

WESTERN MASS HILLTOWN HIKERS

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Group Hike at the Keystone Arch Bridges Trail October 16th 10:00 am

GPS Location: 42.312190 -72.992314 Trailhead Hike Rating: Moderate, side trail options 5 miles total in and back

Join us for our annual group hike of the historic Keystone Arch Bridge Trail in Chester
The hike will be narrated by Dave Pierce of the Friends of the Keystone Arches.

Enjoy Dave's incredible narration as he tells of the history of the Arch's creation, the first cluster of stone arch RR bridges built in America, located on the West Branch of the Westfield River. Construction of the 150-mile railroad was completed by 3,000 laborers in an incredible two and a half years, opening in 1841. We will take you up close to all the stone bridges on the trail. Two keystone arch bridges located on MassWildlife's Walnut Hill Wildlife Management Area in Middlefield and Becket have been named National Historic Landmarks this year! The Chester Railway Station Museum will be open after the hike located at 10 Prospect Street, Chester. More info visit www.chesterrailwaystation.net www.keystonearches.com www.townofchester.net

Overflow parking is at Chester Elementary School, 325 Middlefield Road, one mile from the trailhead (limited parking). Hike will start at the trailhead at 10 am. Although the trail is easily traveled and well-marked, be prepared for mud, bridges, roots and rocks. Maps and bottle water will be provided. Please be aware that there are no facilities at the trail. Plan for four hours hike time. More details are on Facebook and the website. Friendly dogs are welcome! Please Register on <https://westernmasshilltownhikers.ticketleap.com> hike is free, donations are appreciated! For more information email westernmasshilltownhikers@aol.com

Scan the QR Code with your phone to make a donation



We are a nonprofit 501c3 Corporation. All our group hikes and events are free and welcome to all. All costs incurred are paid from donated funds. The Park Knox Trail was purchased by the director and donated back to the public. Hilltown Trail maintenance work is by volunteers. You give a little and we give a lot back.

Please keep our beautiful places clean and carry in and carry out.

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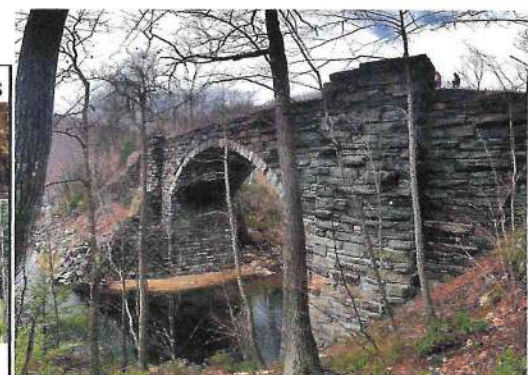
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