



Connecting Communities

Along Our Trails 2015

IN ASHBURNHAM – JANUARY 25



**SUNDAY
JANUARY 25
1:00 - 4:00 PM
SNOW DATE
SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 1**

**FREE & OPEN
TO THE PUBLIC.**

ASHBURNHAM SOJOURNS

Join the Ashburnham Conservation Trust, Rail Trail Committee, and Conservation Commission for an informative walk on the former tracks of the Cheshire Railroad that once connected towns to Fitchburg rail lines. Ashburnham's rail-trail is in the making and will improve safe, non-motorized access to the center of town, and someday connect with other trails to Winchendon and New Hampshire. Don't miss a unique opportunity for a behind-the-scenes tour of the pianos at the Historical Piano Study Center. Treat yourself to some relaxation and conversation at The Peppermint Pig and view old photos shared by the Rail Trail Committee. Meet at the Town Hall parking lot for this special afternoon.

Rail Rambling 1:00 – 2:00 pm

This easy family-friendly ramble begins at the Landry Soccer Field and will explore fauna, flora, and local history along the way. Depending on weather conditions, snowshoes or boots, gloves, and hats may be needed.

A “Grand” Collection 2:00 – 3:00 pm

Enjoy a special behind-the-scenes tour of the Historical Piano Study Center that shares the twenty-four grand pianos along with music and composers from 1790 to 1928.

Tasty Conversations – The Peppermint Pig 3:00 – 4:00 pm

Over delicious hot beverages and sweets, the Ashburnham Rail Trail Committee will share rarely seen old photos and plans to connect to Gardner, Winchendon, and even New Hampshire and Vermont!

Organizers & Contributors: Ashburnham Conservation Commission, Ashburnham Conservation Trust, Ashburnham Rail Trail Committee, The Frederick Piano Collection, and The Peppermint Pig.

Parking: Please park and gather behind Town Hall. A shuttle will transport hikers to the start at the Landry Soccer Fields.

Dog Policy: Leashed dogs are welcome on the hike along the Rail Trail. However, they cannot come into the Piano Collection or the Peppermint Pig.

Weather Policy: In case of cancellation due to weather, the snow date will be Sunday, February 1st.

RSVP and Contact Information: Pre-registration not necessary. For questions or weather concerns, please contact Chris Picone at home: 978-827-6727.

Connecting Communities is offered by the Montachusett Regional Trails Coalition and Freedom's Way National Heritage Area, in collaboration with trail stewards, land trusts, community leaders, historical organizations, naturalists, and volunteers, and provides free trail-inspired events from June 2014 – May 2015.



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