

**Map 6 - Carlisle, Bedford, Acton,  
Concord -  
BAY CIRCUIT TRAIL route**

*Carlisle: efforts are underway for a town-wide trail system that will allow a BCT route*

*Bedford: North to South, distances approximate.*

**L** 42°30'53" 71°16'33"

0.0 From **Fawn Lake Conservation Area** parking lot (P=10) on Sweetwater Ave, about .25 mile east of Rte 4, follow stone dust railtrail south, passing the Veterans Administration Hospital and the **York Conservation Area**. This section of BCT is wide and smooth, suitable for strollers, sport wheelchairs, and family bicycling

**M** 42°29'57" 71°16'33"

1.0 Cross Pine Hill Rd (limited parking). Continue on railtrail to Springs Rd

1.3 (Spur trail to **Minuteman Bikeway** begins here. Continue on stonedust railtrail parallel to Hillside Ave, cross Great Rd at Memorial Park, and continue to Loomis St beside Pizza Express. Minuteman Bikeway is diagonally across the street at jct of Loomis, South, and Railroad Avenues. About 0.5 mile)

1.3 Main BCT route turns right onto Springs Rd sidewalk to jct of Springs Rd and Hillside Ave. Use cross walk to reach sidewalk on other side of Springs Rd. Continue south. This stretch of the BCT passes period homes and the Old Burial Ground of the Bedford historic district

1.5 Reach Bedford Center at jct of Springs Rd and Great Rd (Rtes 4/225). Cross Great Rd to southerly sidewalk and walk west to Mudge Way, passing the Town Common with the First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church on the site of the original meeting house, the First Congregational Church, Bedford Historical Society Archives, and the Fitch Tavern

**N** 42°29'36" 71°16'59"

1.7 Turn left, on Mudge Way sidewalk, to cross walk to the library. Pass library and senior high school on right, parking lot and ballfields on left

1.9 At far end of high school, cross driveway onto John Glenn Middle School paved access path that passes between athletic fields. Paved path soon reaches Winchester Dr (John Glenn Middle School is across the street). Turn left at road onto asphalt sidewalk. Follow sidewalk as road curves to the right around athletic field

2.5 At sharp left turn of Winchester Dr cross road to **Elm Brook Conservation Area** (parking lot = 10 on right side of rd). At back right corner of parking lot, take footpath. In about 75 yards turn right as path joins the abandoned RR bed that leads to Concord. Follow RR bed west, ignoring all side trails. Pass water treatment plant; continue straight ahead on water dept paved access rd

**P** 42°28'59" 71°17'58"

3.4 (P for 1-2 cars on side of water dept access rd at Hartwell Rd) Cross Hartwell Rd. Continue on RR bed (slightly narrower here), ignoring all side trails. Pass **Mary Putnam Webber Wildlife Preserve** on left. Continue straight parking lot (P=10) on Rte 62, between #402 Concord Rd (a red brick preschool) and #392, a house.

**R** 42°28'46" 71°18'54"

4.2 RR bed continues on other side of Rte 62 to **Great Meadows Wildlife Sanctuary**. Follow RR bed to Monument St, where trail joins trail from Acton

**H** 42°27'58" 71°20'52"

*Acton: North to South. Distances measured  
Trail marking: BCT is blazed with white rectangular blazes. Trails on town conservation will be blazed yellow for through trails, blue for connector trails, and red for side trails. Some tr jcts have signs*

**B** 42°30'53" 71°24'25" From route 27:

0.0 Proceed along Wheeler Lane 0.1 miles, to kiosk and parking area at dead end. BCT leaves Wheeler Lane to the south opposite the kiosk, beside three stone posts. Tr runs between stone walls for 400 ft into **Nashoba Brook Cons Area**. Tr parallels Nashoba Brook. Spur tr to Milldam Rd at 2.1 miles, boardwalk at 2.3 miles

