

## Map 7 - Concord, Lincoln, Wayland - BAY CIRCUIT TRAIL route

North to South: trail is marked with white rectangular blazes in Lincoln and BC logos at trailheads in Wayland. Signs indicating BCT to be posted in Walden Reservation.

### Bicycle BCT route:

**Bicyclists** should note that Walden Pond, some Lincoln properties, and all Wayland-owned conservation lands prohibit bicycles. Lincoln trail uses are posted. The BCT therefore has two routes from Rte 2 to Rte 20.

Bicyclists should follow Rte 126 south from Rte 2. Just past Walden Park headquarters, the excellent bike path (paved from Baker Bridge Rd south) begins on the east side of Rte 126. Follow this bike trail south as it roughly parallels Rte 126, sometimes meandering into woodlands or thru fields. Use caution at all road crossings. At jct of Rte 126 and Old Concord Rd, bicyclists may rejoin BCT hikers (see jct C below) or continue south on Rte 126.

Bike route and hiking route diverge again at Rte 117 because bicycles are not allowed on Farrar Pond trails. Bicyclists should use paved bike trail on south side of Rte 117 to proceed east about 1 mile to jct with Rte 126, then turn right to head south on bike route parallel to Rte 126.

Bike route enters Wayland south of Rte 117 jct, where the Wayland bike route/sidewalk begins. Continues south on this toward the center of Wayland.

Where 126 and 27 merge, continue south a short distance to jct with Rte 20. Right on Rte 20 about 200 yds; left on Pelham Island Rd, which skirts Heard Pond and enters Great Meadows Wildlife Refuge.

See end of Wayland route for directions to next section of BCT.

### BCT hikers/skiers route only:

**Concord and Lincoln:** north to south

distances approximate in Walden Pond State Reservation

Trail exits Hapgood-Wright Town Forest (Concord). Turn left. Cross Rte 2 with great caution: this junction has multiple lights, including left turn only lights, and heavy traffic.

**A** 42°26.67 71°20.42

0.0 Jct Rte 2 and Rte 126. Enter **Walden Pond State Reservation:** Look for BCT sign on right (*note: dogs are prohibited from Walden Reservation*). Follow tr about 300 ft to woods rd. Right on woods rd about 800 ft

0.2 Tr jct. Take right fork a short distance to another fork. (Henry David Thoreau's house site is a short distance on the right. He lived here for two years, two months, and two days in 1845-47, a stay recorded in his book Walden). BCT goes straight toward Walden Pond, leaving woods rd to follow shoreline tr. Ignore side trails to right. Eventually shoreline tr parallels active RR tracks.

*CAUTION: This is an active MBTA commuter rail line. The Budd Liners move at relatively high speeds here from either direction, and winter snows deaden the sound of approaching trains. BCT hikers do not need to cross these tracks. Hikers wishing to explore Adams Woods should use great caution in crossing these tracks at the established trail crossing, or may access Adams Woods from a point farther along the BCT*

0.75 As tr begins to move east away from RR tracks take right fork and leave the shoreline tr. In about 20 ft turn left onto Esker Trail

- 1.1 BCT turns right onto fire rd just after Emerson's Cliff Trail. (Esker Tr continues left to swimming beach, rest rooms, park headquarters, parking lot. Parking fee in summer)
- 1.3 Fire rd reaches Rte 126 and leaves Walden Res.

**Lincoln:** distances measured. Trail is blazed with white rectangular markers. Double blazes indicate turn in direction of upper blaze

**B** 42°26.13 71°20.13

0.0 Cross Rte 126 (*CAUTION: This road is well used and not all drivers observe speed limits*). Hikers join BCT bicycle route coming from Rte 2. Post #15 identifies very short trail into woods perpendicular to Rte 126. Turn right (south) onto trail parallel to Rte 126

Trail crosses esker. After crossing driveway keep right. Go thru stone wall. Tr crosses large conservation field (**North Field**). Cross Baker Bridge Rd. Trail is now paved bike path with blue bike path markers thru **South Field**. Continue south parallel to Rte 126. Cross RR tracks on Rte 126.

