



*Connecting the Wachusett Communities with  
Trails and Greenways*

*Happy Thanksgiving to All!*

We hope you enjoy a thankful celebration this weekend. Join us for rejuvenation outdoors after your feast. Here are Wachusett Greenways events for everyone:

**A Visit to Rauscher Farm in Clinton**

**November 25, Friday morning** Explore this 60+ acres of open fields and woodlands with frontage on Clamshell Pond with a resident flock of wild turkeys. For generations the property was operated as a family farm and remains one of the last large open spaces in Clinton. The hike will be approximately 3 miles followed by an optional exploration of the 1000' long abandoned Mass. Central Railroad tunnel. To sign up and for start time, contact Mike at [fog@fognet.com](mailto:fog@fognet.com) or 508-835-2959.



**Ride Off the Turkey**

**November 27, Sunday, 2 pm** Let's work off that Thanksgiving feast and enjoy the brisk fall weather with a bike ride through the gorgeous Holden and West Boylston sections of the MCRT. We will meet at the River Road parking lot in Holden at 2 pm for a ride of about 1 hour. All abilities and ages are welcome. Contact Troy to sign up at [troy.milliken@gmail.com](mailto:troy.milliken@gmail.com) or 540-560-5283.

**Asnebumskit Hill Hike**

**December 3, Saturday, 10-12:30** We'll hike across land protected by White Oak Land Conservation Society and Greater Worcester Land Trust on this partner event. Lingering oaks in reds and browns in contrast to green white pines will accompany our walk up the spine of Asnebumskit Hill. The moderate hike is 2.2 miles to the top. Contact Christy at 508-755-6321 or [christybarnes0706@gmail.com](mailto:christybarnes0706@gmail.com).

**Eagle Lake Walk**

**December 15, Thursday, 10 am** Enjoy a casual walk on Mass Audubon land over stone walls, across ancient eskers, viewing the lake and possible winter wildlife. Bring water and snack. Sign up with Colleen at 508-479-2123 or [colleen.abrams@verizon.net](mailto:colleen.abrams@verizon.net).



Trail clearing is another great way to be fit and to serve as a steward of the Mass Central Rail Trail.

Check out the choices here and reply to Colleen at [colleen.abrams@verizon.net](mailto:colleen.abrams@verizon.net) or 508-479-2123 to say you'll join us.

Thank you for to every volunteer who has stepped up to help! We are grateful for your dedication.

### Our next trail clearing days:

**December 2, Friday, 1-3:30 pm in Holden.** Meet at the River Street, Holden, entrance to the MCRT.

**December 3, Saturday, 1-4 pm in Rutland.** Meet at 21 Miles Road.

**December 10, Saturday, 1-4 pm.** Location Sterling or Rutland.

Please reply to say you'll join us!



## Coming Soon!

Watch your mailbox for our next *Greenways Connector* newsletter and your invitation to make a special year-end gift. For our friends who aren't yet 2016 Greenways members, this is also the time to renew or begin your membership. We're counting on you and we're very grateful for our loyal members!