0.6 Tr jct. BCT turns left (south)

0.7 Cross wood bridge over Nashoba Brook

0.8 Tr jct. turn right to pencil factory historic site and kiosk. Proceed left 0.25 mile to Davis Rd parking area (to restaurants proceed 0.4 mile south on Davis Rd. to Great Rd aka Route 2A; several restaurants are within 0.2 miles of jct, heading left (east)

1.2 BCT leaves Davis Rd parking area headed NE.

1.5 Take right fork 0.1 mile, crossing into Spring Hill Conservation Land (signs)

**C** 42°30'18" 71°24'36" (approximate)

1.6 Tr jct. Turn left (north)

2.4 Tr. jct. For camping (permit required from town of Acton) turn left to Camp Acton. BCT continues straight (south).

2.6 Tr. jct. Access trail from Spring Hill Rd comes in from left. BCT turns sharply right.

2.8 Tr. jct. Turn left (east), crossing boardwalk at 2.9 miles, thru a hemlock grove at 3.2 miles. Trail goes up a steep grade thru a beech grove, reaching summit of Strawberry Hill at 3.4 miles (views of Nobscoot Hill to south). Trail hugs stone wall and reaches Jay Lane cul-de-sac at 3.5 miles (parking at 3.6 miles at base of hill)

**D** 42°29'35" 71°24'3"

3.6 (Gravel parking area on Strawberry Hill Road opposite Jay Lane) Take Strawberry Hill Rd sidewalk to left (east). Turn right (south) on Pope Rd at 3.8 miles. Turn left (east) onto Stoneymeade Way at 4.4 miles. Bear left at end of the divided portion of Stoneymeade Way

4.6 Enter woods on tr marked **Stoneymeade Cons. Land**

- 4.7 Enter field and turn right (south) at arrow on post  
 4.9 Enter woods at Acton/Concord town line. Ruins of WWII era bunker on left.

**E** 42°29'5" 71°23'51"

At this point BCT enters Concord's **Annursnac Hill Cons. Area**.

*Concord: North to south. Blazed with BCT logos.  
 For information on historic sites highlighted, see THE JEWELS page*

**E** 42°29'5" 71°23'51"

0.0 At Acton/Concord border BCT enters **Annursnac Hill Cons. Area**. Tr is muddy at brook crossing. Bear left at tr jct

**F** 42°29'4" 71°23'18"

0.5 Reach gate and notice board at **Strawberry Hill Rd**. Turn right on Strawberry Hill a few yards, then right again onto College Rd (caution: no sidewalk). Follow College Rd to Barrett's Mill Rd

1.4 Left on Barrett's Mill Rd, passing **Barrett farmhouse** (1705) on left

1.9 Cross Strawberry Hill Rd; pass the ruins of **Barrett Mill**

**G** 42°28'27" 71°21'52"

2.6 Cross Lowell Rd. Proceed straight on Barnes Hill Rd, which blends into Estabrook Rd at 2.5 mi (south to north, turn left at rd jct onto Barnes Hill Rd). Bear right, cross Liberty St with the Muster Field on your right

3.3 Left thru stone wall into **Minuteman Nat'l Historical Park**. Pass the Visitor Center on the left (parking lot and year-round restrooms); follow Estabrook Rd (now a dirt trail) down the slope to the **Minuteman Statue** and **Old North Bridge** (site of "the shot heard round the world" in 1775)

3.7 Cross Concord River on the bridge and follow tr to Monument St (seasonal restrooms to left)

3.8 Right on Monument St, passing **The Old Manse** (1770) and the **Elisha Jones "Bullethole House."** Follow Monument St to old RR right-of-way, marked by three granite posts

**H** 42°27'58" 71°20'52"

4.0 Trail junction. Trail to right is southbound BCT to Lincoln. Trail to left is northbound to Bedford.

*For southbound*, turn right onto RR bed thru

**Concord Cons. Land**, proceeding straight past the corner of Lang and Bow Streets. Keeping the lumberyard fence on your right, cross Mill Brook.

