Cape Cod Pathways
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Vision and Current Initiatives

Cape Cod Pathways was created in 1993 to connect the Cape’s Conservation areas and protected lands through a walking trail network. It ‘celebrates the protection of open space, provides outdoor recreation opportunities for residents and visitors, and promotes appreciation of the Cape’s natural, historical and cultural attractions’.

Long Term Vision:
The program’s long term vision is to create a system of linked trails from one end of the Cape to the other.

Current Initiatives Include:
• Working with staff and volunteers from the County’s 15 towns to improve and promote the Pathways program
• Expanding outreach efforts to broaden participation and diversity at Pathways events
• Creating a new and improved website with resources for both walkers and walk leaders
• Expanding the Friends of Pathways program, a growing group of volunteers interested in supporting and promoting the Pathways vision

Resources Already Available:
• Interactive Google Map of Cape Walking Pathways
• Guide to Public Transportation and Bike Routes
• List of Handicapped-accessible Trails
• And much more! See The Cape Cod Commission’s website for additional resources

Spring/Fall Walking Weekend

• Occurs every fall over Columbus Day Weekend and biennially in the spring
• Walks ranging in length and difficulty are lead by volunteer guides over the course of 4 days
• They are held at a variety of locations throughout the Cape, and the trails chosen change from year to year such that each event is truly unique!

Biannual Cape Walk

• Generally takes place at the beginning of the summer season
• Over the course of 9 days, the walk extends the length of Cape Cod from Bourne to Provincetown (approximately 105 miles total, 12 miles per day!)
• Participants can choose to walk on as many days as they’d like whether it be 1 or all 9

Get Involved in Cape Cod Pathways Events!

• Participate in or volunteer at one of the upcoming events!
• Join the Friends of Pathways program to support and advance the vision
• Visit their website or contact them for more information: capecodcommission.org

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