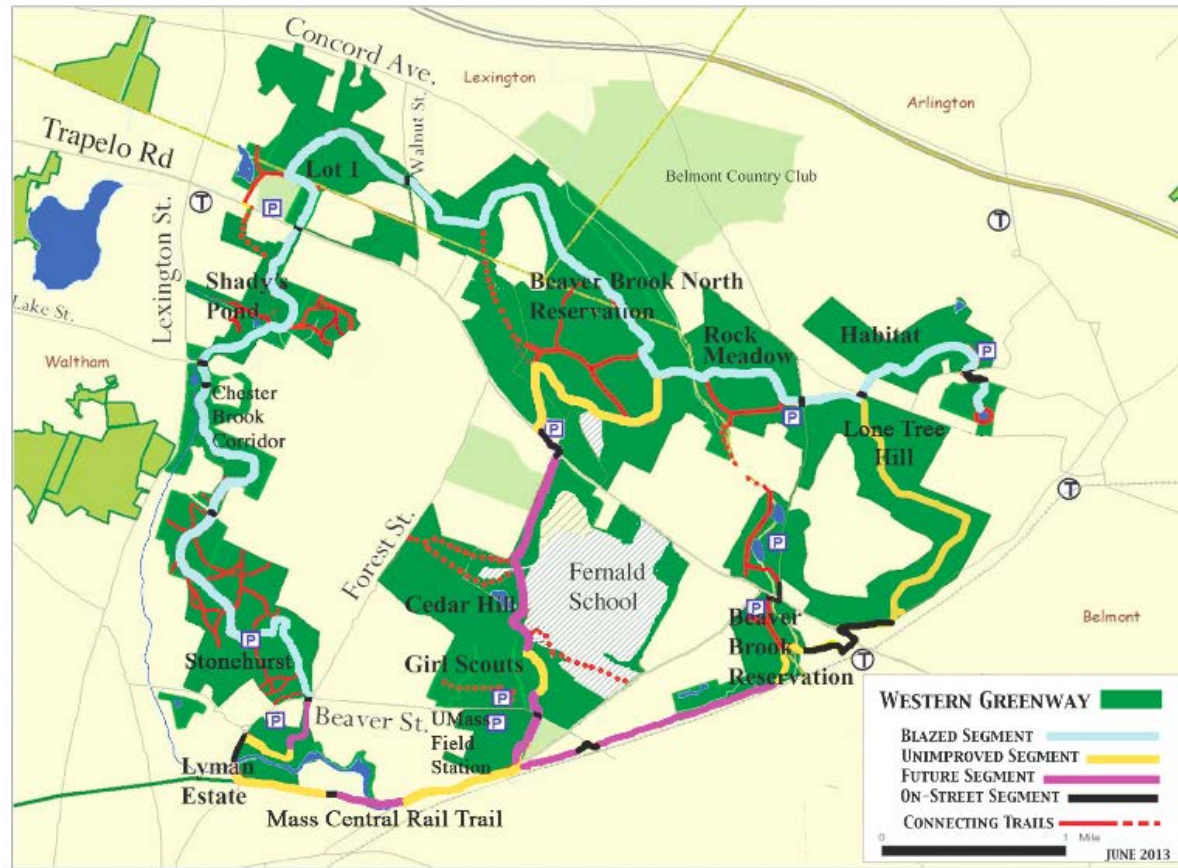


ACROSS LEXINGTON: The Rick Abrams Memorial Trail Network



Accessing Conservation, Recreation, Open space, Schools and Streets

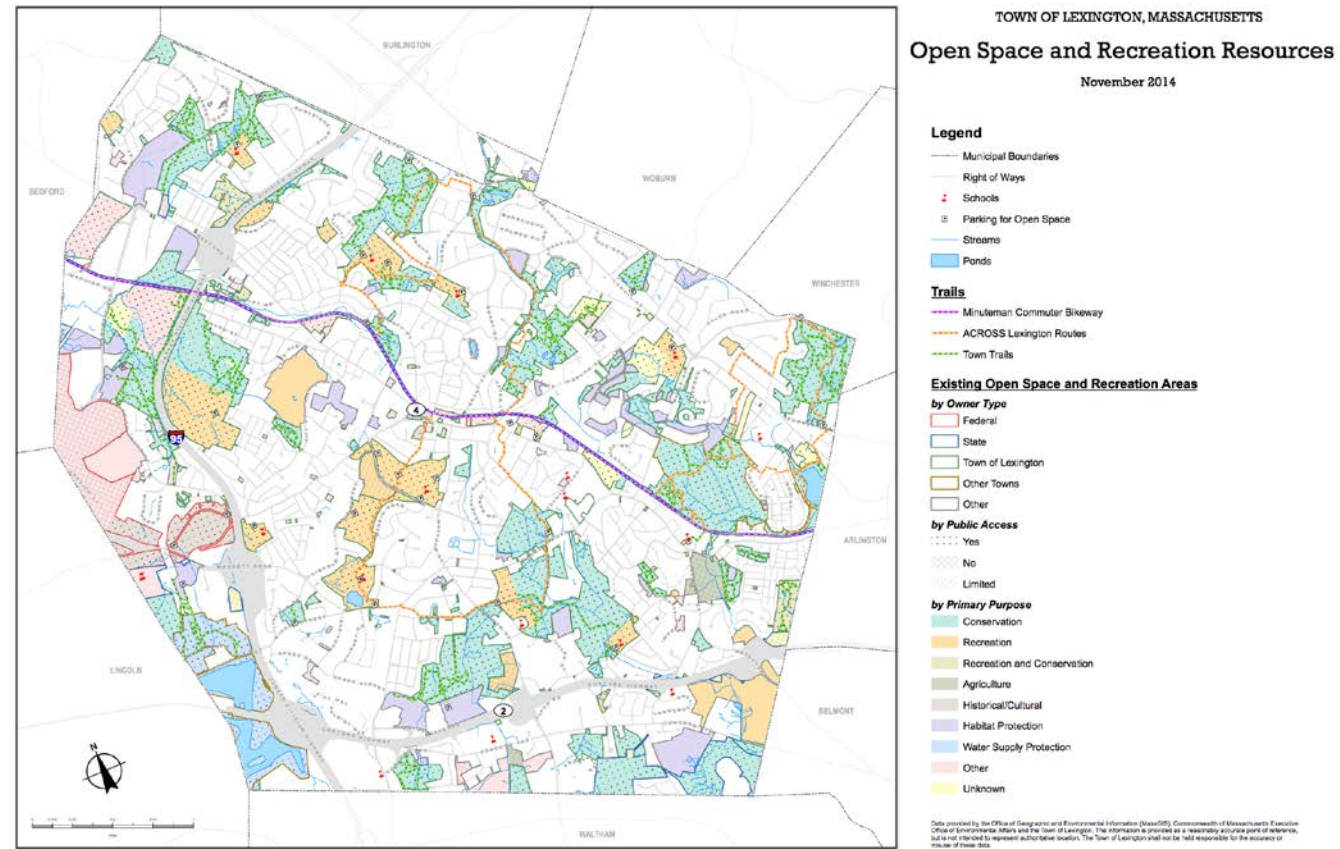
Western Greenway



Basic Concepts

- Linked Network of Open Space
- Car-Free Access
- Encourage Exploration
- Longer Trail Segments
- Health Benefits of Walking
- Mansionization/Preserve Access

Lexington's Open Space and Recreation Inventory



Include Links to:

- Conservation Properties
- Recreational Facilities
- Other Publicly Owned Properties:
 - Federal – Minuteman National Historical Park
 - City of Cambridge Watershed Property
 - Arlington's Great Meadow
 - DCR Beaver Brook North
- Schools – Safe Routes to School