*For northbound*, follow RR bed past Great Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary to Bedford (see Map 5A for map and trail guide)

4.25 Left onto Lowell Rd. Pass bank and pharmacy on right, re-cross Mill Brook, and proceed to **Monument Square**

4.5 Straight ahead thru Square, passing Colonial Inn (c. 1716) on left. Across the green on left, the red brick **Concord Town House** (1852) offers public restrooms on second floor open during business hours

4.6 Right onto Main St (Rte 62). First left onto Walden St to Heywood St

4.9 Left on Heywood; cross Mill Brook again. Bear right on path across **Heywood Meadow** passing in front of the red brick Gun House. Visitor information center and public rest room off Main St behind Middlesex Bank. Visitor Center is open 10 to 4 from April 1 thru Oct. 31. Restrooms open year round from 7 am to 8pm

**J** 42°27'31" 71°20'44"

5.0 *Exercising great caution* walk a few yards right on Lexington Rd and bear right onto Cambridge Turnpike, passing on right the **home of Ralph Waldo Emerson** (1828). Cross Cambridge Tpk to access sidewalk on east side. Follow Cambridge Tpk, crossing Mill Brook for the fourth time, to utility pole #26

5.6 Carefully re-cross the Turnpike and follow the path into **Hapgood Wright Town Forest**

5.7 Bear right at first tr jct. Pass marsh on right

6.0 Bear left on tr at **Fairyland Pond**. Walk clockwise halfway around the pond

6.2 At a wooden bench, just before crossing pond's inlet brook, turn left up a trail. Climb past

Brister's Spring. Turn right at top of hill and follow tr to Walden St. Left on Walden St briefly to Route 2

**K** 42°26'40" 71°20'25"

6.5 *Use great caution at this multi-lane highway jct.* Cross Walden St and then cross Route 2 to Rte 126 and **Walden Pond State Reservation**  
*continued on map 7*

## Map 6 - Carlisle, Bedford, Acton, Concord - THE JEWELS

**Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge -Concord Unit** (US Fish & Wildlife Service; 3,486 acres both units) - wetlands, uplands, bottomland hardwoods along 12 miles of Sudbury River. Established in 1944 primarily as a sanctuary for migratory and wetland birds. Highest public use of all refuges in the wildlife complex. Dogs must be leashed. Bicycles and horses prohibited. 1.7 mile trail around marsh pools. Photo blinds and observation tower. Handicapped accessible. Entrance on Monsen Rd off Rte 62 in Concord. Large map at parking lot. Maps of both this northern unit and the Sudbury unit are available at headquarters, Weir Hill Rd, Sudbury. 978-443-4661

**Bruce Freeman Rail Trail** - a work in progress, the abandoned Penn Central right of way will soon be converted to a multi-use bikeway to run from Lowell to Westford/Acton town line, and eventually may be extended to South Sudbury. Northern 6.8 miles opened Aug. 2009.

*Carlisle: detailed maps in [Trails in Carlisle](#) available for about \$5 at town hall.*

**Greenough Land** (Cons.Com; 242 acres) - trails circle a 15-acre pond and lead to Concord River. Good x-country skiing. Some trails lead to adjacent private property; use of trail map suggested. Two parking areas off Maple St

**O'Rourke farm** (US Fish and Wildlife Service) - town purchase of this property in 1998 with resale to become part of Great Meadows Nat'l Wildlife Refuge allowed construction of 6-miles-long public trail along river between Greenough and Foss Farm properties. No mountain bikes or horses allowed. Only foot access is from Greenough or Foss Farm properties

**Foss Farm** (Cons.Com; 57 acres) - flat trails along established dirt roads make this area accessible to sport wheelchairs and strollers. Land includes community gardens, fields, pony ring, and woodlands. Trail link to Greenough thru O'Rourke. P Rte 225

**Carlises Pines State Park and MacAfee Conservation Area** (Mass.DCR, town, and Carlisle Conservation Foundation; about 54 acres) - Beautiful huge pines, the map 6

survivors of a virgin stand of over 100 white pines protected in 1900 as a public reservation. Good walking and horse-riding area; snowshoeing in winter. P at end of Forest Park Dr, off Curve St (off NW corner of this map)

