Beyond the Neponset River Greenway Bike Ride 10:00 am, Saturday, April 26, 2008

This ride goes beyond Boston's southern limit to see where we can go past the end of the Neponset Trail. The route follows the Burma Road Trail across the Fowl Meadow section of the Blue Hills Reservation (DCR), crosses Route 128 on the "Bridge to Nowhere" (which we will find actually does go somewhere), goes along a section of old MA 128, which is now a Scenic Byway, heads south on stone wall-lined Elm St., and ends up at Signal Hill Reservation (TTOR), with great views of the Blue Hills and the Boston skyline. We can either return via the same route, for a total of about 12 miles, or with an extra mile and a bit more hill, we can take Route 138 across Route 128 and past the Great Blue Hill. If the trail is too wet, we'll walk it one way and ride the other on Route 138.

This ride is cosponsored by the Metro Boston Chapter of the Massachusetts Bicycle Coalition (MassBike), the Boston Natural Areas Network (BNAN) and its community-based Neponset River Greenway Council, which have been working with the DCR to connect parklands along the river since 1990, and the Neponset River Watershed Association (NepRWA).

Miles Action

- 0.0 Start at parking lot
- 0.0 Right on Brush Hill Rd.
- 0.1 Right on Burma Rd.
- 1.9 Straight on "Bridge to Nowhere" across Rt. 128
- 2.1 Right down dirt path to Green Lodge St.
- 2.2 Left on Green Lodge St.
- 2.5 Cross I-95
- 2.9 Right on Elm St.
- 4.4 Right on Dedham St.
- 4.9 Cross I-95
- 5.1 Left on University Rd.
- 5.9 Stop at Signal Hill Reservation (TTOR)

Miles Action

- 5.9 Back out University Rd.
- 6.8 Right on Dedham St.
- 7.1 Cross I-95
- 7.5 Left on Elm St.
- 9.0 Right on Green Lodge St.
- 10.1 Left on Turnpike St. (MA138)
- 11.0 Cross Route 128
- 12.0 Right, then Left on Brush Hill Rd.
- 13.0 End at parking lot

