

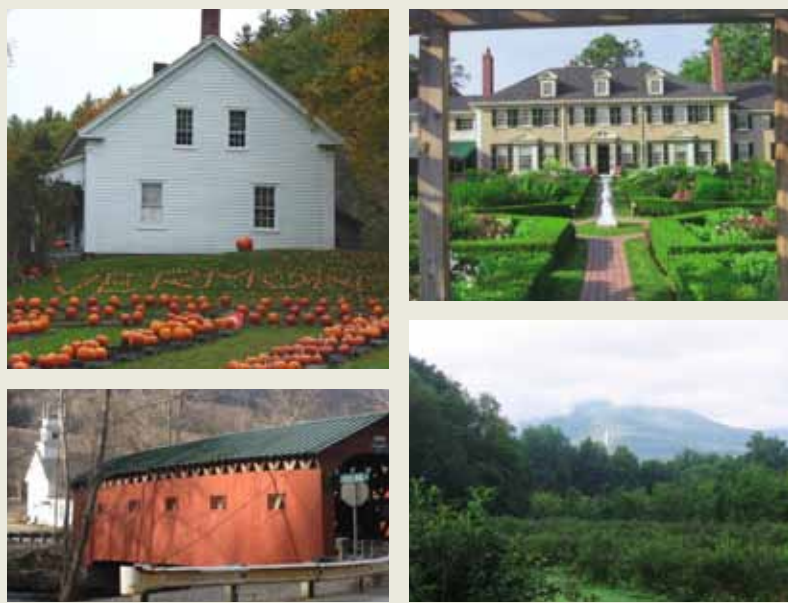
Western New England Greenway

Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area & Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership
 Long Island Sound to Montreal Quebec - Route Map 3 of 6: Pittsfield, Massachusetts to Wells, Vermont
 National Park Service/U.S. Department of the Interior



Leaving Pittsfield the route enters the Ashuwilliticook Northern Trailhead for a 10 mile ride to Adams, Massachusetts. Off-road and along the river, the trail encourages a leisurely pace for the first riding away from traffic. The ride from Adams through North Adams and on to Williamstown will be more congested but provide a wide variety of services. The route bypasses the edge of Williamstown for simplicity in directions but the home of Williams College is a great town to wander around and enjoy the atmosphere. You won't get lost so enjoy it.

Southern Vermont provides more, but short, hills and mountain views as the route takes back roads parallel to Route 7. Bennington and Manchester Center, like Williamstown, are skirted around but the towns have a full selection of services and historic sites. If it is a hot day one may wish to stay on Rt. 30 just north of Manchester Center for a great swimming quarry.



Sites of Interest

Bennington Museum

The WNEG route goes through the eastern side of Bennington but it is only a short distance through the center of town to the museum and the monument. The museum was founded in 1852 to celebrate the anniversary of the Battle of Bennington and to preserve the heritage of the southwest corner of Vermont. Since that time the museum has expanded its collection and become a venue for visual and performing arts as well community meetings. It was the site of the first meeting bringing representatives from Connecticut, Massachusetts and Vermont together to form the WNEG.

Bennington Battle Monument

The over 300 feet tall tower built of magnesium limestone was completed and dedicated in 1891 to commemorate the Battle of Bennington. This battle, which actually occurred in nearby New York, occurred on August 16, 1777 and is considered to be one of the turning points of the Revolutionary War. The monument is open to the public from mid-April through October and provides great views of the surrounding valley.

Southern Vermont Arts Center

Located on West Rd. this complex is a center for all of the arts. Its many buildings house facilities for painting, sculpture, performance arts, a cafe and the grounds have a well-known sculpture garden to enhance a nice walk. The center is located on the 400 acre state of Gertrude Divine Ritter and is on the National Register of Historic Places. The galleries and gardens are not open on Mondays.

American Museum of Fly Fishing

Southwest Vermont and surrounding locations have been known as an excellent area for fly fishing and the museum was created to document and preserve angling history as well as serve as a location for research. The museum displays, and makes available for research, all aspects of fishing history dating back to the 16th century including rods, reels, flies, tackle, art, photographs, books and manuscripts.

Norman Rockwell Exhibition

Rockwell's time in Arlington, VT (1939-1953) is featured at this exhibition which is located 1 mile north of the center of town. Rockwell used over 200 local citizens as models for his art and was an integral part of the town life. Drawing life as he thought it should be made his pictures popular quickly as they appeared in the Saturday Evening Post magazine. This exhibition is dedicated to preserve the view of life that Norman Rockwell illustrated.

