

The Bay Circuit Trail and Greenway (BCT)

The BCT is a 230+-mile long multi-use trail in Greater Boston where you can walk, hike, ride, ski, birdwatch or just get some fresh air.

It traverses 38 city and towns from Newburyport to Duxbury/Kingston Bay.

The idea for the Bay Circuit Trail & Greenway was proposed in 1929. Thereafter, the vision was proposed as an “outer Emerald Necklace.”

An early architect of the trail was Benton MacKaye, who helped develop the Appalachian Trail.



The Bay Circuit Alliance

Founded by the National Park Service and volunteers in the 90's. Transitioned to the Appalachian Mountain Club in 2012.

Member Organizations

(Acton, MA)

- [Town of Acton](#)
- [Acton Conservation Trust](#)
- [Friends of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail](#)

(Andover, MA)

- [Andover Trails Committee](#)
- [Andover Village Improvement Society](#)

(Ashland, MA)

- [Ashland Open Space Committee](#)
- [Ashland Town Forest Committee](#)

(Bedford, MA)

- [Town of Bedford](#)

(Billerica, MA)

- [Town of Billerica](#)

(Boston, MA)

- [Appalachian Mountain Club](#)
- [Trust For Public Land](#)

(Boxford, MA)

- [Town of Boxford](#)
- [BTA/BOLT, Inc.](#)

(Canton, MA)

- [Neponset River Watershed Association](#)

(Concord, MA)

- [Concord Division of Natural Resources](#)
- [Concord Land Conservation Trust](#)

(Duxbury, MA)

- [Wildlands Trust of SE Massachusetts](#)

(East Bridgewater, MA)

- [East Bridgewater Conservation Commission](#)

(Easton, MA)

- [Easton Conservation Commission](#)

(Essex, MA)

- [Essex County Greenbelt Association](#)

(Framingham, MA)

- [Framingham Conservation Commission](#)

(Hanson, MA)

- [Hanson Open Space Committee](#)

(Hudson, MA)

- [Friends of the Assabet River NWR](#)

(Ipswich, MA)

- [Ipswich Conservation Commission](#)
- [Essex County Trails Association](#)

(Kingston, MA)

- [Kingston Conservation Commission](#)

(Leominster, MA)

- [Trustees of Reservations](#)

(Lincoln, MA)

- [Lincoln Land Conservation Trust](#)
- [Massachusetts Audubon Society](#)

(Lowell, MA)

- [Lowell Parks & Conservation Trust](#)

(Medfield, MA)

- Friends of Medfield Forests & Trails

(Medfield, MA)

- [Bay Colony Rail Association Inc.](#)

(North Andover, MA)

- [Friends of North Andover Trails](#)

(Newbury, MA)

- [Newbury Conservation Commission](#)

(Newburyport, MA) - [Newburyport Conservation Commission](#)

(Pembroke, MA)

- [Pembroke Open Space Committee](#)

(Sharon, MA)

- Sharon Friends of Conservation

(Sherborn, MA)

- [Sherborn Forest and Trails Association](#)

(Southborough, MA)

- [Southborough Open Land Foundation](#)

(Sudbury, MA)

- [Sudbury Conservation Commission](#)
- [Sudbury Valley Trustees](#)

(Walpole, MA)

- [Walpole Conservation Commission](#)

(Wayland, MA)

- [Wayland Conservation Commission](#)

(West Bridgewater, MA)

- [West Bridgewater Department of Conservation, Preservation & Recreation](#)

(Westford, MA)

- [Westford Conservation Trust](#)

(Weston, MA)

- [Weston Conservation Commission](#)

Land Trust Partnership Projects

- Land Protection
- Trail Placement and re-route
- Trail Stewardship
- Trail promotion

A blue accessible trail marker with a white arrow pointing right, set against a background of a paved path and greenery. The marker is part of a series of similar markers along the path.

**ACCESSIBLE
OUTDOORS**

COME JOIN

**NATIONAL
TRAILS DAY
ON THE BCT**

With Spencer Pierce
Little Farm & Parker
River National
Wildlife Refuge

Saturday June 3rd
10am - 3pm
Northern Terminus -
Newburyport, MA

A day of events for people with
disabilities and allies



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