Utilize Existing Resources

- Existing Paths Through Conservation Parcels
- Minuteman Commuter Bikeway
- Lower Vine Brook Bicycle Path
- Sidewalks and Streets

Petitioned Board of Selectmen to Form Appointed Committee

- Committee Appointed January 2011
- Work with Multiple Town Departments and Committees
- Report to Board of Selectmen
- Funding: Application for CPA Funds

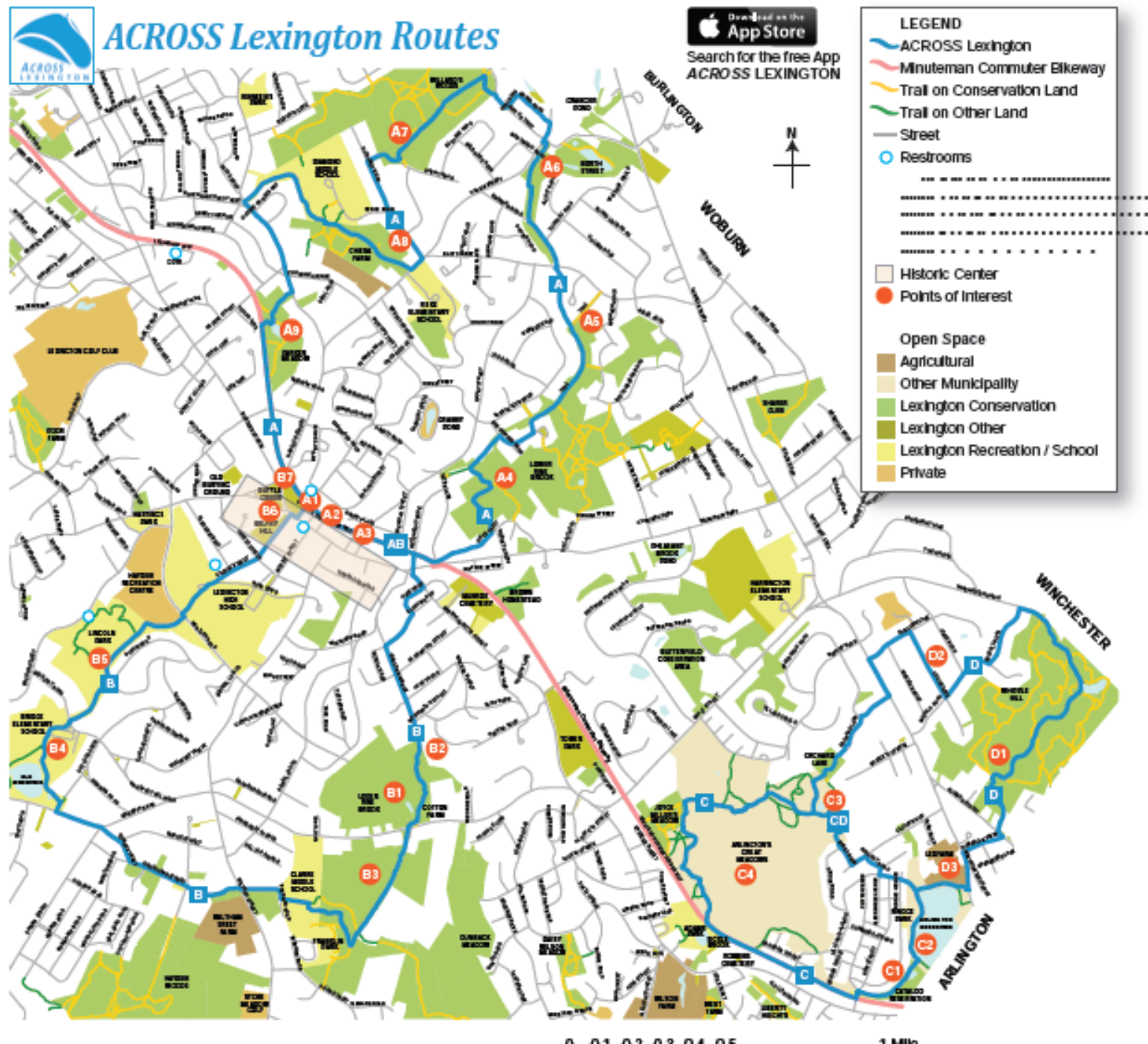
Marking the Routes



Volunteer Labor



Four Routes Completed



Accomplishments to Date

- Four Routes Totaling 17 Miles Linking:
 - 10 Conservation Areas
 - 3 Recreation Areas
 - 3 Schools
 - Neighboring Community Open Space Property
 - Minuteman Commuter Bikeway
 - Town Center

Promoting the ACROSS Network



Walking Historic Lexington



Historic Points of Interest

- 1. Battle Green: In the first skirmish of the Revolutionary War, 80 colonists beat 80 British regulars here on April 19, 1775.
- 2. Stowards Tavern (1800-1820) (210 Bedford St., private) One of 12 taverns that served drinks bringing cattle and goods from Vermont and New Hampshire.
- 3. Hancock-Clarke House (36 Hancock St.) Paul Revere stopped here on April 18, 1775, to warn Adams and Hancock.
- 4. First Memorial School (1 Hancock St.) First Memorial School in the US (1839) was the Memorial Temple.
- 5. Jacobus Kierulff House (1 Lexington St., private) Lexington, Massachusetts, the town, did not have its own shop.
- 6. Backman Tavern (1 Bedford St.) Lexington's oldest tavern (1710) the Lexington militia gathered here on April 19, 1775.
- 7. Walker Center (201 Mass. Ave.) Serves over 300,000 visitors annually displays a drama of the Battle of Lexington, and the U.S.S. Lexington.
- 8. Minors & Nathan Moore House (201 Mass. Ave., private) Nathan Moore answered the call to arms on April 19, 1775.
- 9. The Old Burying Ground (Mass. Ave. & Clark St.) Stood on the Green from 1767 to 1797. It has recorded the names of 19, 1775.
