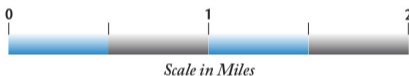


The Minuteman Commuter Bikeway Points of Interest Along the Bikeway

- 1 **Alewife Station** Public transit station on the Arlington/Cambridge line offers bus and subway access and free bike parking.
- 2 **Spy Pond Park and Field** Children's play space, boat ramp, picnic tables and ice skating when the pond freezes.
- 3 **Arlington Center** The Town of Arlington is only 5.5 square miles, so nothing is far from the Bikeway. Bikeway users are encouraged to visit eateries/businesses along the Mass Ave corridor and enjoy respite in parks scattered throughout the community. Details on reverse.
- 4 **Cooke's Hollow** Early mill site, now a green space along Mill Brook.
- 5 **Old Schwamb Mill** Oldest still functioning (since 1864) mill in the US. Renowned for oval high-quality wooden frames.
- 6 **Arlington Reservoir** Nature path around the reservoir; sandy beach, Habitat Garden, swans.
- 7 **Arlington's Great Meadows** Hiking trails through natural habitat.
- 8 **Tower Park** A shady picnic area alongside the Bikeway; site of a battle between British forces and the Colonial militia.
- 9 **Lexington Community Center** Available for civic, cultural, charitable and educational groups and organizations that serve the Lexington Community.
- 10 **Munroe Tavern and British History Museum** Revolutionary War site that played a prominent role in the Battle of Lexington and Concord. Now preserved and operated as a museum with exhibits highlighting the role and perspective of the British soldiers during the outbreak of the war.
- 11 **Lexington Center** Settled in 1642 and incorporated in 1713. Lexington is best known as the "Birthplace of American Liberty" for its role in the American Revolution. A variety of shops and restaurants as well as historic sites are just steps from the Bikeway. Details on reverse.
- 12 **Hancock Clarke House** The destination of Paul Revere and William Dawes on the eve of the American Revolution to warn Samuel Adams and John Hancock of the coming British troops. Built in about 1698, the house contains period furnishings and portraits.
- 13 **Parker Meadow** 17.5 acres of woods and meadows with paths and boardwalks.
- 14 **Depot Park** Bedford terminus of the Bikeway where three rail trails converge. The historic freight house is now an information center with railroad memorabilia.
- 15 **Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge** 250-acre wetlands on the Concord River, a popular destination for bird watchers, walkers and families.

Legend

Entry Point	▲	Bike Shop	
Mile Marker	5	Bike Repair Station	
Points of Interest	1	Visitors Center	
Restrooms		Water	
Shops, Eateries		Unpaved Trail	
Parking	P		



The Minuteman Commuter Bikeway, built in 1992-93 by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on an inactive railroad corridor, passes through the area where the American Revolution began in April 1775. Connecting to the Alewife "T" Station in Cambridge, the Bikeway provides an easy way for bicyclists and pedestrians to travel to subway and bus lines.

Today, the paved 10.1 mile Bikeway, collectively managed and maintained by the towns of Bedford, Lexington, Arlington, and Cambridge, is one of the most popular and successful rail-trails in the United States, enjoyed by many year-round for both healthy recreation and transportation. In 2008, the national Rails-to-Trails Conservancy inducted the Minuteman Commuter Bikeway into its Rail-Trail Hall of Fame.

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| <p>A Depot Park, 1874
The depot freight house is now an information center and gift shop. View railroad history, tour the restored passenger rail car. A great location to begin rides on three paved and unpaved rail trails.</p> <p>B Narrow Gauge Rail Trail, 1877
Site of the first commercial narrow gauge railroad in the U.S. Springs Brook Park, 1.4 miles, Fawn Lake, 2 miles.</p> <p>C Town Campus
The Library displays the Bedford Flag (1704), the nation's oldest Militia flag. Carried to Concord by the Bedford Minutemen, April 19th, 1775.</p> | <p>D Town Commons, 1729
Field in the center of Bedford Center where 18th and 19th century townsmen grazed their animals. Second Meeting House-now First Parish Church, and Old Town Hall, 1856</p> <p>E Old Burying Ground, 1729
Town's first cemetery. Many of Bedford's Revolutionary War soldiers are buried here.</p> <p>F Sites West</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chip-In Farm (1 mile) • Great Meadows Wildlife Refuge (2 miles) • Concord Center, North Bridge (4.5 miles) |
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| <p>A Lexington Visitors' Center
Information, tours and hospitality. Battle of Lexington diorama, gift shop and restrooms. www.tourlexington.us</p> <p>B Lexington Depot, 1847
Active railroad station until 1977, now managed by the Lexington Historical Society.</p> <p>C Old Burial Ground, 1690
Contains the remains of Lexington residents from the Revolutionary period. Legible names, dates and inscriptions, some macabre epitaphs.</p> <p>D Lexington Battle Green, 1692
Here on April 19th, 1775, the "first blood was spilt in the dispute with Great Britain" when 77</p> | <p>colonists faced British regulars. Site of yearly Patriot's Day re-enactment in April.</p> <p>E The Belfry, 1761 (1910 Reproduction)
The bell summoned people to worship, warned of danger, tolled on their deaths, and sounded the alarm of April 19th, 1776.</p> <p>F Buckman Tavern, 1710
Oldest tavern in Lexington. Militia gathered here in the early hours of April 19th, 1775 to await the British Regulars.</p> <p>G Women's Monument, 2024
"Something is Being Done" monument honoring women through 300 years of Lexington history.</p> |
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| <p>A Jason Russell House
Site of the bloodiest conflict on April 19th, 1775 between British and local Minutemen. Open May through October.</p> <p>B Old Burial Ground
Historic pre-American Revolution burial ground. Includes Enslaved and Free Persons of Color Monument.</p> <p>C Uncle Sam Historic Monument
Honors merchant Sam Wilson, born in Arlington and supplier of material and victuals</p> | <p>to the US Army during the War of 1812 who gave image to the character of "Uncle Sam."</p> <p>D Whittemore Robbins House
Historic National Register structure once owned by family who were benefactors of the community. Available for functions.</p> <p>E Dallin Art Museum, Cutter House
Historic structure housing museum dedicated to Cyrus Dallin, famed sculptor; rotating exhibit area for local artists.</p> |
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BEYOND THE MINUTEMAN BIKEWAY

