

You can ride for miles and miles

Rhode Island has more than 43 miles of bike paths and lanes. And the state Department of Transportation expects to add about 20 miles of paths within the next three to five years. This is in addition to the more than 125 miles of roadways across the state equipped with bike route signage.



ROUTES COMPLETED, UNDER CONSTRUCTION OR IN DESIGN

1) Blackstone River Bikeway

Eight segments, about 17 miles of both shared-use bike path and on-road signed bike paths, extend north from Providence to the Massachusetts line. A 7-mile segment along the former Blackstone Canal tow path is open in Lincoln and Cumberland. Across the state line, the Massachusetts DOT is planning a 22-mile Blackstone Valley Corridor Bikeway to run north from North Smithfield to Worcester.

2) Woonasquatucket River Greenway

Bike lanes have been striped beginning at Providence Place mall and running for 1.3 miles. An extension to the Smithfield line is under study.

3) Washington Secondary Bicycle Path

A 13-mile path was built on the abandoned Washington Secondary Railroad bed from the Providence line to Whitford Street in Coventry. The path changes names as it passes through Cranston (6 miles), Warwick (1.5 miles), West Warwick (2.5 miles) and Coventry (3 miles).

4) Cranston Cross-City Bike Corridor

The city put up signage to mark about 20 miles of on-road bike routes connecting Narragansett Boulevard and western Cranston to the Washington Secondary Bicycle Path.

5) Statewide Bicycle Route/Lane Signing

Sections of Routes 1A, 117, 102, 14, 2, 3, 91 and 120, Pippin Orchard Road and Scituate Avenue have received shared-use signage, and additional roadways are under consideration as bike lanes or routes.

6) William C. O'Neill Bike Path

A 5.5-mile segment has been completed from the Kingston train station to Route 108 in Narragansett. A segment heading east to Mumford Road is in the design stage, and a western spur toward URI is being studied.

7) Burma Road

DOT and the Navy worked together to build this 4.5-mile bike route, consisting of two 4-foot-wide lanes — one on each side of the road — running along Aquidneck Island's western shore from Stringham Road, near the Melville Recreational Area, in Portsmouth, to Navy Pier 1 in Middletown.

8) East Bay Bicycle Path

The 14.5-mile bike path overlooks the Providence River and Narragansett Bay, south from India Point Park in Providence to Independence Park in Bristol. Plans are under way to renovate the bridges over the Barrington and Warren rivers.

9) Ten Mile River Greenway

A 2.5-mile bike path from Kimberly Ann Rock Athletic Fields off Ferris Avenue in East Providence, through Slater Memorial Park, to Armistice Boulevard in Pawtucket is complete. An additional 1-mile segment to Daggett Athletic Fields in Pawtucket is being designed.

ROUTES ON THE WAY

10) Trestle Trail

The 10-mile Trestle Trail bike path and equestrian trail will extend from the Coventry Greenway project westward to the Connecticut line and include six bridges.

11) Warwick/East Greenwich Bicycle Network

The project consists of installing bike route signage along approximately 40 miles of city and state roadways through Warwick and East Greenwich and the design of three bikeway/walkway bridges.

12) Washington Bridge Linear Park and Bike Path

As part of the Route 195 Washington Bridge eastbound repair project, a section of the historic bridge will include a linear park for bicyclists and pedestrians.

13) Route 295 Rest Area & Gateway Connection to Blackstone Bikeway

DOT and DEM are collaborating on a project to reopen the Route 295 northbound rest area in Cumberland. A visitor's center building, parking facilities, and a half-mile bike path connection to the Blackstone Bikeway are planned. Construction has begun on the visitor's center, and bike path construction will begin soon. DEM has also initiated a study to build a similar facility on the southbound side with a potential bike path connection to the northbound facility.

DOWN THE ROAD

The DOT has received several dozen requests from several Rhode Island communities to study the potential development of new bike routes or pedestrian walkways in their neighborhoods. A list of routes for future consideration is on **Page B3**.