

Bay Circuit Trail & Greenway

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A reflection from the coordinator...

As I close in on the end of my second year as the BCT Coordinator, I am taking some time to look back and appreciate the work that goes into maintaining and protecting this trail. I've been lucky enough to get to know so many people in this community, and I am constantly inspired by the dedicated volunteers of the BCT who make this trail what it is. I am still dumbfounded by how many of you I have yet to meet.

Two years have felt like the blink of an eye. We have seen an uptick in awareness of this wonderful trail, new opportunities for reroutes and gap-closures, and the introduction of new faces to our community who I hope will continue to stay involved.

I look forward to my third year with you all, and for future opportunities to collaborate and stoke the long-burning flame of the BCT. As a head's up, November's newsletter will be replaced with our BCT 2025 End of Year Report.

EVENTS – NOVEMBER

Nov 1st – Freeman Trail Ride (w/ Brian Connolly)

Nov 4th – Fitness Hike – Walpole Town Forest (w/ Kathleen O'Keefe & Pamela Aberle)

Nov 4th – East Bridgewater Rail Trail Group Meeting (Email Amber for more information)

Nov 6th – Full Moon Hike at Borderland State Park (w/ William Cannon, Mary Plesh & Nancy Coote)

Nov 8th – Winter Workshop at Nobscot (w/ Jon Unger, Pam Richardson & Michelle Devivo)

Nov 9th – Walden Pond, Adam's Woods, and Mt Misery (w/ Michelle Devivo)

Nov 17th – Bridging the Bridgewater's Collective Meeting (email Amber for more information)

Nov 30th – NEMBA Adventure Series – The 10th Anniversary Turkey Afterburner (registration required)



HIKE/BIKE CHALLENGE NOTICE

We have already received updates from several people who have completed their 2025 BCT Hike/Bike Challenge.

A reminder that this challenge is **open until Dec 31st, 2025** – There is still plenty of time to hike or bike on the BCT in 2025! Remember to check out the challenge details [HERE](#) and to send us your final submission [HERE](#).

This winter, Amber will send out patches to all who completed the challenge and pins to our End-to-Enders! We will also host a group hike on the BCT so that you all can hike together to share your experiences from the trail and meet your fellows! We will highlight these folks in this newsletter and on our social media (with your permission, of course!)

If you have any questions about the challenge, feel free to reach out to Amber

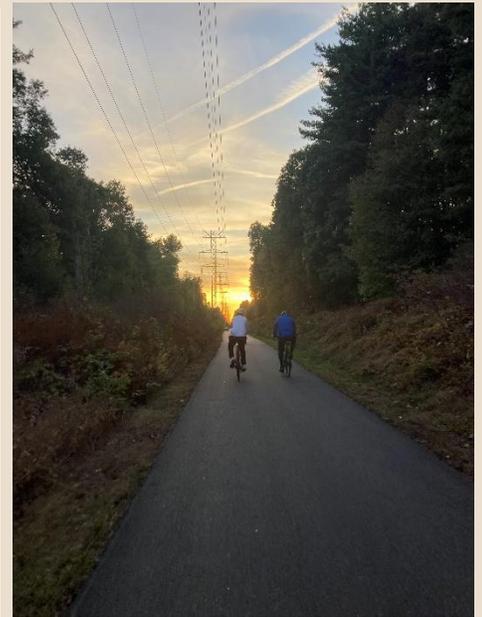
BCT PHOTO CONTEST SUBMISSIONS!

We hope you got to spend plenty of time out on the trail in 2025. If you took photos while you were out there, we encourage you to share your highlights with us. To celebrate the beauty of the trail, we are now accepting photo submissions for the [2025 BCT Photo Contest](#). The criteria to submit are as follows:

1. Photos must be taken on the Bay Circuit Trail in 2025. Please label each photo file as *lastname_location* Ex: *Stearns_BoarderlandSP*
2. Any photos with vulgar images, implications, or language are not acceptable and will be immediately removed
3. Winners will be chosen by objective members of AMC's Trails Staff (not either of the BCT Coordinators)

We will pick **five** winners to showcase on the BCT Website, Newsletter, Instagram, and Facebook, and to receive the latest BCT Merch. **The submission window is open from Oct 30th until Dec 15th 2025.** We will announce the winners on **January 16th, 2026.** You may submit your photos [HERE](#).

See the last page for some October BCT Photo Highlights!



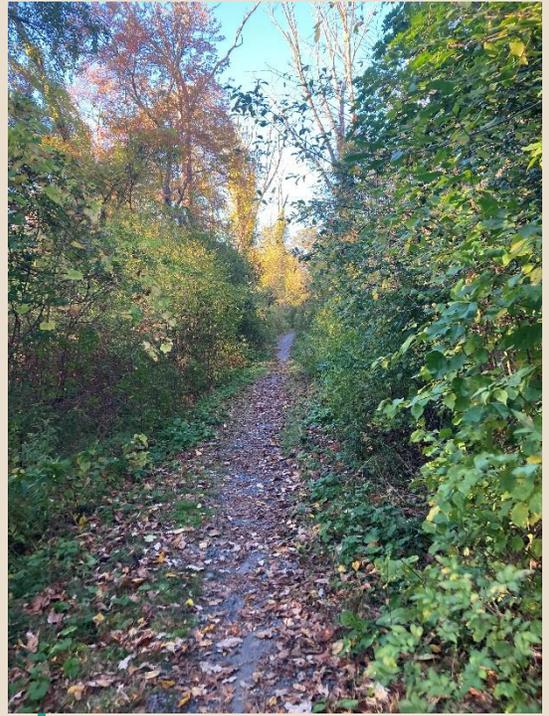
Sunset on the Mass Central Rail Trail ^



Constructing a brochure box for the BCT ^



Cow Common Quiet Hike, led and photographed by Andy Falender ^



The 2025 BCT End of Year Report will be sent in lieu of the November Newsletter!