- **ACROSS Lexington:** Blue and white markers indicate walking and bicycle routes on public ways. Six of the routes include sections of the Minuteman Bikeway.
- **Alewife Brook Greenway and Reservation:** 2.5 miles through Somerville, Arlington and Cambridge to connect the Minuteman Bikeway and the Mystic River Reservations.
- **Alewife Linear Path/Somerville Community Path:** Paved paths from Alewife Station to Davis Square in Somerville and then to East Cambridge and the Green Line.
- **Bay Circuit Trail:** 180 miles of trails in the Boston metro area, including Bedford.
- **Bikes on the MBTA:** Complete information at www.mbta.com/bikes
- **Bruce Freeman Trail:** 15-mile paved trail through the communities of Lowell, Chelmsford, Westford, Carlisle, Acton, Concord, and Sudbury.
- **Charles River Bike Paths:** 23 miles of paved bike paths on both sides of the Charles River all the way to Waltham, including a 16-mile paved loop (Dr. Paul Dudley White Bike Path) traveling from the Museum of Science in Boston to Watertown Square.
- **Fitchburg Cut-Off Path:** 1.8 mile rail-trail from Alewife Station to Brighton Street in Belmont.
- **Fresh Pond Paths:** Paved 2.5 mile loop around Fresh Pond Reservoir, with dedicated bike path beside Concord Avenue and the Fresh Pond Parkway in Cambridge.
- **Minute Man National Historic Park and Battle Road:** 5-mile soft surface trail through original segments of the Battle Road used on April 19, 1775 and historic sites from the opening battles of the American Revolution.
- **Narrow Gauge Rail-Trail:** 3-mile stone past trail from Depot Park in Bedford (at the end of the Bikeway) through woodlands northerly past Fawn Lake to the Billerica town line.
- **Reformatory Branch Rail-Trail:** 4 mile dirt trail past woodlands and Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge to the Revolutionary War Old North Bridge in Concord.
- **Watertown-Cambridge Greenway:** 2-mile paved trail between the Charles River Path in Watertown to the Fresh Pond path in Cambridge.

BEDFORD CENTER, Walk Your Wheels on Town Center Sidewalks



LEXINGTON CENTER, Walk Your Wheels on Town Center Sidewalks



ARLINGTON CENTER, Walk Your Wheels on All Town Sidewalks



BIKEWAY GUIDELINES: Share the Path Safely & Courteously

- Pass on the left, after waiting for oncoming traffic to clear. **Give an audible warning before passing another user.**
 - Make a complete stop at all stop signs.
 - Share the path! When stopping, move off the pavement to allow other users to pass.
 - No unauthorized motorized vehicles; motorized wheelchairs are allowed on the Bikeway.
 - Pets must be controlled on a short leash. Pick up after your dog!
 - Supervise your children to ensure they ride and walk safely and don't endanger others on the path.
 - **Enjoy the path and be safe and courteous to other users.**
- Bicycling**
- Helmets are recommended for all bicyclists and required by State law for those 16 years or younger.
 - Ride responsibly and safely, especially during heavy use periods (max 15 mph, slower if path is crowded).
 - Ride single file. Two-abreast is safe only during low use periods. Never ride three-or-more abreast.
 - Mass State law permits Class 1 and Class 2 e-bikes on shared use paths. Please ride responsibly, using a low level of power assist (max 15 mph, slower if path is crowded).
- Walking/jogging**
- Don't walk or run more than two abreast.
- After Dark: Be Visible!**
- Bicyclists are required by law to have a front facing white light, a rear facing red light, and reflective gear visible in all directions.
 - At night all pedestrians should wear a reflective jacket, vest, or rash. Lights are recommended. Dim and aim headlights down when encountering other users.