0.8 Bike path passes service station

**C** 42°25.37 71°20.33

1.0 Jct of Rte 126 and Old Concord Rd. (trail left goes to **Codman** properties) BCT crosses Rte 126 onto paved road. Follow Old Concord Rd a short distance, passing "Lincoln Cons. Land" sign and a field on left (parking is allowed except Sunday a.m. at St. Ann's Church on Rte 126, just south of Old Concord Rd jct)

1.1 Left onto dirt farm rd that borders field. Bikes are allowed. Map is posted here. Continue along tr (farm house on right) toward woods in distance (tr crosses Beech Tree Tr)

(1.4 Just before BCT enters woods, trail to right goes toward Fairhaven Rd, goes left briefly along rd, and then continues on other side toward **Adams Woods**)

1.4 Enter woods of **Mt. Misery**. Go straight onto Kettle Trail, a wide trail thru woods marked by blue bike signs. Ignore intersecting trails.

(1.45 Tr left climbs up Mt. Misery)

1.6 At jct with post marked "F9" Kettle Tr goes right. BCT goes left on tr marked with blue bike signs. Ignore intersecting trails. Pass small pond on left; continue straight. At end of pond, continue straight on path toward parking lot (P= many) (you will hear sounds of traffic on Rte 117 to your left thru this area)

(*South to North hikers note: At parking lot, look for trail sign left of tr. Follow tr toward north side of pond; continue straight on Wolf Pine Tr along north side of pond, then left onto tr with blue bike signs. Right onto Kettle Trail*)

Where cars enter parking lot resume tr parallel to Rte 117 east toward Sudbury River canoe landing

**D** 42°25.15 71°21.68

2.4 Canoe launch parking lot marked with large wood sign

Cross Rte 117 just beyond parking lot to access **Farrar Pond**. Enter a private driveway at #17 & #19 mailboxes. Fire lane is posted. *Bicycles not allowed on this part of trail. Bicyclists should turn left onto paved bike path parallel to Rte 117. Continue to jct with Rte 126, then right on Rte 126 into Wayland.*

### Map 7 BCT route continued

Continue on driveway to Y near houses. At end of driveway and entrance to #17, turn left onto trail between fences; continue along fence (pasture on left). At end of fence, tr goes around end of Farrar Pond, crossing spillway. Follow wider trail uphill. Turn right at top. Trail ends at pavement

- 2.8 Continue straight along pavement (a driveway marked as #4 fire lane). Bear left until driveway reaches circle at end of Birchwood Lane. Walk along Birchwood Lane
- 3.3 Turn right onto tr into woods

**E** 42°24.50 71°21.30

- 3.9 Trail exits woods at small parking area on Kettlehole Dr. Go right on Kettlehole Dr about 100 yds and turn left onto Oxbow Rd. BCT enters Wayland

*Wayland: BCT logos at trailheads; trails and connecting roads not yet blazed with standard white BCT rectangles*

*Distances approximate. Bicycles not allowed on conservation land. Bicyclists should follow route described on preceding page.*

- E** 0.0 jct. From jct of Kettlehole Dr and Oxbow Rd follow Oxbow Rd east and turn right onto Campbell Rd. At sharp right bend in Campbell Rd look for water dept access rd on left. Ignore "no trespassing" sign
- 0.5 Tr leaves access rd (right) before pump house. Enter **Trout Brook** conservation area. Tr crosses wetlands and brook on 120 ft long boardwalk, then rises and passes thru mature forest in heavily kettle-holed terrain. Some trail jcts are lettered. At trail jct A about 700 feet past brook follow "red" trail straight uphill to jct B. Right on "yellow" tr. At jct M bear right on "yellow" tr to jct of Sherman's Bridge Rd, Oxbow, and Alpine Rd (main trailhead for Trout Brook Cons.Area)
- 1.1 Cross Sherman's Bridge Rd to Alpine Rd; proceed on Alpine about 400 ft.

