

4	FRIDAY AND SATURDAY	2:30 PM	ELKS LODGE 17 Spring St, Florence	<p>History of the Underground Railroad in Florence</p> <p>Join us on this 3 mile bike ride as we explore some of the significant historical sites of Florence’s mid 1800s Abolitionist and Utopian Communities. Stories of Sojourner Truth, the Underground Railroad, the early Silk Mill industries and Florence Water Cures will highlight this tour.</p>	<p><u>Steve Strimer</u> serves on the Board of the David Ruggles Center and Historic Northampton while also working full-time at the worker-owned Collective Copies and assisting local authors through Levellers Press. Steve has developed and leads tours of the African American Heritage trail in Florence that highlights the life of Sojourner Truth.</p>	Biking	5 miles	2 hours
5	SATURDAY ONLY	2:30 PM	UNION STATION PARKING LOT	<p>The Manhan Rail Trail (Easthampton)</p> <p>Follow the remains of the 1915 New Haven to Northampton canal that has become one of the states treasured rail-trail. Explore the natural highlights of the area while learning about the funding and engineering strategies of the trail’s development Canal Greenway</p>	<p>Steve Donnelly, Board Member of the Manhan Rail Trail Committee</p>	Biking	10 miles	2 hours
6	FRIDAY AND SATURDAY	2:30 PM	UNION STATION PARKING LOT	<p>The MCRT’s Norwottuck Trail</p> <p>Explore one of the key segments of the MA. Central Rail Trail (MCRT) that connects the UMass Amherst campus with local communities. Enjoy great views of the CT. River and local farmlands while the tour leader describes the challenges and successes of this trail’s development.</p>	<p><u>Pete Sutton</u> is the MassDOT's Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Coordinator. He is a big advocate of alternative transportation models and is Chairman of the Commonwealth’s Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee</p> <p><u>Paul Jahnige</u> is the MA. DCR Director of Greenways and Trails. He is a wealth of information on the development of the MCRT .</p>	Biking	5 miles	90 minutes

7	FRIDAY AND SATURDAY	2:30 PM	UNION STATION PARKING LOT	<p>Flora and Fauna of the Northampton Rail Trail</p> <p>Local naturalists and educators will lead this ride along the Northampton rail-trail stopping often to explore and discuss the many natural habitats that thrive amidst this busy trail system.</p>	TBD	Walking	2 miles	90 minutes
8	FRIDAY ONLY	2:30 PM	UNION STATION PARKING LOT	<p>Union Station to Haydenville</p> <p>Join us on this 5 mile loop along the rail trail that crosses the villages of Florence, Leeds and Haydenville. The tour leader will describe the many partners who came together since 1985 to envision, fund and design one of the oldest segments of the trail system in MA.</p>	<p><u>Craig Della Penna</u> is the volunteer coordinator of the MCRT Coalition and a nationally known advocate for repurposing abandoned railways for multi-purpose rail trails. Craig, a historian by training also owns a bed & breakfast on the Florence segment of the Northampton rail trail.</p>	Biking	11 miles	3 hours