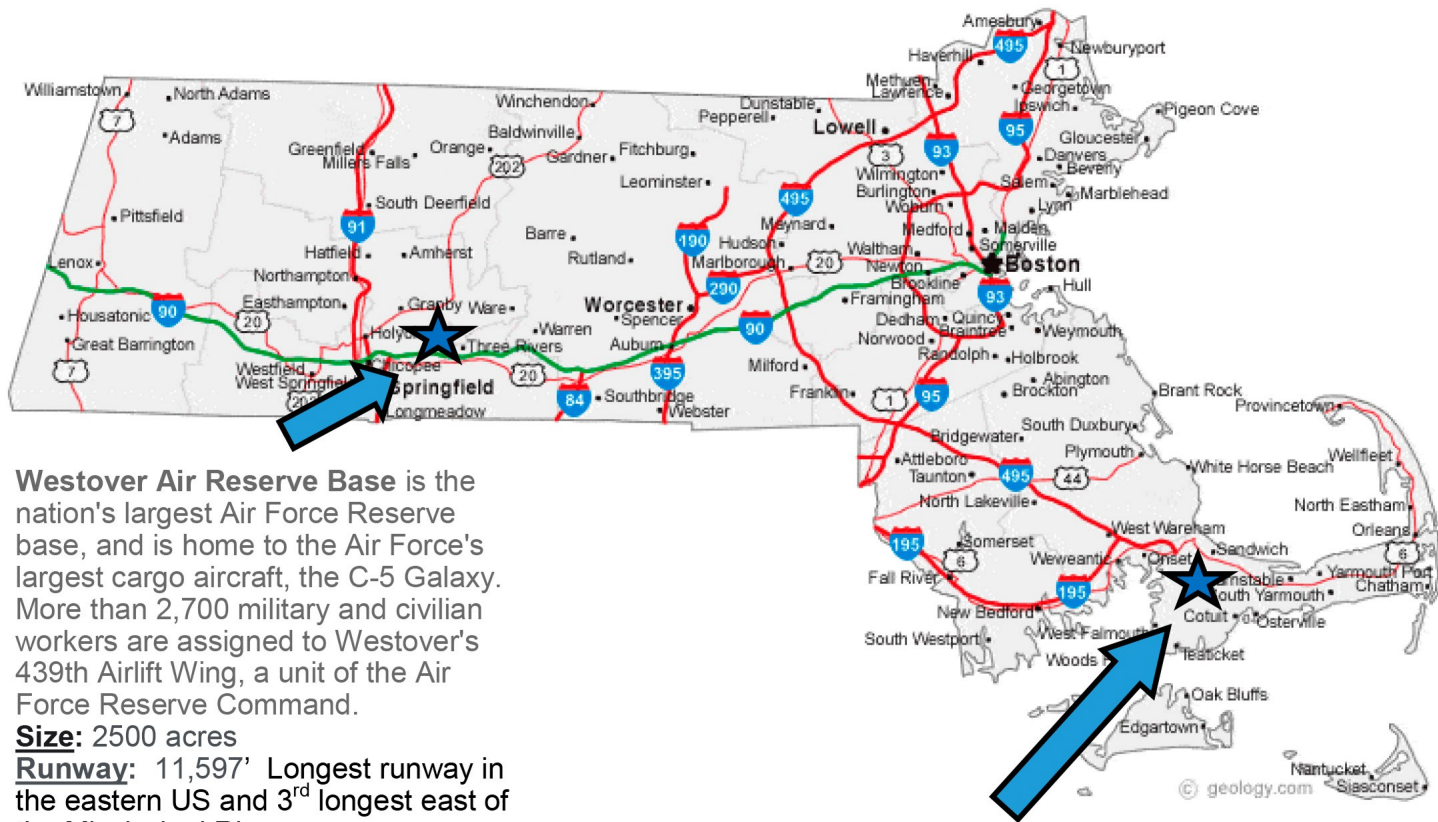


A tale of two Air Reserve Bases

One with rail service and one without.



Westover Air Reserve Base is the nation's largest Air Force Reserve base, and is home to the Air Force's largest cargo aircraft, the C-5 Galaxy. More than 2,700 military and civilian workers are assigned to Westover's 439th Airlift Wing, a unit of the Air Force Reserve Command.

Size: 2500 acres

Runway: 11,597' Longest runway in the eastern US and 3rd longest east of the Mississippi River

Built: 1939

RR: 3 mile spur to the B&M RR's Conn River Division mainline was abandoned and pulled out several years ago.

Joint Base Cape Cod aka Otis Airbase. Air National Guard F-15 Fighter squadron moved to Westfield Mass after 9/11. Today this a major training area for Army National Guard soldiers in the Northeast, here soldiers practice maneuvering exercises and bivouacking, or camping, and use the small arms ranges. The northern 15,000 acres of the JBCC is the largest piece of undeveloped land on Cape Cod and is home to 37 state-listed species living in a variety of habitats throughout the base. The JBCC also sits atop an underground aquifer that supplies drinking water to Upper Cape Cod

Size: 22,000 acres

Runway: 9,501 ft

Built: 1911

RR: State owned, with a 3rd party operator, but without any regular traffic.