**F** 42°23.75 71°21.45

- Enter **Castle Hill** conservation area on left (P near ballfield about 200 yds past tr entrance). *Note: this property is subject to flooding due to beaver activity, which closes the area much of the time. If area is flooded, use temporary route. Go left (east) 0.3 mile on Sherman's Bridge Rd to Rte 126, right on Rte 126 about .75 mile to Moore Rd. Continue at mile 2.1 below.* Tr is a colonial-era road that proceeds east, then south to end of Schoolhouse Pond, then east thru wetlands on bog bridge sections to emerge on Rte 126 (tr from the southern end of pond directly to Rte 126 has been closed by beavers, so alternative route on Sherman's Bridge Rd and Moore Rd must be used for now)
- 1.7 At Rte 126, turn right
- 2.1 Right onto Moore Rd
- 2.5 Right on dirt rd just north of #46 Moore Rd to parking area for **Sedge Meadow** conservation area. Tr thru Sedge Meadow skirts NE side of field, loops thru town water dept land (ignore no trespass sign just before tr heads left, away from dirt rd), then heads generally SW thru wetlands, woodlands, and around edges of fields. Tr may be very wet in spring
- 3.8 Tr passes a monument describing Sedge Meadow acquisition, then curves west, south, and east to emerge on Glezen Lane at **Black Cat Farm** cons.area. Parking for several cars
- 4.2 Right onto Glezen Lane to jct Rte 27. P about 700 ft to left for Cow Common cons. area

**G** 42°22.37 71°22.28

- 4.6 Cross Rte 27. Enter **Cow Common** cons. area. Tr goes west along field, then south along same field. As tr turns east, BCT turns right (south) thru wooded area, over a stream. Continue south across field and into another wooded area. Left at T-jct in woods to dirt rd thru community gardens (Tr to right at T jct is proposed future BCT route)

- 5.5 Turn right on Rte 27; take left fork 0.1 mi (Bow Rd) to Concord Rd (Rte 126) thru 17th century historic district

*Trail now ends at H. Follow the temporary trail to K at the Wayland/Sudbury town line.*

**H** 42°21.78 71°21.70

- 5.9 Right on Rte 126 to town center.
- 6.3 Right on Rte 20 briefly. Cross Rte 20, go SW on Pelham Island Rd
- 6.9 Rd crosses Sudbury River on one-lane bridge

**J** 42°21.27 71°22.47

- 7.2 Left on Heard Rd to end (P=12)
- 7.3 Tr leaves west side of parking lot, enters small clearing, and either loops S, then W and N, around large field of **Heard Farm** for .9 mile or goes west .1 mile to Erwin Rd
- 7.4 or 8.2 Right on Erwin Rd(dirt) about 100 yds; left on Pelham Island Rd, which skirts Heard Pond and enters Great Meadows Wildlife Refuge about 0.8 mile from Wayland/Sudbury town line

**K** 42°21.23 71°23.40

*As of Fall 2007, BCT ends here and resumes in Sudbury at Weissblatt conservation Land on Rte 20. Trail users may continue on temporary trail marked with white blazes. Take Pelham Island Rd about 0.5 mile to end, turn right on Landham Rd about 0.3 mile to reach Rte 20 in Sudbury, and then turn left to follow Rte 20 west about 2.2 miles to junction with Horse Pond Rd. Continue about 30 yds past Horse Pond Rd, turn left into driveway of Weissblatt land (P=10), and follow trails blazed with salamander logos to Nobscot trail system. BCT loop trail on Nobscot hill eventually links to Brimstone Lane (parking=12). See map 8.*

## Map 7 - Concord, Lincoln, Sudbury, Wayland, Weston - THE JEWELS

**Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge -Sudbury Unit** (US Fish & Wildlife Service; 3,486 acres both units) - wetlands, uplands, bottomland hardwoods along 12 miles of Sudbury River. Established in 1944 primarily as a sanctuary for migratory and wetland birds. Highest public use of all refuges in the wildlife complex. Dogs must be leashed. No horses. Maps of both this unit and the northern (Concord) unit are available at HQ/visitor center, Weir Hill Rd, Sudbury. 978-443-4661

### **Concord and Lincoln:**

**Walden Pond State Reservation** (MA DCR; 411 acres) - Trails around the historic pond, beach, fishing, replica of Thoreau's cabin. Bicycles and dogs prohibited. Parking lot (fee in summer); access from Rte 126, south of Rte 2 jct. 978-369-3254. Free map at headquarters; also online at [www.mass.gov/dcr](http://www.mass.gov/dcr) Click on Trails

**Adams Woods** (Lincoln Cons.Com; 87 acres, and Concord Land Conservation Trust) - Trails link Walden Pond State Res. and Mt. Misery. Interesting glacially formed terrain includes a kame terrace and a string of kettlehole bogs. Thoreau described and named the bogs the Andromeda Ponds in 1855. Parking at Walden Pond (fee in summer), Rte 117 Mt. Misery lot, and limited parking at trail entrance on Old Concord Rd in Lincoln and at Concord Land Conservation Trust entrance off Fairhaven Rd in Concord