**Spencer Brook Res** (Carlisle Cons. Foundation; 31.5 acres) and **Bisbee Land** (Cons.Com; 35 acres) - woodlands, wetlands, agricultural lands, and some trails. Access from Concord St and Hartwell Rd. P on Concord St

**Conant Land** (57 acres) - multi-use property includes trails thru woodlands to Castle Rock and Fishtail Pond, beginning near Town Hall parking lot

**Towle Land Conservation Area** (Cons.Com; 112 acres) - open fields and woods, small pond and many streams. Popular x-country ski area. P off Westford Rd (Rte 225)

**Davis Corridor, Malcolm Meadows, Sachs Greenway, and Rockstrom Land** (Carlisle; about 190 acres) and **Malcolm Preserve** (The Trustees of Reservations; 11 acres) - This patchwork of public use land and conservation restrictions is confusing without a map. Of special note is handicapped accessible trail thru Malcolm Preserve (parking lot on Stearns St), built with combined efforts of The Trustees of Reservations, Carlisle Land Trust, and Mass. Greenways Program funding. Two Rod Rd connects to Concord's Punkatasset Hill

### *Carlisle and Concord:*

**Estabrook Woods** - a general region rather than a specific property, this large patchwork of town-owned land, Harvard University forestry land, and private property is criss-crossed with trails, but only some trails are open to the public. Two Rod Road is a historic right of way. No comprehensive map available. Carlisle trails in [Trails in Carlisle](#). New England Orienteering Club map sold at Globe Corner Bookstore, Harvard Square shows a portion of the region in great detail

*Bedford: maps available in Conservation office, 10 Mudge Way. Info on-line: [www.town.bedford.ma.us](http://www.town.bedford.ma.us)*

**Minuteman Bikeway** - Beginning in Bedford and extending to the Alewife MBTA station, this paved 20 miles long recreational trail is a favorite with commuters as well as families. Handicapped accessible. It passes near

shops, parks, and historic sites. Maps available at town halls and some local businesses  
**Narrow Gauge Rail Trail** (2 miles) - paved from the Minuteman to Great Rd, then a wide stonedust multi-use path, suitable for families, strollers, and sport wheelchairs. Northern end near Rte 3 in technology park. Billerica supporters hope to extend this to high school

**Middlesex Community College** - Located in a wooded industrial park near several Bedford conservation areas. Trails connect to adjacent conservation land

**Buehler Ponds Cons. Area** (Cons.Com) - dirt rd; trails around small ponds. Access from railtrail north of Fawn Lake parking and from Job Lane School. P at Fawn Lake

**Fawn Lake** (Cons.Com, 40 acres) - Half mile trail around the lake (which once was part of a health resort). Colored blazes on various trails. Self-guiding nature trail booklet available at Cons. Com. office in town hall. Limited fishing; ice skating. Parking lot off Sweetwater Ave. Access also from Middlesex Community College parking lot and from Springs Rd

**Wilderness Park Conservation Area** (Cons.Com, 74 acres) - Well developed network of trails thru woodlands, swamp, and old-field habitats. Access from Springs Rd; parking at Middlesex Community College

**York Conservation Area** (Cons.Com, 39 acres) - One north-south trail loops off the BCT (BCT follows abandoned RR bed here). Access from Mickelson Lane off Pine Hill Rd. Small parking lot

**Elm Brook Conservation Area** (Cons.Com; 69 acres) - Eastern area has several trails. Abuts Elm Brook and town-owned RR right of way. Access from RR bed and Winchester Dr. Parking along Railroad Ave

**Minnie Reid Conservation Area** (Cons.Com, 25 acres) - Abundant wildlife in varied habitats, including field that is mowed yearly. Single trail provides access to the 300 acre Huckins Farm property. Access from Chelmsford Rd (Rte 4) near jct with North Rd

**Huckins Farm** is now partly developed with clustered housing, but an agreement with the town retains many of

the trails. Some trails are paved, good for jogging and family walking. Trail link to Harvard U. research lands south of farm. Access from Rte 4

