

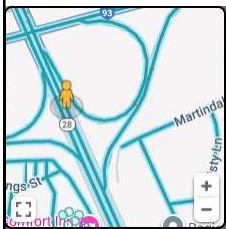
Access to Blue Hills trails:  
(Jesse Gordon, Aug. 25, 2025)

Hundreds of Randolph residents live within walking distance of some of the best hiking trails in the Commonwealth - but no one maintains pedestrian access.

This is a "cross-jurisdiction" problem - the 500-yard stretch shown spans Randolph, Quincy, MA-DOT, MA-DCR, and US-DOT properties. What to do?



The goal of this project is to have all I-93 pedestrian crossings look like this one...





On North Main Street at  
on-ramp to I-93N, there's a  
cut in the sidewalk (indicating  
it was INTENDED for  
pedestrian crossing) but the  
stripes and signs have been  
removed.

(The orange stripes shown  
here are added by Jesse,  
indicating where painted  
stripes are missing)

Who is responsible for fixing this? Randolph DPW?  
MA-DOT? MA-DCR? US-DOT? Could Randolph DPW notify  
those agencies and then paint stripes & install a sign?



Here's the sidewalk after the offramp - this is still in Randolph - but who cleans the sidewalk, and how often?

I suspect "no one, ever" - could Randolph DPW do it?

It's strewn with broken glass and trash, especially under the overpass (next pic)

Not seeking to re-pave this sidewalk - it's cracked and old, but good enough.



This sidewalk under the overpass needs cleaning - it's strewn with trash and broken glass. The fence makes the situation much worse - it just collects trash.

Maybe DOT threw up this fence to keep kids out - but it doesn't work; it's ugly; and it should be removed!

This is on the northbound side of Rt 28 looking south to Randolph - the part in sunlight is Randolph and the trash is in Quincy.





This is the last of four crossings heading northbound on Rt. 28 - this is the offramp from I93 southbound (going north on Rt., 28, in Quincy toward Milton).

The upper photo shows the pedestrian crossing; the lower photo shows markings on Rt. 28 hinting that construction is coming - maybe by MA-DOT or US-DOT, and maybe we could get some fix-ups, if we ask with Quincy?

(the markings say "6" wide sidewalk" but see next photo...)



Rt. 28 narrows from two lanes at I-93 to one lane of traffic - but the sidewalk ends 50 yards too soon!

There's a "deer crossing" sign there because deer do cross here - now it's DCR Blue Hills property (in Quincy). There's a trailhead just 50 yards north of this spot.

As-is, pedestrians have to walk on the grass strip to avoid walking on Rt. 28 - but only for the last 50 yards! - this is just poor road planning!

