

Bay Circuit Trail & Greenway

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BCT NORTHERN TERMINUS

EVENTS – AUGUST & SEPT

Aug 6th – Transit to Trail Hike: Boston to Lincoln on the BCT (w/ Amber Stearns)

Aug 7th – Thursday Morning Hike at Noon Hill & Shattuck Reservation (w / Annemarie McKee & Madelyn Atwood)

Aug 9th – Trail Run on the Bay Circuit Trail north (w/ Shannon MacKenzie, Maya Gelbard)

Aug 9th – Saturday Morning Work Party on the BCT: Transit to Trails (w/ Amber Stearns)

Aug 15th – Emerson Thoreau Amble (w/ Pam Richardson & Jon Unger)

Aug 16th – Lets Hike Ward Reservation (w/ Richard Lombard)

Aug 17th – Hike & Blaze the BCT (w/ Amber Stearns)

Aug 20th – Learn to Ride: Beginner bike class for kids at BCT Northern Terminus (w/ Sarah Dolan)

Aug 23rd – Pedal Power @ Museum of Science

Aug 27th – Transit to Trails: Boston to Lincoln on the BCT (w/ Amber Stearns)

Sept 3rd – Learn to Ride: Beginner bike class for kids at BCT Northern Terminus (w/ Sarah Dolan)

Sept 6th – BCT's Northern End: A Guided Joint Hike with AMC & Parker River NWR (w/ Sarah Dolan & Ella Webber)

Sept 6th – Sat Morning Maintenance - Medfield (w/ Amber Stearns)

Sept 7th – Transit to Trails: Walpole MBTA to Sharon MBTA (w/ Amber Stearns)

Sept 19th -21st – AMC Trails Skills College Fall Semester in Russel MA! (w/ AMC Trails Staff) *see page 4 for details*



JULY & AUGUST EVENT RECAP

A series of volunteer events and social activities across the BCT have introduced some new friendly faces to the magic of the Bay Circuit Trail! Check out the photos and recaps from some of these events and projects:

AMC Boston Hiking & Backpacking BCT

Potluck/Slideshow: A lovely night with some of AMC Boston's folks interested in the Bay Circuit Trail and delicious food!

Medfield Trail Maintenance: Cleaning up the BCT south of Hospital Rd in Medfield; four volunteers came out to do some hefty weed whacking and sign installation.

Wayland Trail Construction: A Sunday morning spent realigning the trail access to Cow Common, Wayland. We built a new trailhead access to Wayland's updated community center and parking lot.

Transit to Trails Lincoln/Weston Hike: 9 hikers joined us on a 4.5 mile out and back hike of the BCT from the Lincoln MBTA station, through Mass Audubon's beautiful Drumlin Farm, to a junction in the scenic Van Leer/McDowell Land in Weston.

Pembroke Trail Maintenance: The BCT off Plain St in Pembroke has been refreshed! What started off as completely overgrown path is now a fully passable and scenic trail through Pembroke Conservation land. Go check it out!

Biking the Gap in Lowell: A test ride of a new temporary route through Lowell went smoothly! Check out the maps this fall for this updated recommended (temporary) route through the city while the Concord River Greenway continues to extend.

Learn to Ride Bike Class: Sarah Dolan's learn-to-ride class has been going stunningly at BCT's Northern Terminus in Newburyport. She still has two upcoming classes on **August 20th** and **September 3rd** if you need some help getting your little ones on two wheels.



TRANSIT TO TRAIL HIKE: LINCOLN



RIDING THE LOWELL GAP





PONY-HENGE: DRUMLIN FARM: LINCOLN



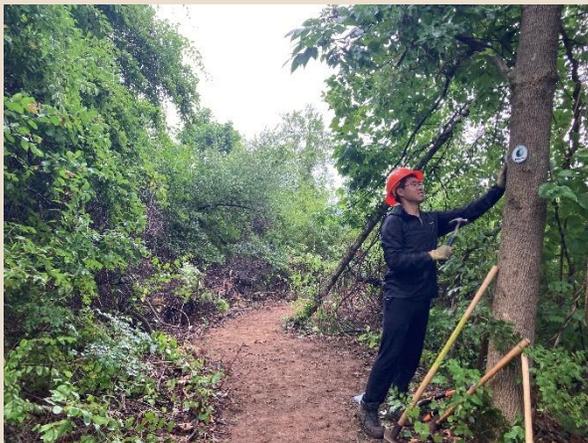
TRAIL REFRESH: MEDFIELD



TRAILHEAD RECONSTRUCTION: WAYLAND



SIGNPOST INSTALL - MEDFIELD



TRANSIT TO TRAILS ON THE BCT

Don't have a car but you want to go for a hike somewhere new? Live in Boston or near a commuter rail line? You can get to the BCT via train!

Here are some upcoming hikes and activities that are centered around the MBTA schedule:

Aug 23rd

Pedal Power @ the Museum of Science

Aug 27st

Transit to Trails Hike Lincoln & Concord

Sept 7th

Transit to Trails Hike Walpole to Sharon



TRAIL SKILLS COLLEGE: FALL SEMESTER IN WESTERN MASS

Erik Samia – AMC Trails Training Programs Supervisor

The First Annual Southern New England Trail Skills College is now open! You can register yourself and others at the link [HERE](#).

The upcoming Trail Skills College will take place in Russel, MA at the [Noble View Outdoor Center](#) from September 19th -21st, 2025. This 3-day event is filled with a variety of trainings and workshops that any trail or outdoor enthusiast would love.

This collaborative event is for the entire trails community-volunteer and professional trail stewards with all levels of experience. Whether you are just starting out and looking for ways to get involved, or a professional looking to further your skills and build your network, this event offers opportunities for everyone, and all are welcome!

We are lucky to have such a robust selection of courses and grateful to have so many of the industry's best providing instruction. For safety and best teaching practices, there will be set capacities for day programs and will be able to open up our evening programs to all who would like to participate.

*Note: Multi-Day Certification Trainings, participants must go through entire course.

If you have any questions or need any email confirmations, please feel free to reach out to our Trails Training Programs Supervisor, Erik Samia at esamia@outdoors.org.

We hope to see you at this year's "Fall Semester"!

Happy Trails!

Ipswich Open Space 25th Anniversary Summer Hiking Series

Join Ipswich Open Space on a series of summer hikes in July and August.

"Explore nature, learn from local experts, and enjoy scenic trails! All hikes are guided, family-friendly, and feature easy terrain."

Upcoming Hikes Include:

August 15th

@ Dow Brook Conservation Area

August 22nd

@ Kamon Farm/Turkey Hill Conservation Area

August 23rd

@ Dow Park to Daniel Boone Park

August 30th

@ Strawberry Hill

For more details, see the [webpage here!](#)