### **Concord:**

**Willow-Guzzle land** (Concord Land Conservation Trust) - trail between Sudbury Rd and Garfield Rd

**Hapgood-Wright town forest** (Concord Commission on Natural Resources) - Includes **Fairyland Pond** with trails around pond and thru woodlands. Parking

**Lincoln:** *detailed maps and trail descriptions as well as historic and naturalist information on these properties can be found in [A Guide to Conservation Land in Lincoln](#) trailguide. Bicycles are allowed on some but not all trails. Obey signs*

**DeCordova and Dana Museum and Park** (30 acres) - Extensive sculpture garden on beautiful grounds surrounding the museum. Museum closed Mondays. Summer concerts in the amphitheater. Numerous art programs. Gift shop. No fee to enjoy the grounds. Entrance on Sandy Pond Rd. 781-259-8355

**Flint's Pond conservation areas** (Cons.Com. and Lincoln Land Conservation Trust; about 370 acres among 10 parcels) - extensive varied woodlands and wetlands surrounding Flint Pond (town water supply; swimming, boating, and dogs not allowed in pond). Thoreau's first choice for his cabin; denied permission, he settled at Walden Pond. Access from DeCordova Museum lower parking lot. Additional parking at pull-offs along Sandy Pond Rd and behind Brooks School gym

**Pine Hill** (Cons.Com; 72 acres) - woodlands east of Walden Pond Res. with views from the Concord reservoir at its summit. Trails also connect with Flint Pond areas and with Baker Bridge north fields. Parking at Walden Pond (fee in summer) and at pull-offs along Sandy Pond Rd

**Mt. Misery** (Cons.Com; 227 acres) - agricultural fields, woods, hills, and ponds. Wide well-maintained woods roads offer good walking, x-country skiing, and equestrian opportunities. No swimming in ponds or in adjacent Sudbury River. Canoe launch site parking on Rte 117, but long portage from parking to launch. Main parking lot on Rte 117. Parking also on Rte 126 at jct Codman Rd.

**Farrar Pond** - creative zoning decisions allowed preservation of the pond's south shore and a public walking trail with beautiful pond views (no horses or bikes allowed along this fragile shoreline). Trail links to Dean Land (14 acres) on east side of Rte 126. Use canoe launch site parking lot on Rte 117 or small lot on Kettlehole Dr south of pond

**Codman House "The Grange" and surrounding conservation land** (Historic New England and Cons.Com; 165 acres) - Historic house and gardens in a park-like setting. Codman Rd, off Rte 117 or off Rte 126. Open June-Oct. Fee. Adjacent conservation land has good trail network. Parking for trail use at Lincoln Schools lots, in commuter rail lots, behind St. Anne's church on Rte 126 (except Sundays), and on shoulder of Codman Rd 781-259-8843 [www.historicnewengland.org](http://www.historicnewengland.org)

**Drumlin Farm** (Massachusetts Audubon; 232 acres) - working farm with educational programs for children and adults. Short woodland trails as well as farm road suitable for strollers and wheelchairs. Horses, dogs, bicycles prohibited. Closed Mondays except holidays. Fee for non-members. Entrance on Rte 117. 781-259-9807 Map online: [www.massaudubon.org](http://www.massaudubon.org)

**Beaver Pond, Twin Pond, and Browning Fields** (Lincoln Land Conservation Trust and Cons. Com; about 72 acres) - this group of woodlands and fields has an extensive trail network, thanks to the generosity of private landowners in the area. Parking at riding ring at north end of Browning Field North on Weston Rd, along shoulder of Weston Rd (but not on gravel rd off Weston), and at the ice cream stand on Rte 117 at Weston/Lincoln line. Trails also link to LLCT and Cons.Com. land on east side of Weston Rd and Silver Hill Rd

**Sudbury:** *individual maps with historic and naturalist information available for Cons.Com land. Some SVT properties also have individual maps available*

**Pantry Brook Wildlife Management Area** (MA Fisheries and Wildlife; over 400 acres) - Hunting allowed here (no hunting on Sundays). Hikers should use caution. Rough trails.

