Be safe when you ride.

- Wear a helmet.
- Be visible. The Massachusetts General Law states, “any person 16 years of age or younger operating a bicycle or being carried as a passenger on a bicycle is in a public way, bicycle path or on any other public right-of-way shall wear a helmet.”
- Use lights and reflectors when riding at night.

- Check your brakes.
- Make sure your wheels are not loose.
- Secure any loose clothing with clips.
- Velcro straps, or by tying the cuff into your sock.
- Loose pant legs can get caught in bicycle spokes and gears.
- Use a secure bicycle luggage carrier to transport your belongings.
- Never try to hold packages in your hand while biking.
- Be alert and do not wear headphones.

Teach children safe bicycling habits:
- Teach children to stop and look before coming out of a driveway.
- Teach them to walk their bicycles across an intersection.
- Do not allow children to ride in traffic until they know the rules of the road.
- Never let children “play” with bicycles in the street.
- Always wear a helmet.

### Bike Route Distance and Elevation Profiles

- **Northwestern Franklin County Route (18.5 mi)**
- **Franklin County - Vermont Loop (10.4 mi)**
- **Orange - Greenfield Route (14.5 mi)**
- **Shutesbury Loop (10.5 mi)**

The Franklin Regional Council of Governments, the cities and towns over whose roads you 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 maps 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 and the US Department of Transportation under contract number 57073.

Other sources for bicycling in Franklin County and Massachusetts include: Franklin County Chamber of Commerce, enjoyfranklinbikes.com, MassGIS, MassDOT, Department of Conservation and Recreation, and The Franklin Regional Council of Governments www.frccg.org

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### Eastern 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.

The Eastern 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 rides have been ranked as “novice,” “intermediate” or “advanced.” The map also contains information on the distance and elevation profile for each route.

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### Towns on Eastern County Bikeway Map

- **Franklin County, Massachusetts**
- **Enfield**
- **Warwick Center**
- **Cummington**
- **Northfield Center**
- **Ervingside & Millers Falls**
- **Sunderland Center**
- **To PK & South Deerfield**
- **To Wendell**
- **To Millers Falls**
- **To Ervingside**
- **To Northfield & New Hampshire**

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### Legend

- **Road Description**
  - Highway
  - Local Road
  - State/Minor Road
  - Open Space/Park
  - Developed Land
- **Bike Route**
  - Medium Road
  - Paved Road
  - Mountain Road
  - River Road
  - Bike Trail
  - Park Trail
  - Connector Road Route
- **Restaurant**
  - School
  - Library
  - Police
  - Firehouse
  - Post Office
  - Elementary School
  - Park
  - Grocery
  - Mall
  - Shopping Center
  - Turnpike
  - Golf Course
  - Millers Falls State Forest
  - State Road
  - Library
  - Elementary School
  - Golf Course
  - Shopping Center

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- www.frccg.org