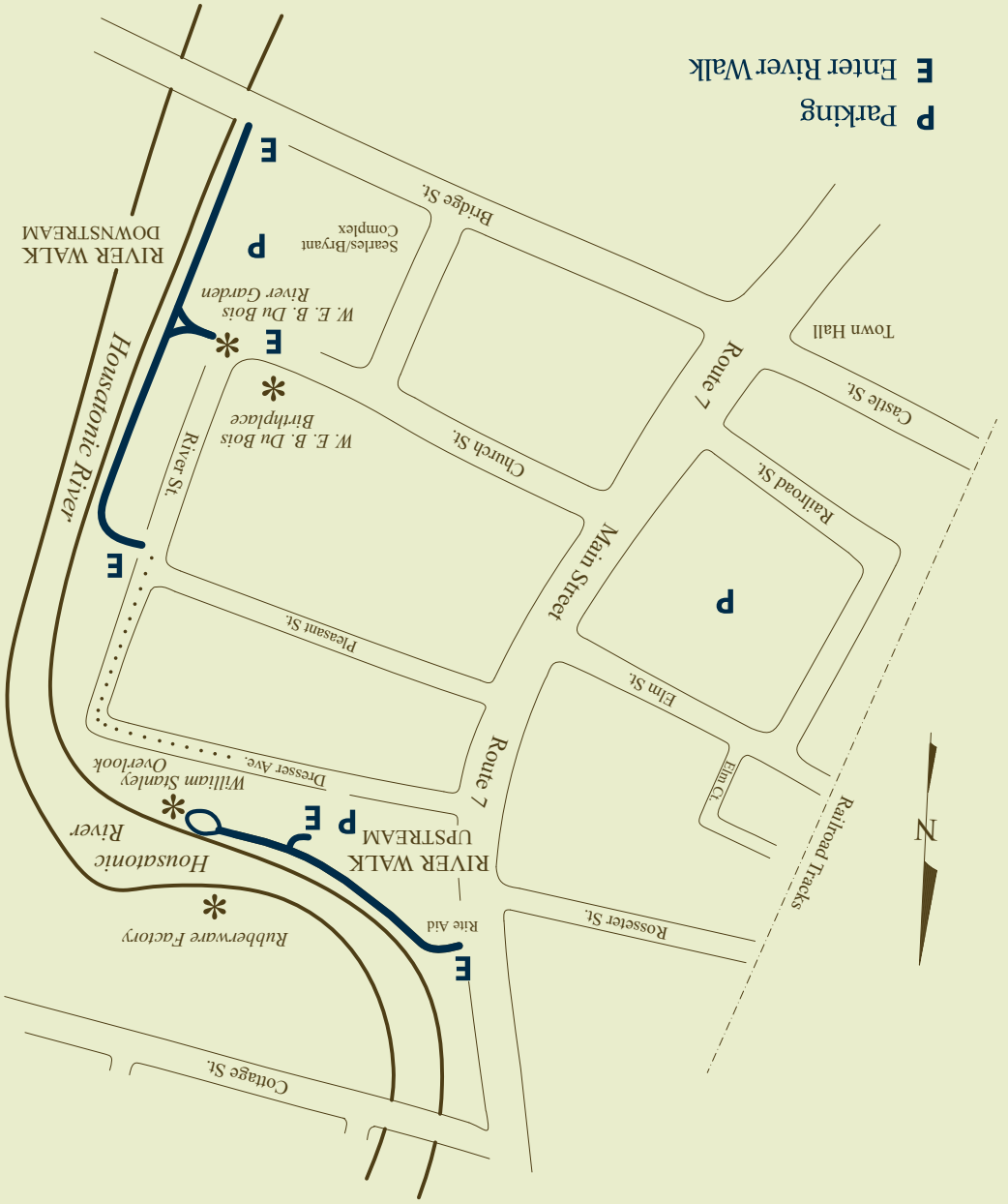
*The Housatonic River is the natural Main Street of the Town of Great Barrington, flowing gently as the life stream of the town.*

GREAT BARRINGTON NATIVE  
W. E. B. DU BOIS, 1961



## Where does it Start?

River Walk roughly follows the west bank of the Housatonic River between Cottage Street and Bridge Street. The two completed sections of trail are linked by Dresser Avenue and River Street. The upstream section extends from the River Walk bulletin board at Rite Aid on Main Street to the William Stanley Overlook. The trail exits at the stairs to St. Peter's Church parking lot on Dresser Avenue. The downstream section of the trail is wheelchair accessible and begins adjacent to the Berkshire Corporation parking lot on River Street and ends at Bridge Street. It can also be entered through the W. E. B. Du Bois River Garden at Church and River Streets.



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**P** Parking  
**E** Enter River Walk



*It's cherishing something local that everybody can have in common, and to me a thing like that can't go wrong.*

*It's just a little narrow walkway, scaled right, but it's an enormously suggestive thing.*

-WENDELL BERRY ABOUT THE RIVER WALK