

December 2025



Season's Greetings!

"Spectacular" and "Jewel"
These are the two words we heard this week to describe the

Wachusett Greenways team stewarding the Mass Central Rail Trail (MCRT).

Thank you for being a team member! Your giving, volunteering, enjoying the trail, and serving as an ambassador all help us forge ahead.



2025 is wrapping up with great views of the MCRT: looking back at construction of beautiful new sections in Holden, and looking forward to construction of an accessible connection in Rutland in 2026.





Countless people enjoy the rail trail throughout the year. And volunteers continue noteworthy trail care—clearing leaves and ditches, tending portable restrooms, mowing, and removing down or dead trees on the corridor, and lots more.



Together we connect the communities of the Wachusett/Ware region and steward the central 30-mile section of the MCRT.

Special thanks to each of you who have already given in 2025! For other Wachusett Greenways friends, we gratefully invite your gifts for any of the following Greenways funds:

- Annual Membership (any amount from \$5-\$40) to provide regular care for the trail, portable restrooms, maintenance equipment, etc.
- Mass Central Rail Trail Construction Fund—to help build the trail.
- Edward P. Yaglou MCRT Maintenance Fund—to conduct restoration projects.
- Mass Central Rail Trail Stewardship Endowment Fund—the growth from this permanent gift helps to sustain Wachusett Greenways' care for the trail.

All are welcome! Contribute <u>here</u> or mail your gift to: Wachusett Greenways PO Box 121 Holden, MA 01520



You can help make the Mass Central Rail Trail shine and introduce others to the treasured trail. There's a place for everyone...leaf raking, mowing, clipping brush, maintaining drainage, working with your chainsaw, serving as a trail patroller, reaching out to others, photography, outdoor events and more.

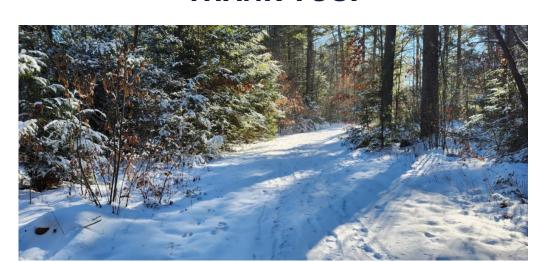
We know the Mass Central Mass Rail Trail is more than just a great resource. It's a place where memories are made, whether you're walking with family, cycling at sunrise, training for a marathon, or just enjoying nature.

As we continue to update and grow the Wachusett Greenways website, we would love to feature your experiences! If you have favorite photos, funny stories, or detailed accounts of your adventures on the trail and what it means to you, please share them with us. Your unique perspectives help showcase the true value of the Mass Central Rail Trail to our community, and we can't wait to celebrate your journeys on our website and on Facebook!

To share your photos, stories or skills, contact us <u>here</u> or call Colleen at 508-479-2123.

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THANK YOU!





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