**Round Hill** (Sudbury Valley Trustees; 29 acres) and **Lincoln Meadows** (Cons.Com; 78 acres) - Only 100 ft above surrounding terrain but views from Round Hill reach miles across river, meadows, and rolling hills. Excellent birding. Parking at Lincoln Meadows on Lincoln Rd or at Great Meadows HQ on Weir Hill Rd

**King Philip Woods** (Cons.Com; 81 acres) - trails to viewpoint over Sudbury River marshes and to historic cellar holes. In 1999 beavers were making some trails inaccessible. Map near parking area, Rte 27

**Davis Farm Cons. land** (Cons.Com; 61 acres) - trails thru woodlands. Link to Barton Farm Cons. land. Dirt parking lot off Rte 117. Adjacent to playing fields (42 acres) and large parking lot off Rte 117

**Frost Farm** (Cons.Com, town, private land) - loop trails and connection to White Pond and future rail-trail. Fields

and wetlands. Parking at end of access rd off Rte 117 (nearly across from Davis playing fields)

**Gray Reservation** (SVT; 52 acres) - old woods rd, foot paths, and paved walkways offer a variety of walking routes on the 35 acres south of Hudson Rd. Includes a link to Haynes Meadow. SVT trail map. Parking near jct Old Lancaster Rd and Hudson Rd (west of this map)

**Haynes Meadow** (Cons.Com; 37 acres) - marshes, swamps, Hop Brook, and eskers. Trail links to Gray Reservation (SVT map) to northeast and to Curtis Middle School on west. Respect privacy of house on east side near parking area. Limited parking at lot off trail driveway (off Peakham Rd) and at end of Blueberry Hill Lane (west of this map)

**Wayland:** *please note Wayland Conservation Commission rules: Bicycle use on Cons.Com lands requires a special permit. These activities are prohibited: littering, disturbing vegetation or wildlife, swimming, fires, smoking, alcohol, fireworks, guns or other weapons, hunting, trapping, motorized vehicles. Between dawn and dusk trail users may hike, walk pets (under voice or leash control), picnic, snowshoe, ski, and ice skate. Trail markers identify per-mitted uses: Triangular = footpaths (no horses). Five-sided markers = horse and pedestrian trails. Circular overlay = trails thru private land or sensitive habitat--stay on trail. Individual maps with historic and naturalist information on these properties available from Cons.Com. office and at Wayland Library. SVT offers maps of some of its properties*

**Upper Mill Brook** (Cons. Com and SVT; 115 acres) - 3 miles of loop trails thru diverse habitats, brook, ponds, glacial formations. Beaver activity. Horses allowed on marked trails. P at Peace Lutheran Church (except Sunday a.m.) on Rte 126. Map at SVT website: [www.sudburyvalleytrustees.org](http://www.sudburyvalleytrustees.org)

**Trout Brook** (SVT, Cons.Com, water dept) - Color-coded trails include section of BCT. Parking at Castle Hill; access from Sherman's Bridge Rd

**Castle Hill Cons. Area** (SVT, Cons.Com, water dept, school dept; 45 acres) - trails thru woodlands and along an esker. Links Trout Brook cons. area and Sedge Meadow. No horses. Beaver activity may close these trails periodically. Parking on Alpine Rd at ballfield

**Sedge Meadow** (Cons.Com and SVT; 93 acres) - active and fallow farm fields and woodlands. Good wildlife viewing. Horses allowed on marked trails. Parking off Glezen Lane

**Black Cat Farm/Sedge Meadow Access** (SVT; .9 acre) - Access on north side of Glezen Lane .4 miles from rte 27

**Cow Common** (Cons.Com; 65 acres) - Several loop trails thru hay fields, woodlands, and community gardens. Good birdwatching. No horses. Parking off Rte 27

**Heard Farm** (Cons.Com; 85 acres) - 2.5 miles of trails thru active hay fields and woodlands. Parking at end of Heard Rd

**Greenways Cons. Area** (Cons.Com and SVT; 98 acres) - part of the former Paine estate. Diverse habitats include field and a wooded knoll with views of Sudbury River. Informal canoe landing slated for improvement. No horses. Temporary parking at St. Ann's Church across Rtes 126 and 27, s of Rte 20. Planned parking at cul-de-sac in development under construction. Cons.Com map and SVT map

