

THE BAY CIRCUIT TRAIL & GREENWAY

Realizing an eighty-year old dream - A permanent public recreational trail and greenway, linking parks and open spaces in fifty Boston area communities, 200 miles from Plum Island and Ipswich to the Duxbury/Kingston shore.



THE BAY CIRCUIT ALLIANCE: Since its founding in 1990 the Bay Circuit Alliance (BCA) has served as the catalyst to make the Bay Circuit dream come true. A total of 172 miles of multi-use, passive recreational trail have now been dedicated, thanks to the contributions of hundreds of volunteers in more than 32 cooperating towns. The Alliance is best described as a partnership of organizations and individuals, public and private, working to complete the Bay Circuit Trail and Greenway. BCA's membership consists of six regional, four statewide, and more than 30 local member organizations plus many interested individuals. BCA helps local communities establish their portion of the Bay Circuit Trail through planning and technical assistance on route identification, land protection issues, and trail management and construction. BCA also maintains contact with state and federal government representatives and agencies to promote the Bay Circuit concept and consult on corridor-wide, trail-related issues.

THE BAY CIRCUIT GREENWAY: The Bay Circuit was first proposed in 1929 as an "outer emerald necklace", a greenbelt providing open space to Boston's expanding population. Over the years, additional public and private parks and reservations were established in the area between what is now Route 128 and Interstate 495, but they failed to keep pace with commercial and residential development. The Bay Circuit Trail, while intended to provide recreation to its users, also seeks to improve the balance between open space by adding more "pearls" to the "emerald necklace". Since its inception BCA has helped expand the greenway by more than 3000 acres. Outstanding examples include: Prospect Hill in Rowley; the Haynes Property in Boxford; Camp Acton in Acton; White Farm in Sudbury; the Greenways Conservation Area in Wayland; the Mill Pond property in Ashland; the Wittenborg Property in Framingham; Adams Farm in Walpole; the Silver Lake Sanctuary, Hathaway and Cranberry Watershed Reservations in Kingston; the Tubbs Meadow Reservation in Pembroke; the state's largest cranberry bog property in Hanson and Halifax.

THE BAY CIRCUIT TRAIL:

Vital Signs

Total Projected Trail Length: 200 miles
Protected Lands in Corridor: 85 units
Currently Open to the Public: 172 miles (86%)

Membership: Open to all organizations and individuals that support the BCA mission.

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The Bay Circuit Trail

- Dedicated and Marked Trail
- Temporary Marked Trail
- Trail under Construction
- - - - Proposed Trail Route

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