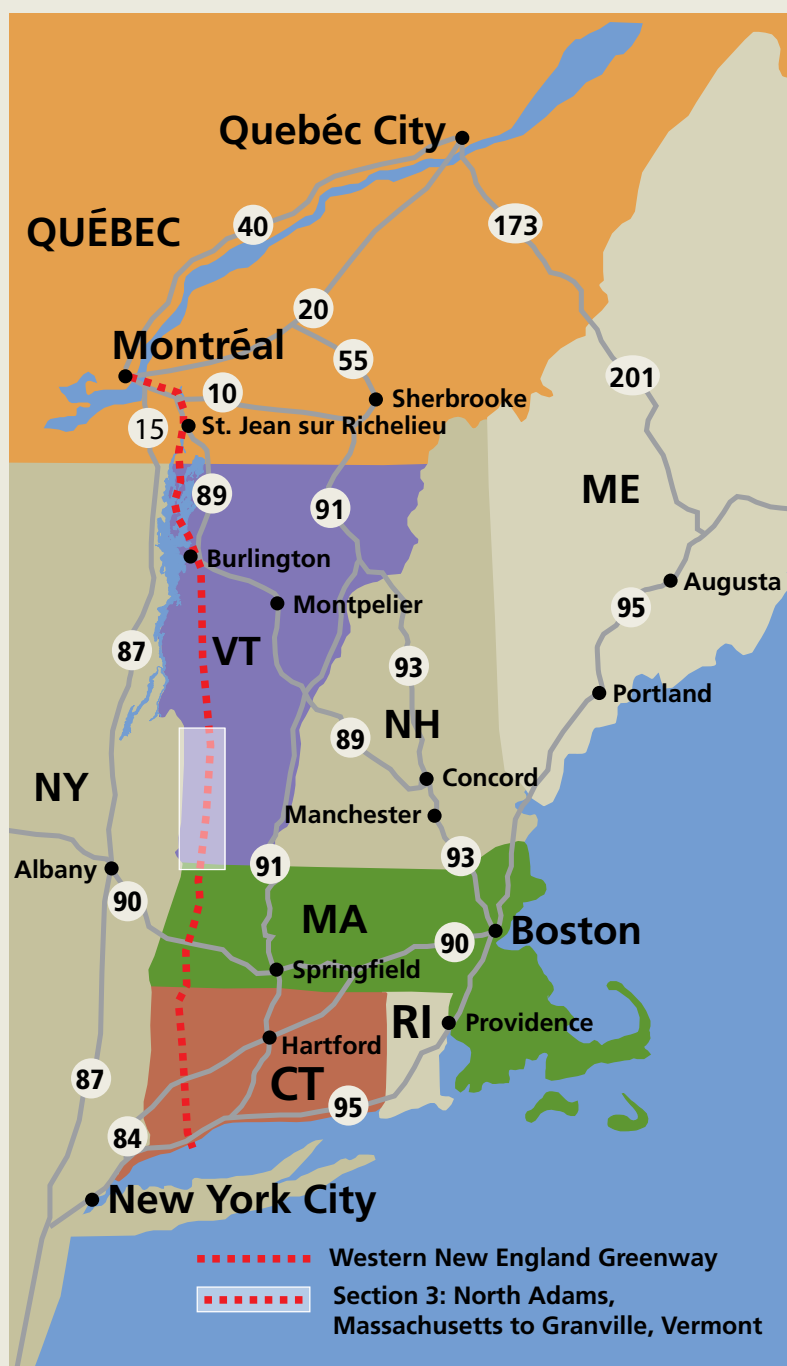
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This estate of the Robert Todd Lincoln, only child of Abraham and Mary Lincoln to survive to adulthood, was inhabited only by Lincoln descendants until 1975. The estate is now operated by a non-profit organization, is open year around for visitors to tour the extensive grounds, the home and the restored Pullman Railroad Car.

About the Western New England Greenway

The Western New England Greenway is a green state, two country bicycling route that connects to the New England in Norwalk, Connecticut thereby linking New York City to Montreal. The route is comprised primarily of public roads that have been selected for their ease of bicycling, scenic surroundings and interesting places to visit. The major metropolitan areas that the WNEG pass through are Burlington, Vermont and Montreal, Quebec. In each of these areas extensive bicycle path networks exist and are used.

The Connecticut portion of the WNEG follows the Housatonic River north through gently rolling terrain marked by farmland and river views. The Massachusetts section is not very long but it is filled lovely New England towns, but short, hills and mountain views to visit. Southern Vermont provides more, but short, hills and interesting places to visit. The major metropolitan areas that the WNEG pass through are Burlington, Vermont and Montreal, Quebec. In each of these areas extensive bicycle path networks exist and are used.



