



# Massachusetts Walking Tour

Annual Bipedal Tour Supporting Arts and Culture

[www.masswalkingtour.org](http://www.masswalkingtour.org) (508) 667-8280 [masswalkingtour@gmail.com](mailto:masswalkingtour@gmail.com)

## Massachusetts Walking Tour Celebrates 10<sup>th</sup> Year 121 concerts organized / 103 towns visited



Since 2010, local songwriters Mark Mandeville and Rianne Richards have organized a string of free community concerts each June to showcase artists and musicians across their home state of Massachusetts - this tour is traveled completely on foot while carrying roughly 50lbs. of gear and instruments.

Mandeville and Richards spend much of the year arranging appropriate community venues for each concert (i.e. public libraries, town commons, meeting halls, senior centers) and inviting local performers from each town to participate in the two hour programs. The folk coffeehouse style concerts offer a respectful listening environment for artists young and old, concluding with a feature set of music by the Massachusetts Walking Tour ensemble.

The concerts are funded in part by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, private donors and cooperating venues.

In addition to the concerts, the MWT also organizes daily public hikes to help raise awareness of recreational properties statewide working together with larger organizations like the National Park Service, Appalachian Mountain Club, DCR, the Trustees, and local trails volunteers.

In 2017, the MWT was recognized in the congressional record by Sen. Edward Markey for a dedication towards community service.

### 2019 MASSACHUSETTS WALKING TOUR SCHEDULE

- June 17 – Holliston Public Library – Holliston
- June 18 – Millis Public Library – Millis
- June 19 – Federated Church of Norfolk – Norfolk
- June 20 – Boyden Library – Foxborough
- June 21 – South Common – Mansfield
- June 23 – Wrentham Senior Center – Wrentham
- June 24 – Telford Park – Plainville
- June 26 – First Congregational Church – North Attleboro
- June 27 – Attleboro Public Library – Attleboro
- June 28 – Seekonk Meadows – Seekonk
- June 29 – Christ Church – Swansea

This year, the MWT partners with Marjorie Turner Hollman author of *Easy Walks In Massachusetts*, to visit towns along the Ten Mile River Watershed for our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Daily public hikes will highlight areas in her most recent edition.