**Hartwell Town Forest and Jordan Conservation Area** (Cons. Com; 156 acres) - Extensive network of trails on flat wooded terrain. Town gardens and abandoned cranberry bogs. Picnic areas. Access from 3 points on Hartwell Rd and 2 on South Rd

*Acton: Guide and maps available. See info page.*

**Acton Town Forest** (Cons.Com; 73 acres) - Trails, esker, boardwalk thru quaking bog with carnivorous plants, larch, and black spruce. Adjoins **North Acton Rec. Area** (40 acres) with pond, bathhouse, athletic fields, stone dust walking path. Fee for beach use. Rec. Dept 978-264-9608

**Nashoba Brook Cons. Area** (Cons.Com; 123 acres) - Includes a fishing trail along stocked Nashoba Brook. The "Potato Cave" is a pillared stone chamber near the brook. Possibly a colonial-era root cellar or Native American ritual site. Access from Wheeler Lane and Davis Rd

The **Pencil Factory Dam** is the ruins of a dam and associated mill where Henry David Thoreau supposedly bought his sketch pencils in the 1840s. Within sight of tr jct at 2.6 miles. 75 feet north of tr jct at 2.4 miles, and 225 feet east of the abandoned RR tracks

**Camp Acton** (Cons. Com - 60 acres) - former Boy Scout camp purchased by town to establish BCT and link to adjacent Cons.Com land. Wide trail thru woodlands with many small clearings. Hunt for grave with marker "The Educated Horse 1900." Access from Rte 27 thru Nashoba Brook Cons. Area and from Pope Rd. Primitive camping allowed for a fee of \$15.00 per weekend per campsite. Call Cons. Com at 978-264-9631 for reservations

**Spring Hill Cons. Area** (Cons.Com; 184 acres) - Mixed forest, wooded wetland, deer. Access from Spring Hill Rd

**Hearthstone Hill Cons. Area** (Cons.Com; 32 acres) - includes **Strawberry Hill** - good views from top. Access from Jay Lane. P at base of hill on Strawberry Hill Rd

**Stoneymeade Cons. Land** (Cons.Com; 44 acres) - Wooded wetlands and open meadow with trail and bluebird boxes. Remains of WWII radar and aircraft spotting station

map 6

### **Concord and Lincoln:**

**Minuteman National Historical Park** (Nat'l Park Service) - A work in progress, this linear park follows the Battle Road of 1775 from Old North Bridge to Lexington. Trail connects many historic sites and period buildings, with numerous signs to interpret the human as well as historic story of the area. Wide clay path through woodlands and fields is suitable for strollers and wheelchairs as well as walkers and careful bicyclists. Maps available at Old North Bridge Visitor Center (just north of town center) and at Minuteman Visitor Center on Rte. 2A, 1/2 mile west of Rte 95 jct. 978-369-6993 x22 www.nps.gov/mima/

### **Concord:**

**Punkatasset Hill** (Concord Commission on Natural Resources) - trails thru town forest connect on north to Two Rod Rd, a historic right of way leading to Carlisle trails

**Annurnac Conservation Land** - Woodlands accessible via BCT from gate and kiosk on Strawberry Hill Rd and from Stoneymeade Cons. Area in Acton

**South Meadow Cons/Rec land** (town of Concord) - Trails and playing fields

**Hapgood-Wright town forest** (Concord Commission on Natural Resources) - Includes **Fairyland Pond** with trails around pond and thru woodlands. Parking

### **Concord historic sites along the BCT route:**

(Acton and Concord) **Strawberry Hill Road** has been designated the "Isaac Davis Trail" - the route the Acton Minutemen took to the Battle of the North Bridge. Captain Isaac Davis was the first patriot killed in the fight. Follow the granite markers along Strawberry Hill Rd to recreate the march to the North Bridge in Minuteman National Park

1.3 and 1.5 **Barrett Farmhouse** and **Barrett Mill** ruins - on April 19, 1775, Col. James Barrett was in charge of all the military stores in Concord. It was for the purpose of seizing arms and supplies at his farmhouse that the British Regulars crossed the Old North Bridge that fateful day  
2.7 **Muster Field** - where the colonial militia assembled before marching on the Bridge  
100 yds left on Liberty St is the home of **Major John Buttrick** - commander of the colonial forces at the Bridge