- 10. Cary Memorial Library (101 Mass. Ave.) The library house over 250,000 volumes, materials on the area and the Revolution, and many works of art.
- 11. Lexington Chapel (1840) (11 Chapel St.) One of the last surviving churches in Lexington.
- 12. Peter Oliver's House (101 Mass. Ave.) In 1820 Lexington resident A. L. Oliver passed his house on April 19, 1775.
- 13. Cary Memorial Building (101 Mass. Ave.) Colonial Revival building gift of Susan Cary and Elizabeth Cary (1803-1801).
- 14. Jonathan Harrington House (101 Mass. Ave., private) Harrington, a War in Capt. Parker's Minute Men, was the last sonnet of the State of Lexington.
- 15. Brownson Tavern (101 Mass. Ave., private) Built in 1760-1765, serving breakfast and dinner during the war, and used as a stagecoach house in Lexington.
- 16. Follen Church (101 Mass. Ave.) Designed by its then pastor, Charles Follen, a German immigrant pastor from Boston the Christian was built in New England.
- 17. The Stone Building (101 Mass. Ave.) Built in 1760 (1763), located between the Old Burying Ground, Theodore Parker, Charles Sumner, Woodbury Hall, and the Old Burying Ground, and possibly Henry David Thoreau.
- 18. The Brick Store (101 Mass. Ave., private) One of Lexington's brick stores (1760), served as a general store, post office, lecture hall, and search library.
- 19. Four points of interest shown in black are not included. For the complete document go to acrosslexington.org/routes.

About ACROSS Lexington

ACROSS LEXINGTON (Accessing Conservation land, Recreation areas, Open space, Schools, and Streets) is a project of the Lexington Historical Society, supported by the Lexington Historical Society to develop a 40-mile network of routes through the town for the use of walkers, joggers, and bikers. Four routes totaling over 17 miles have been completed to date.