Cue Sheet

- MA 52.1 Exit Ashuwilliticook Northern Trailhead. - Visitors Center
- MA 53.2 ← Turn left on Hoosic Street - **ADAMS.**
- MA 53.3 → Turn right on Columbia Street (MA 8).
- MA 54.6 ↑ Continue straight onto Howland Avenue (MA 8).
- MA 55.6 ↑ Continue straight onto Curran Memorial Highway (MA 8).
- MA 58.0 ↑ Continue north onto State St. (MA 8).
- MA 58.8 ↑ Continue north onto Marshall St. (MA).
- NORTH ADAMS.**
- MA 59.0 ← Turn left on State St., becomes River St. then Hoosac Rd.
- MA 64.3 ↑ Continue straight on Bridges Rd.
- MA 64.8 ↑ Continue straight on Sand Springs Rd.
- MA 65.0 → Turn right on Simonds Road (US 7).
- MA 65.9 ↑ Stay straight at State Line.
- VT 1.9 → Turn right on Burrington Rd.
- VT 4.3 → Turn right on US-7 N.
- VT 4.6 → Turn right on Barber Pond Rd. (sign says B Pond).
- VT 5.6 ↖ Slight left on Middle Pownal Rd.
- VT 6.5 ← Turn left to stay on Middle Pownal Rd.
- VT 7.0 → Turn right onto Maple Grove Rd.
- VT 8.5 ← Turn left on S. Stream Rd. (no sign).
- VT 11.3 ← Stay left to continue on Morgan St.
- VT 12.9 ← Turn left on Main St. - Rt. 9 - **BENNINGTON.**
- VT 13.0 → Turn right on Safford St.
- VT 13.4 ← Turn left on County St.
- VT 13.6 → Turn right on Park St.
- VT 14.3 ↑ Stay straight on East Rd. after Kocher Dr.
- VT 19.6 ↖ Bear left under Rt. 7.
- VT 19.7 → Turn right. Continue on East Rd.
- VT 23.1 ↑ Stay straight. Continue on Maple Hill Rd.
- VT 25.7 ← Turn left to stay on Maple Hill Rd.
- VT 26.0 → Turn right on Warm Brook Rd.
- VT 26.7 → Turn right on Ice Pond Rd.
- VT 27.1 ← Turn left on Old Mill Rd.
- VT 27.4 → Turn right on East Arlington Rd./Maple St.
- VT 28.3 ↑ Stay straight on Sunderland Hill Rd.
- VT 30.9 ↘ Bear right on Sunderland Hill Rd. - railroad on the left.
- VT 32.4 ↘ Bear right. Continue on Sunderland Hill Rd.
- VT 33.5 ↑ Stay straight. Continue on River Rd.
- VT 35.7 ↘ Slight right on Main St. (Rt. 7A) - **MANCHESTER VILLAGE.**
- VT 36.2 ↑ Stay straight. Continue on West Rd.
- VT 39.7 ← Turn left onto VT-30 N.
- VT 40.2 ← Turn left onto West Rd.
- VT 43.2 ↑ Continue straight on Dorset West Rd. - **DORSET.**
- VT 44.8 → Turn right on VT-315 E/Rupert Mountain Rd.
- VT 44.9 ← Turn left onto VT-30 N.
- VT 51.2 ↖ Bear left on Rt. 30 - **PAWLET.**
- VT 54.7 → Turn right on South St.
- VT 57.1 ↑ Continue straight on North St. - **WELLS.**

Safety Guidelines

Motorists and bicyclists share scenic roads. Use caution on narrow, winding or unpaved roadway. Follow traffic laws and ride safely. Bicycles are vehicles by law and have the right to use public roads. You are responsible for operating your bicycle under all conditions.

When cycling, please follow these guidelines:

1. WEAR A HELMET and cycling gloves.
2. Ride with the flow of traffic.
3. When using travel lanes, follow motor vehicle laws. Obey all traffic signs and signals. Do not cut corners.
4. Use clear hand signals when making turns or stopping.
5. Ride in a straight line at least 3 feet from parked cars or curbs.
6. If you must ride at night, use lights and reflectors.
7. Ride defensively! Be aware of motorists' actions.
8. Be aware of train tracks and other road conditions.
9. Ride single file.
10. Carry items in panniers or a handle-bar pack.

Disclaimer: Users assume all risks, inherent and not inherent, in the use of materials recommending routes of the Lake Champlain Bikeways network and all affiliated organizations, and individuals disclaim any and all liability on their part for damages or injuries to persons or property should they occur. Routes are chosen, designated and/or signed because: they are popular, or are preferred, or provide continuous routes to destinations, or are lightly traveled, or are scenic, or have more room for cars and bikes, or possess a combination of these attributes.

