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## Roadmap to Mohawk Trail

Forested mountains, rich river-bottom farmlands, and riotous explosions of autumn color – the splendors of this timeless corner of western Massachusetts have inspired the raves of writers and travelers for generations.

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## Highlights & Facts For The Ideal Experience



Whitcomb Summit

- Trip Length:** Roughly 60 miles, plus side trips
- Best Time To Go:** Year-round. Best in fall for foliage.
- Must See Nearby Attractions:**
  - 1** Historic Deerfield (features well preserved 18th and 19th century homes)
  - 2** Natural Bridge - North Adams (a 550 million year-old marble formation)
  - 3** The Sterling and Francine Clark Art Institute (Williamstown)

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## Traveler's Notes

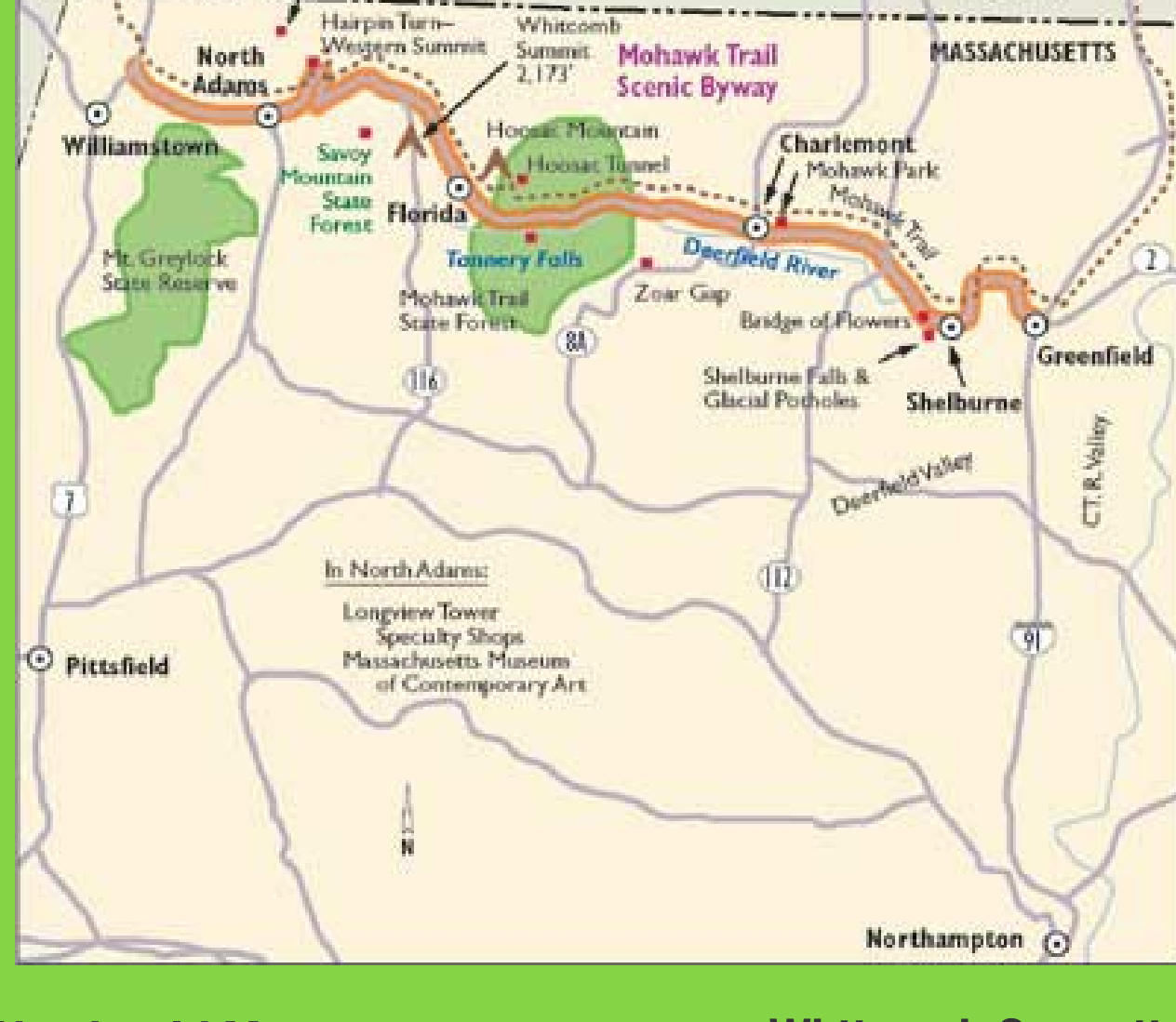


The Bridge of Flowers, Shelburne Falls MA

- The byway's origins date back more than 10,000 years, when Native Americans first began hunting and trading via footpaths along the rivers. But the road as we know it took shape in the early 20th century when it became the state's first designated scenic auto route.
- At the western end of the byway, after the famous hairpin turn at Clarksburg, you'll descend into the Hoosic River valley at North Adams. When the Sprague Electric factory closed in the 1980s, it devastated the local economy, but since the Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art opened in the former Sprague buildings in 1999, North Adams has emerged as a leading arts destination.
- Millers River runs near the entire eastern section of the byway, and parallels it through the town of Erving. In Gill, the French King Bridge rises high above the Connecticut River. A small parking area offers access to this dramatic view.

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## What To See Along the Way



- Northfield Mountain
- Turners Falls
- Shelburne Falls
- Charlemont
- Mohawk Trail State Forest
- Whitcomb Summit
- Hairpin Turn
- Mt. Greylock
- Williamstown

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## Facts & More Information To Plan Your Trip!



Mt. Greylock

- Northfield Mountain:** A four-season recreation facility situated along a beautiful sweep of mountainside, with satellite facilities strung along a 7-mile stretch of the Connecticut River.
- Turners Falls:** Housed within a complex of old mill buildings in historic Turners Falls, Massachusetts, the Great Falls Discovery Center's exhibits show the natural, cultural, and industrial history of the Connecticut River watershed.
- Shelburne Falls:** A historic village in the towns of Shelburne and Buckland.
- Charlemont:** Settled in 1744, Charlemont covers 26 square miles and is still home to working farms and cottage industries as well as many recreational opportunities from whitewater rafting to downhill skiing.
- Mohawk Trail State Forest:** One of the most scenic woodland areas in Massachusetts.
- Whitcomb Summit:** A 2,200 foot-high overlook featuring spectacular fall foliage, hills, and valleys.
- Hairpin Turn:** The only true hairpin turn in the State. A full 180 degrees!
- Mt. Greylock:** The highest point in Massachusetts. Rising above the surrounding Berkshire landscape, dramatic views of 60-90 miles distant may be seen.
- Williamstown:** Somewhere in everyone's mental file cabinet, there exists the image of a picture-perfect New England village. Williamstown comes close to this prototypical ideal.

# Ready, set, go!