3.2 **Minuteman Statue** - sculpted by Daniel Chester French for the 1875 Centennial Celebration  
**Old North Bridge** - the present bridge (1956) marks the site where colonial militia and Minutemen skirmished with the British Redcoats on April 19, 1775 ("the shot heard round the world"), launching the American Revolution  
**Grave of British Soldiers** - with inscription by James Russell Lowell, 1837

3.4 **The Old Manse** (The Trustees of Reservations; 8 acres) - a Nat'l Historic Landmark. Built in 1769 by Rev. Wm. Emerson, later home of Ralph Waldo Emerson and also Nathaniel Hawthorne and family, among others. Guided tours seasonally; admission fee. Abuts Old North Bridge. Self-guided landscape tour brochure

**Elisha Jones "Bullethole House"** - although built in 1865, this building contains pre-1775 materials. Tradition holds that the hole visible in center of the diamond shape to the left of the door was made by a musket ball fired by the retreating Redcoats in 1775

4.0 **Monument Square** - includes monuments to Concordians killed in wars. Also a small white stone toward rear of field on right marks the spot where Henry David Thoreau spent a night in jail, prompting his "Essay on Civil Disobedience." Adjacent to the square is the red brick **Concord Town House** (1852), the site of lectures by Emerson, Thoreau, Amos Bronson Alcott, William Lloyd Garrison, John Brown, and many others

Rte 62, 3 blocks NE of town center is **Sleepy Hollow Cemetery** - graves of Thoreau, Emerson, Hawthorne, the Alcotts, Margaret Sidney, and Daniel Chester French

4.1 **Wright Tavern** (1747) - meeting place for committees of the First Provincial Congress and gathering place for both Minutemen and British officers at different times on April 19, 1775  
**Monuments** to Concord war dead from WWII to VietNam

4.4 **Concord Gunhouse** (1960) - at far corner of Heywood Meadow red brick building holds brass cannons of the Concord Independent Battery

4.5 Home of **Ralph Waldo Emerson** (1828). Across the street is the **Concord Museum**

August 2009

## Map 6 - Carlisle, Bedford, Acton, Concord - FOR MORE INFORMATION

### Maps and trailguides:

- Relevant USGS **topo** maps 7.5 x 15 are Billerica and Maynard
- **Great Meadow National Wildlife Refuge** maps available at the headquarters/ visitor center, Weir Hill Rd, Sudbury. 978-443-4661 Online at [www.mass.gov/dcr/listing.htm](http://www.mass.gov/dcr/listing.htm)
- **Bedford** property descriptions online [www.town.bedford.ma.us/conservation/cons\\_areas.html](http://www.town.bedford.ma.us/conservation/cons_areas.html) Maps available at town offices
- Self-guiding nature trail booklet for **Fawn Lake Cons. Area** and a brochure showing **Conservation Lands of Bedford** with detailed maps and info about 12 conservation areas available free at Bedford Conservation Commission office, 10 Mudge Way
- **Trails in Carlisle** available for \$5 at Carlisle Town Hall.
- NEOC orienteering map of a portion of **Estabrook Woods** sells for about \$5 at Globe Corner Bookstore in Harvard Square, if still available
- **Acton** Guide to Conservation Lands about \$10. Spiralbound, 2003, may still be available. At town hall, Butter Brook Farm, West Acton Mkt, Pedal Power.
- **Acton Conservation Land Maps** online [www.actontrails.org/CasM.htm](http://www.actontrails.org/CasM.htm)
- **Concord** overall cons lands map online [www.concordnet.org/](http://www.concordnet.org/) Click on Natural Resource Dept
- Map and brochure of **Minuteman National Historical Park** with Battle Trail route and historic sites is available at National Park Headquarters on Rte 2A, west of jct with Rte 95. 978-369-6993. Also at North Bridge Visitor Center (just north of Concord center)
- **Trustees of Reservations** maps for sale online [www.thetrustees.org](http://www.thetrustees.org)