**Mainstone Cons. Area** (Cons.Com, Water Dept, and SVT) - patchwork of several parcels, varied terrain. Parking on Rice Rd north of reservoir. Parking also at Church of the Holy Spirit, except Sun a.m. No on-street parking at trailheads

**Weston:** *Trails map (about \$10) and 1999 trail guide with maps (\$15) may still be available at Town Hall. Mountain biking is discouraged on Weston trails.*

**Cat Rock Park** - trails with view. Parking at end of Drabington Way near ballfield

**Town conservation land,** woodlands and wetlands, northwest corner of Weston. Extensive trail network thru numerous properties, some numbered jcts. Trails connect to Cherry Brook area and Weston College area

**Weston Reservoir** - walking trails around the reservoir as well as connection via aquaduct to Doublet Hill and Elliston Woods. Access from Wellesley St and Ash St

**Regis College and Sunset Corner** - numbered trail jcts; many loop trails possible. Access from Regis College (off Wellesley St), South Ave, Highland St, Audubon St

## Map 7 - Concord, Lincoln, Sudbury, Wayland, Weston - FOR MORE INFORMATION

**Public transportation:** train service from Boston to Lincoln

**Maps and trailguides:**

- Relevant USGS **topo maps** 7.5 x 15 Maynard & Framingham
- Maps of **Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge**, both the Sudbury unit and the Concord unit, are available free at HQ/visitor center, Weir Hill Rd, Sudbury 978-443-4661
- **Wayland** Conservation Commission has detailed maps of individual conservation areas, with cultural and natural history info on back. About 25-50 cents each at Cons. Com office in town office bldg near jct Rtes 126/27 and 20 and at library [www.wayland.ma.us/conservation](http://www.wayland.ma.us/conservation)
- **Sudbury** Conservation Commission has free detailed maps of individual conservation areas, with cultural and natural history info on back. Available at Conservation Commission office, Sudbury library, Fairbanks Senior Center, and town clerk's office. Also on website [www.sudbury.ma.us/services/conservation/custom/conservation.asp](http://www.sudbury.ma.us/services/conservation/custom/conservation.asp)
- Large colored open space map of **Lincoln** with trails in detail, available for about \$3 at Cons. Com. office in town hall
- **A Guide to Conservation Land in Lincoln** published by Lincoln Land Conservation Trust, about \$12, may still be available at Town Hall, Drumlin Farm, DeCordova Museum, Lincoln Guide Service, and other places. BCT not shown specifically, but it is an excellent detailed guide with numerous maps and suggested routes as well as cultural and natural history info
- Walden Pond State Reservation **trail map** available free at park headquarters on Rte 126 and online [www.mass.gov/dcr](http://www.mass.gov/dcr) Click on "Trails"
- Mass. Dept. of Conservation and Recreation website includes information and **map** of Walden Pond trails as

well as numerous other state parks. Includes events such as guided hikes. [www.mass.gov/dcr](http://www.mass.gov/dcr) Click on "Trails"

- Large colored open space **map** of Weston prepared by the Weston Forest and Trail Assn in 1993. Ask in Weston Town Hall conservation office. About \$10. Shows trails.
- Trailguide *Walks on Weston Conservation Land* (1999) describes 18 recommended walks, with maps, natural features, and history. May still be available at town hall, Drumlin Farm, Dragon Books in Weston center
- Drumlin Farm map online: [www.massaudubon.org](http://www.massaudubon.org)
- **Sudbury Valley Trustees** publish individual maps of many of their properties and large-scale map of open space. Order maps and books on website: [www.sudburyvalleytrustees.org](http://www.sudburyvalleytrustees.org) 978-443-5588

#### **Trail and land/water protection organizations:**

**Mass. Dept of Conservation and Recreation** manages Walden Pond State Reservation. Park headquarters on Rte 126, south of Rte 2 jct across street from pond 978-369-3254  
Map online [www.mass.gov/dcr](http://www.mass.gov/dcr) Click on "trails"

**Concord Commission on Natural Resources** 141 Keyes Rd, Concord 01742 978-318-3285

**Concord Land Conservation Trust** is a member-supported non-profit group that protects open space in Concord. POBox 141 Concord 01742.