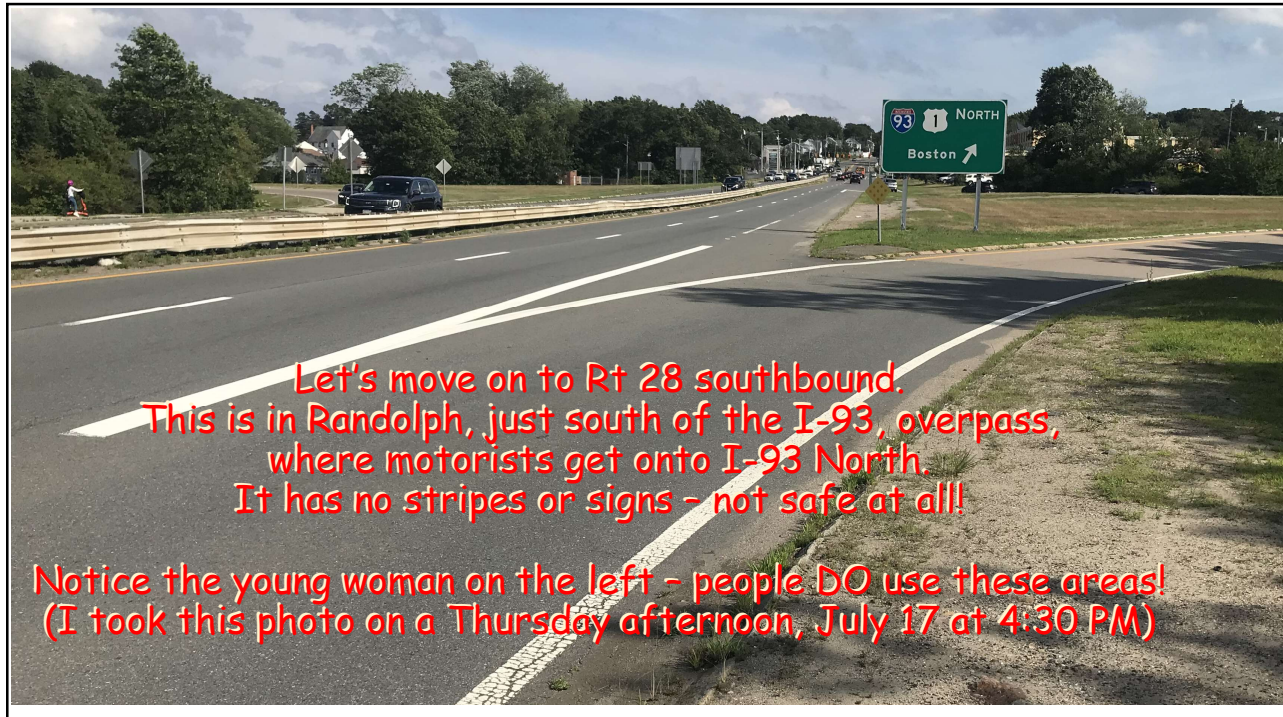


This is the first trailhead, just north of Randolph in Quincy. There are several more a little further north, some with parking, including "Skyline Trail", the most popular hiking site.



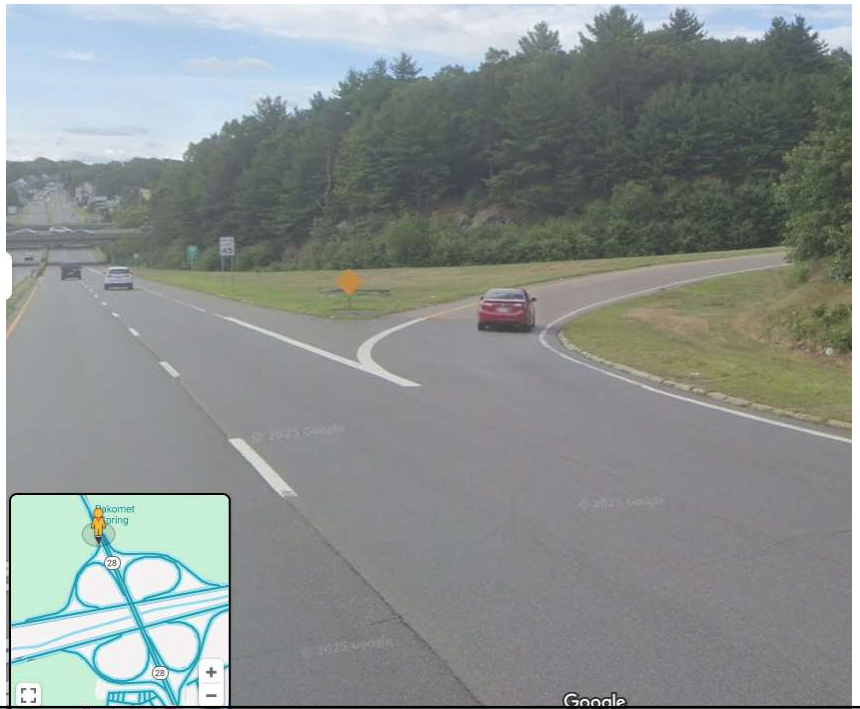
Most have poison ivy along Rt 28 (I confirmed at this location with my "PictureThis" plant identifier app), because they're so poorly-maintained.

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North of I-93 in Quincy is just as bad (heading southbound on Rt 28).

No stripes, no signs - but there is a wide shoulder which makes it feel safer here.



Last of 8 crossings - no stripes, no signs, no sidewalk.

To summarize: 3 out of 8 have stripes and signs. But only 1 out of 4 in Randolph have stripes and signs.

