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### **East Coast Greenway Media Tour**

The East Coast Greenway (ECG), a firm-surface trail for non-motorized users being developed to link the cities of the eastern seaboard of the US from Canada to Key West, will be the route for a team of bicyclists riding from Boston to Philadelphia from September 28 - October 7.

This tour, designed to call attention to the development of the 2600-mile trail, will showcase completed trail segments in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, and New Jersey. The tour will also bring attention to portions of trail that are still in development. In addition, the bicyclists will highlight safe and scenic on-road routes that connect completed portions of off-road trail.

The ride schedule will be as follows: Boston to Worcester, Sept. 28; Worcester to Providence, Sept. 29; Providence to Putnam, CT, Sept. 30; Putnam to Manchester, CT, Oct. 1; Manchester to New Haven, Oct. 2; New Haven to Greenwich, CT, Oct. 4; Greenwich to New York City, Oct. 5; New York to Princeton, NJ, Oct. 6; and Princeton to Philadelphia, Oct. 7. Journalists interested in participating on a portion of the tour should contact Eric Weis at (401) 789-4625.

The ECG is linking together local greenways and trails, many developed from abandoned railroad lines or canal towpaths. With scores of communities building such facilities, the East Coast Greenway Alliance is coordinating efforts to unite them into a route which will enable safe and uninterrupted travel between the cities, regions, and cultures found from downeast Maine to the Florida Keys. The ECG will serve as a safe, scenic and historic travel and recreation corridor through our nation's most historic areas.

The ECG was named one of our nation's 16 National Millennium Trails by the White House and USDOT in 1999. By the end of this year, approximately 10% of the trail will be complete, with a finish date of 2010. For more information, visit [www.greenway.org](http://www.greenway.org).

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