



# Connecting Communities

## *Along Our Trails 2014*

IN LEOMINSTER – OCTOBER 10 + 11



**FRIDAY  
OCTOBER 10  
7PM  
GUIDED  
TWILIGHT HIKE  
AND CAMPFIRE AT  
SHOLAN FARMS**

This unique excursion winds its way through the rows of apple trees, open meadows, and along a reservoir, and eventually returns participants to the site of their departure where they will be greeted with warm apple cider and hot chocolate all served around the warmth of a campfire. Our 169-acre property is comprised of different types of terrain and vegetation, making it a unique and surprising place to explore on a stroll or more strenuous hike. Dogs are allowed on a leash. Bring marshmallows too.

**Pre-registration required** to [info@sholanfarms.com](mailto:info@sholanfarms.com). Open to the public. Check website at [www.sholanfarms.com](http://www.sholanfarms.com) for notice of cancellation due to rain or call 978-840-3267.

**Distance, Time and Difficulty:** Our trails are suitable to all abilities. The outer loop takes about one hour with the terrain varying from groomed apple orchard to open meadow to woodlands, and from level ground to moderate inclines. Despite the hills, the trails here are classified as easy. The short loop takes about ½ hour to complete and is on level ground.

The 169-acre farm falls at the edge of Leominster's Watershed Area and so dogs ARE allowed at Sholan Farms, but the extension of May Street around the east and south side of Fall Brook Reservoir is within the Watershed Area so dogs are NOT allowed on this trail. They must be leashed at all times. Pet owners are responsible for cleaning up after their pets.

**Directions/parking:** From the center of Leominster, take Pleasant Street for 3 miles. Parking for trail events is located on the east side of Pleasant Street across from the farmstand. Free parking for 12–15 cars.

*See reverse side for October 11th event.*

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.



Freedom's Way National Heritage Area  
works in partnership with  
The National Park Service

### ALONG OUR TRAILS 2014-2015

**NOVEMBER 2014 – Nashua, NH**

**DECEMBER 2014 – Sterling, MA**

**JANUARY 2015 – Ashburnham, MA**

**FEBRUARY 2015 – Petersham, MA**

**MARCH 2015 – Westminster, MA**

**APRIL 2015 – Gardner, MA**

**MAY 2015 – Groton, MA**



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**SATURDAY  
OCTOBER 11  
3PM**

**FOOD AND FORAGE  
AT SHOLAN FARMS —  
GUIDED ORCHARD  
TOUR**

Enjoy a stroll through this working farm with panoramic views of surrounding hills, even a view of the Boston skyline on a clear day. The farm's trails allow visitors to walk, hike or bird watch during the spring, summer, or fall and cross-country ski or snowshoe in the winter. Meet at the Farm Stand area – Guided tours, apple tasting, and wagon ride. The guided tour will last one hour followed by a wagon ride through the orchard. The farm is open to self-guided tours throughout the year. Bring a friend or family members to enjoy the hike. Leashed pets are welcome.

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