

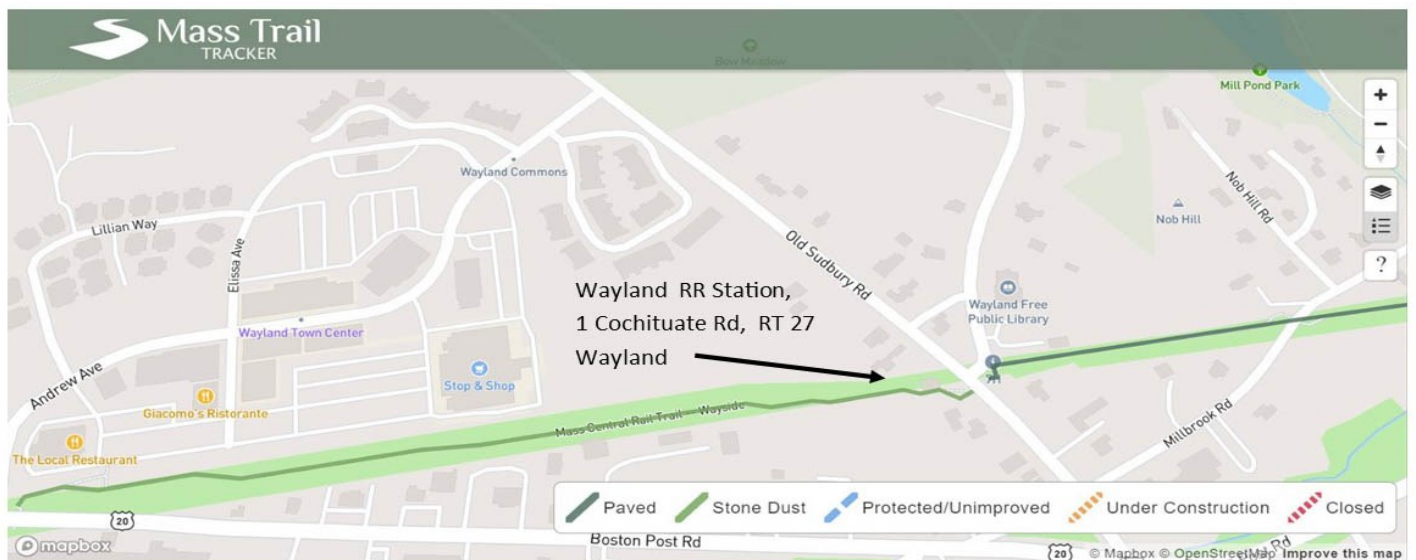
TOUR 3-A Mass Central Rail Trail —A Dual Tour.

1st, a walking tour of the restored Wayland Station and other B&M RR facilities led by Rick Conard of the town of Wayland. And then 2nd, a biking tour of the MCRT in both Wayland and Weston led by Larry Kiernan and Geoff Tillotson.



This page describes the WALKING TOUR led by Rick Conard.

SHORT TOUR LAYOUT. Starting at Wayland Depot (1 Cochituate Rd, Wayland) the walking tour will include areas about 1000 ft. east and west of there along the MCRT. Time about 45 minutes to 1 hour depending on the interests of participants. Tour participants will see the original Massachusetts Central RR passenger station and freight house, both built in 1881, now restored and owned by the Town. Wayland Depot is now houses a nonprofit handicraft gift shop run by volunteers. From 1887 to 1917 several commuter trains each day to Boston began and ended their runs in Wayland, while other trains continued west towards Northampton. The railroad built a turntable for turning steam locomotives, an engine house for storing them overnight, and a water tank. The foundations of these three buildings and several sections of preserved track are still visible and are cleared periodically from encroaching weeds by volunteers. This is the only preserved railroad terminal site along the MCRT and one of only a few remaining in Massachusetts because other such sites have been obliterated by development. Historic photographs will show what the site looked like when it was a busy railroad terminal.



Tour leader bio.

Rick grew up in Wayland in the 1960s when he watched, rode, and took photos of trains running through Wayland. He became interested in the history of the B&M Central Mass. Branch when he researched and wrote a paper for a high school history class. This interest continued over the years as a member of the Boston & Maine Railroad Historical Society, several other railroad historical organizations, and as a member of the Town of Wayland Historical Commission



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