One of the single best things you can do for your health is to get moving. According to numerous studies, walking, running, or biking 30 minutes a day 5 days a week, significantly reduces problems associated with diabetes and blood pressure, builds muscle tone, and helps fight depression.

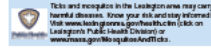
This brochure includes a wealth of information to start you exploring the natural wonders and historic pathways of Lexington. So get on your feet, enjoy the outdoors, and start being better!



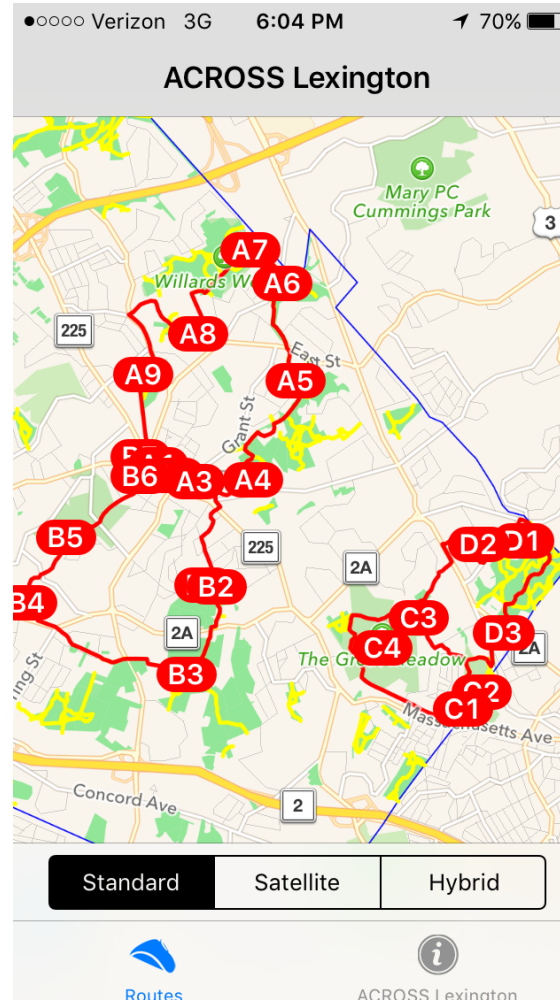
Resources

The information from these organizations' websites will enhance your outdoor experience in Lexington.

- acrosslexington.org - ACROSS Lexington is a network of pedestrian and bicycle routes through open space and town streets that link many parts of the town.
- landscapetourism.com - Lexington Landscaped Forest is a 250-acre parcel of forest land in Lexington that borders Lexington. It offers 15 miles of trails.
- lexingtonma.gov/conservation/conservation.cfm - Lexington has 1300+ acres of conservation land. This link will take you to maps of the 28 conservation parcels.
- the-forest-of-lexington.com - The Forest of Lexington (FOL) provides and supports bicycling and the shared use of bicycle routes, including the Massachusetts Greenway. In and around Lexington, the Forest of Lexington is a network of trails and paths that are dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of the Lexington Forest.
- www.lexingtonma.gov - Events, dining, lodging, and getting around in Lexington.
- www.lexingtonma.gov - This site is loaded with helpful information about the health and other benefits of walking and being active.
- www.lexingtonma.gov - This is the leading bicycling advocacy organization in Massachusetts and is an excellent bike safety resource.
- www.lexingtonma.gov - The Forest of Lexington is dedicated to the protection and stewardship of the 183-acre Arlington Open Meadows, located in the Town of Lexington, Massachusetts.
- www.lexingtonma.gov - Lexington Community Farm is a community-based farm located in the Town of Lexington. The farm is growing the town's CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) membership, health and education, and outdoor programs, and outdoor opportunities to the community.



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Future Plans

- 25 Additional Miles/8 Additional Loops
- Incorporate More Neighborhoods
- Links to Neighboring Communities
- Bike-Friendlier Alternative Routes

Proposed Routes

