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CONNECTS TO WEST COUNTY BIKEWAY ROUTES MAP

ASHFIELD ROAD TO CONWAY CENTER.

This route travels from the Buckland side of Shelburne Falls to Volsum and a narrow shoulder so caution should be used on this route.

DEERFIELD UPPER ROAD - LOWER ROAD LOOP (17.2 miles)

Route 2. There are some short but steep hills along the way.

South Country Greenfield Connector - Determinate (13.4 miles)

This route connects from Greenfield center and the Buckland Mill Road. This route travels near the eastern part of the way. It is possible to travel on the Northern part of the way. This route is a short but steep hill along the way.

Rutland / Ashfield Road - Determinate (19.7 miles)

This route travels from the Buckland side of Shelburne Falls to Whately and to Conway Center.

The Northfield Connector - Determinate (11.6 miles)

This route is located in the towns of Whately and Northfield. This route provides a link to the Northfield Bridge Reservoir and Environmental Center from Whately and downtown Northfield. The route travels over the East Monticello Road Bridge along Deerfield River Road, Five Mile Road, Ferry Road, and River Street in Northfield and center.

River Road Loop - Determinate (15.7 miles)

This loop is located in the eastern end of the Greenfield Reservoir and Environmental Center. From Montague and downtown Northfield, the route travels over the Connecticut River Bridge along Deerfield River Road, South Deerfield Road, and River Street in Northfield and center. There is also the option of a steep climb on River Road and connecting to the "River Road Connector into Hampshire County" route.

The Connecticut River Route - Determinate (9.4 miles)

This route travels from the Connecticut River Bridge in Northfield to Route 2. This route connects from the River Road Bridge in Hampshire County from Route 2 to the Deerfield County. This route connects from the river road bridge in Hampshire County. The route provides a link to Hampshire County.

The Leverett - Ashfield Route - Determinate (13.5 miles)

This route travels from Whately (27 miles) through Montague Center and the Leverett Center. This route connects from the Whately Bridge to Northfield town. The route provides a link to Hampshire County from North Ashfield this route connects to the University of Massachusetts's campus. The University Connector for Bike Path, and the Northfield Road Trail.

Legend

Bike Route

Public Parking

Carry Bag

Greenfield - Montague Loop

Library

Connecticut River Route

Refreshment / Water

Hartfield Connector

Gristmill

River Road Loop

Road

Change - Greenfield

Accessory

Orange - Franklin

Bike Supplies

Franklin County - Warren Loop

Forms

Ashfield - Hadley Loop

Highway

Hartfield - Hadley Loop

Local Road

Nearfield - Maple Road

Open Space / Park

Nearfield Upper Road - Lower Road Loop

Developed Land

Nearfield Road Connector

West County - Greenfield Connector

Nearfield Loop
Central Franklin County Bikeway Routes

Franklin County is located in northwestern Massachusetts. It is the most rural county in Massachusetts, and is bordered by Vermont and New Hampshire to the north, Berkshire County to the west, Hampshire County to the south, and Worcester County to the east. Franklin County is a scenic place for bicycling. There are picturesque natural landscapes which consist of forests, hills, river valleys and vast areas of farmland.

This Central Franklin County Bikeway Routes Map is part of a series of maps for the county which are intended to provide preferred routes for bicycling. This map consists of a series of shared roadway routes in which bicyclists travel with the flow of motor vehicle traffic in a shoulder or breakdown lane of the road. These routes may not be suitable for novice or less experienced bicyclists. It is important that all bicyclists consider their riding abilities when choosing the best route to ride. In order to assist bicyclists in determining which of the routes would be best suited to their abilities the narrative descriptions of the rules have been ranked as “novice”, “intermediate” or “advanced”. The map also contains information on the distance and elevation profile for each route.

The Franklin Regional Council of Governments, the cities and towns over whose roads you will travel, and the agencies and groups listed on this map are not responsible for your personal safety and in no manner certify the safety of these routes for use by bicyclists. These roads are suggested only as more suitable than others for bicycle travel. All users assume full responsibility for their own safety. This map includes roads that may be private. Please respect the rights of landowners. This map was prepared in cooperation with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation under contract number 5737.

Other sources for bicycling in Franklin County and Massachusetts include: Franklin County Chamber of Commerce, enjoyyourlifedaybike.com, MassGIS, MassDot, Department of Conservation and Recreation, and the Franklin Regional Council of Governments www.frcog.org

Bike Route Distance and Elevation Profiles

Be safe when you ride

Wear a helmet.

Wear safety gear. The Massachusetts General Law states, “any person 16 years of age or passenger operating a bicycle or being carried as a passenger on a bicycle on a public way, bicycle path or on any other public right-of-way shall wear a helmet.” (Mass. General Laws Ch. 85, Section 11B).

Use a light and reflector when riding at night.

When riding at night, the state law requires that bicyclists must be equipped with a white light on the front, and a red light or reflector in the rear that can be seen from 500 feet. The bicycle or bicycle must also be equipped with reflectors on each pedal or on each side that are visible from 500 feet. (Mass. Ch. 85, Section 11B and RS).

Follow the rules of the road for bikers.

Road signs indicate when engineers of a signal increase, detectors or traffic control devices. Engineers of recognition of a signal increase, detectors or traffic control devices. Engineers of recognition of a signal increase, detectors or traffic control devices. Engineers of recognition of a signal increase, detectors or traffic control devices. Engineers of recognition of a signal increase, detectors or traffic control devices. Engineers of recognition of a signal increase, detectors or traffic control devices. Engineers of recognition of a signal increase, detectors or traffic control devices. Engineers of recognition of a signal increase, detectors or traffic control devices. Engineers of recognition of a signal increase, detectors or traffic control devices. Engineers of recognition of a signal increase, detectors or traffic control devices. Engineers of recognition of a signal increase, detectors or traffic control devices. Engineers of recognition of a signal increase, detectors or traffic control devices. Engineers of recognition of a signal increase, detectors or traffic control devices. Engineers of recognition of a signal increase, detectors or traffic control devices. Engineers of recognition of a signal increase, detectors or traffic control devices. Engineers of recognition of a signal increase, detectors or traffic control devices. Engineers of recognition of a signal increase, detectors or traffic control devices.

The Newfield - Center - Deerfield Road - [2.5 mi]. This route is located in the towns of Newfield and Northfield. This route runs along the Newfield Road Mountain Bicentennial and Environmental Center in Montague and continues Northfield. This route is recommended for riders of all skill levels, and is a great route for exploring the Great Green Country.

The Greenfield - Deerfield Loop - [5.7 mi]. This route is located along the Newfield Road and the Deerfield Road. This route starts in Greenfield and continues to Deerfield, passing through the beautiful town of Deerfield. This route is recommended for riders of all skill levels, and is a great route for exploring the Great Green Country.

The Deerfield - Quabbin Loop - [3.5 mi]. This route is located along the Newfield Road and the Deerfield Road. This route starts in Deerfield and continues to Quabbin Reservoir, passing through the beautiful town of Deerfield. This route is recommended for riders of all skill levels, and is a great route for exploring the Great Green Country.

The Deerfield - Montague Loop - [3.9 mi]. This route is located along the Newfield Road and the Deerfield Road. This route starts in Deerfield and continues to Montague, passing through the beautiful town of Deerfield. This route is recommended for riders of all skill levels, and is a great route for exploring the Great Green Country.

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Towns on the Central County Bikeway Map

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