### Local trail and land/water protection organizations:

**Acton Conservation Commission** - 472 Main St 01720. 978-264-9631. Land Stewardship sub-committee

**Acton Conservation Trust** - new members welcome to support open space protection, educational forums, neighborhood advocacy groups. Newsletter lists guided hikes. POBox 658 Acton 01720

**Bedford Conservation Commission** - 10 Mudge Way (Town Offices) 781-275-6211

**Bedford Friends of the Minuteman Bikeway** - new members are welcome to help extend bike trails, encourage biking, improve bike parking and access to stores, advocate for town regulations. Meets monthly after Bedford Bicycle Advisory Committee. Check website <http://bikebedford.org> for current schedule

**Carlisle Trails Committee** - appointed committee, but volunteers welcome and needed for trail blazing, maintenance, mapping and preservation. Meetings are posted. Committee seeks to build a network of trails connecting neighborhoods and open space

**Carlisle Conservation Commission** - Town Hall, Westford Rd (Rte 225) 978-369-0336

**Carlisle Conservation Foundation** - non-profit group seeking to permanently preserve open space in Carlisle. Currently owns 125 acres and holds conservation restrictions on another 107 acres. Funding comes from annual dues and donations. New members welcome. PO Box 300, Carlisle 01741

**Concord Commission on Natural Resources** 141 Keyes Rd, Concord 01742 978-318-3285

**Concord Land Conservation Trust** - member-supported non-profit group protects open space in Concord POBox 141 Concord 01742.

**Countway Labs** of Harvard University, end of Causeway Rd, Bedford

**Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge** (US Fish & Wildlife Service) - Maps of both units are available free at the headquarters/ visitor center, Weir Hill Rd, Sudbury. "Friends of Great Meadows" help increase public awareness of Refuge issues, improve public facilities, and maintain trails at both Sudbury and Concord units. The group meets monthly at the visitor center and welcomes new members. For more info: 978-443-4661

**The Trustees of Reservations** - The country's oldest member-supported land protection organization, seeking to preserve properties of exceptional scenic, historic, and

ecological value, has 95 properties and protects more than 54,000 acres in Massachusetts, including The Old Manse in Concord. 572 Essex St., Beverly 01915. 978-524-1858 [www.thetrustees.org](http://www.thetrustees.org)

**Assabet River RailTrail** - a work in progress, this 12 miles long bike and pedestrian path will connect Acton with Maynard, Stow, Hudson, and Marlboro

**OAR** (Organization for the Assabet River) - members represent 19 towns in the watershed. Advocate for water quality, river protection, open space, environmental quality in the watershed. Also organize river trips. New members welcome. 9 Damonmill Sq, Suite 1E Concord 01742 978-369-3956 [www.assabriver.org](http://www.assabriver.org)

**SuAsCo Watershed Assn** - volunteers seek to preserve and protect the natural resources and recreational opportunities in the SuAsCo watershed. Help operate the bookstore at Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge.

**SuAsCo Watershed Community Council** - collaboration of businesses, towns, environmental groups, and state, federal and regional govt in the Sudbury-Assabet-Concord River Watershed. Seek to protect natural resources, restore water quality and flow, coordinate land use and water resource planning, encourage stewardship, and channel financial and technical assistance. Task forces welcome volunteers. Suite 200, 118 Great Rd, Stow 01775 [www.SuAsCo.org](http://www.SuAsCo.org)

**Bruce Freeman Rail Trail** [www.brucefreemanrailtrail.org](http://www.brucefreemanrailtrail.org)

**Charles River Wheelmen** - very active group of bicyclists that lead rides of varying lengths throughout BC area. Excellent website lists rides, membership & other info [www.crw.org](http://www.crw.org)

**Bay Circuit Alliance** headquarters is in the Moor and Mountain store at 3 Railroad St, Andover, across the tracks from the converted old RR station. 978-470-1982 <[baycircuit@juno.com](mailto:baycircuit@juno.com)> [www.baycircuit.org](http://www.baycircuit.org)