**Lincoln Land Conservation Trust** protects 375 acres of open space and 60 miles of trails in Lincoln. Volunteers offer educational programs in schools and maintain all town trails. Non-profit group accepts contributions. 781-259-0199

**Rural Land Foundation** in Lincoln serves as a clearinghouse for acquisition and protection of land slated for development. It seeks to optimize land preservation and develop remaining land sensitively, turning over open space to Lincoln Land Conservation Trust.

**Lincoln Conservation Commission** protects 1600 acres of land, wetlands and rivers in town

**Wayland Conservation Commission** has acquired over 2000 acres, offers many free programs, including guided hikes and bird walks in spring and fall. Pick up list of seasonal programs at Cons.Com office near jct. Rte 126/27 and 20. 508-358-3669

**Sudbury Conservation Commission** office is in town office bldg in old center. 978-443-8891 x371. Some maps on website [www.sudbury.ma.us/services/conservation/custom/conservation.asp](http://www.sudbury.ma.us/services/conservation/custom/conservation.asp)

**Sudbury Valley Trustees** has been protecting the natural resources of the Sudbury, Assabet, and Concord River Valleys since 1953. Bicycles are prohibited on SVT land. They publish trail maps of many of their properties (for sale on their website). Members receive newsletters, maps, outings and events listings. Membership starts at \$40. 18 Wohlbach Rd Sudbury 01776. 978-443-5588 [www.sudburyvalleytrustees.org](http://www.sudburyvalleytrustees.org)

**Weston Forest and Trail Assn** was founded in 1955 to foster protection of open space and development of a trail system in Weston. Currently owns over 100 acres in 32 parcels and maintains 65 miles of trails on its land as well as town land. Maps on line. Guided walks. Details and membership info on website [www.westonforesttrail.org](http://www.westonforesttrail.org)

**Weston Land Trust.** [www.westonlandtrust.org](http://www.westonlandtrust.org)

**Weston Conservation Commission**, town hall 781-893-7320 x322

**Massachusetts Audubon**, the largest conservation organization in New England, works to preserve the natural world through conservation, education, and environmental advocacy. It protects over 33,000 acres of land in Massachusetts and maintains 45 wildlife sanctuaries that are open to the public. Members receive a beautiful bi-monthly magazine and reduced fees for programs. Frequent programs for individuals and families at Drumlin Farm on Rte 117 in Lincoln, as well as at other sanctuaries. To become a member call 1-800-AUDUBON or visit the web site: [www.massaudubon.org](http://www.massaudubon.org) Maps online.

**Historic New England** (formerly The Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities) preserves many historic places in New England, including the Codman House in Lincoln. 781-259-8843 website: [www.historicnewengland.org](http://www.historicnewengland.org)

**US Fish and Wildlife Service**, administers Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge. Public welcome at regional headquarters off Weir Hill Rd, Sudbury 978-443-4661

**MA Dept of Fish and Game**, Acton region, administers Pantry Brook State Wildlife Management Area. 978-263-4347

**SuAsCo Watershed Community Council** - collaboration of businesses, towns, environmental organizations, and state, federal and regional government to manage environmental issues in the Sudbury-Assabet-Concord River Watershed. They seek to protect natural resources, restore water quality and flow, coordinate land use and water resource planning across community boundaries, encourage stewardship of the recreational and historic character of the watershed, promote education on watershed issues, and channel financial and technical assistance to solve problems. Task forces welcome volunteers. Office at Suite 200, 118 Great Rd, Stow 01775 [www.SuAsCo.org](http://www.SuAsCo.org)

Members of the Boston chapter of the **Appalachian Mountain Club** lead guided walks in this area frequently, open to the public. For details look in "Events" column of local newspapers or join the AMC to receive monthly magazine *Outdoors*, listing walks and events throughout New England, NY, NJ, and PA. Contact AMC, 5 Joy St., Boston MA 02108 617-523-0655 x 303 web site: [www.outdoors.org](http://www.outdoors.org)

**Charles River Wheelmen** - very active group of bicyclists that lead rides of varying lengths throughout BC area. Excellent website lists rides, membership & other info [www.crw.org](http://www.crw.org)

**Bay Circuit Alliance** headquarters is located in the Moor and Mountain store at 3 Railroad St., Andover, across the tracks from the converted old RR station. 978-470-1982 <[baycircuit@juno.com](mailto:baycircuit@juno.com)> [www.baycircuit.org](http://www.baycircuit.org)