

**Twin State Volkssport Association
Welcomes You to
The Springfield Bike Event
An AVA Sanctioned Seasonal Event
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Bike Description

This event is designed to give you a ride entirely along an old trolley line, now the Toonerville Rail Trail. The trail follows along the Black River between a trailhead near the Connecticut River and downtown Springfield. Both trails take a short detour to the Eureka Schoolhouse and Baltimore Bridge State Historic Site. The Eureka Schoolhouse is the oldest one-room schoolhouse in Vermont. The Baltimore Bridge is one of about 100 covered bridges remaining in Vermont, and was moved from its former location to Springfield in 1970. The rating is 1A.

5 km cyclists can choose to start either from the southern trailhead (at park & ride), or the northern trailhead (2.2 miles closer to town). The distance and difficulty is the same. Starting at the southern trailhead includes a ride of about 1 km along rural Paddock Rd. Starting at the northern trailhead gives a ride entirely on the paved Toonerville Trail except for the detour to the schoolhouse.

Special Programs

Rails-To-Trails
Town Halls/City Halls

Registration

Registration takes place online using the AVA Online Start Box, on my.ava.org. Follow the instructions provided to create a user account and sign the AVA waiver (one time). Instructions for payment are also included. Download the directions and print as needed. The POC does not provide event directions or accept alternate payment methods.

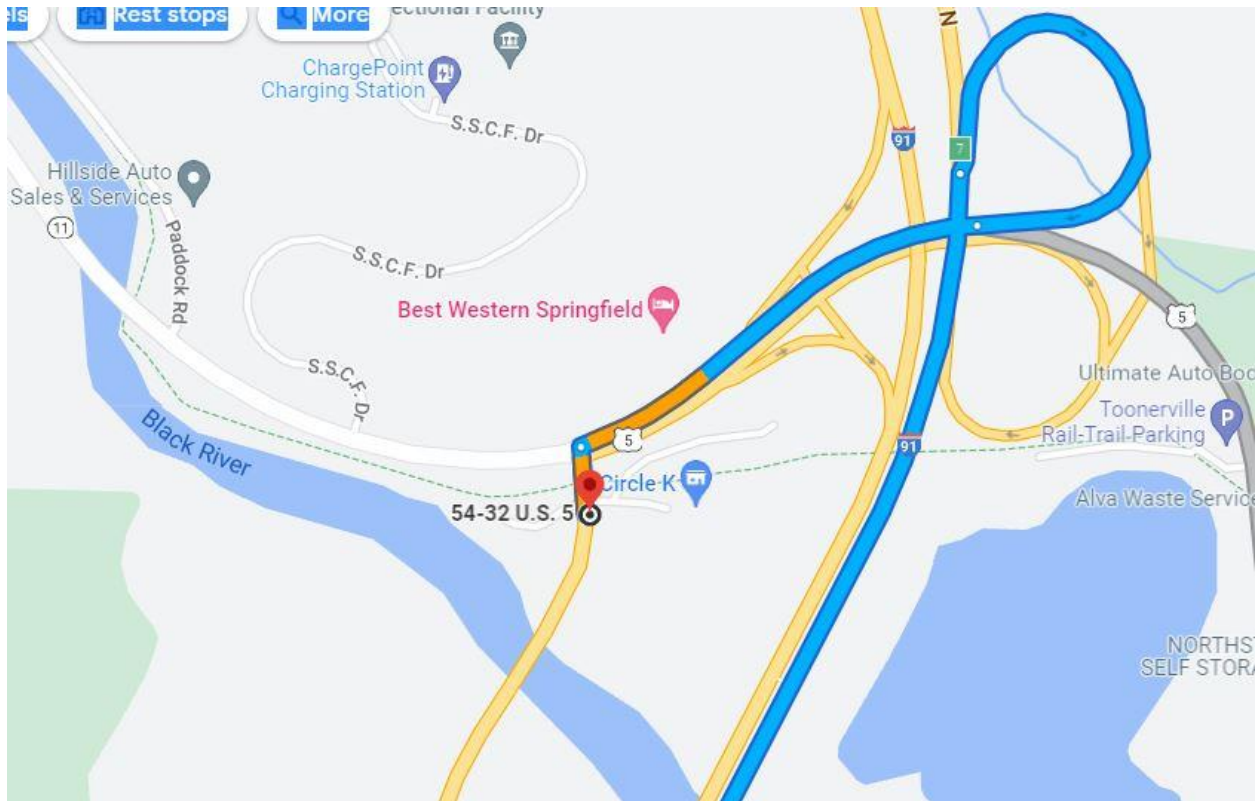
Completion and Credit

Once you have physically completed the ride, please login to your Online Start Box account, click on the "My Start Box" tab, then the "Finish Table" tab, then click on "Go to Finish Table" button for the event you have completed. Use the displayed entry form to submit the date and distance of your ride as well as select applicable AVA Special Programs to generate stamped "virtual" insert cards that you may choose to print out.

Driving Directions

The main start point for the 5 and 10 km ride will be at the Park & Ride across the street from the Irving Circle K station, 14 Missing Link Rd., Springfield, VT. From I-91, from the north or south, take Exit 7, Springfield. The exit ramp will put you on Rte. 5 south. At the first traffic light, Rte. 5 goes left (south) while Rte. 11 continues to town. LEFT on Rte. 5, cross the rail trail, then Circle K is on your left while the Park & Ride is on your right.


You will find restrooms and snacks at the Circle K, but we prefer that you move your car across the street to the Park & Ride for long-term parking during the ride.



Amenities:

Restrooms and food available at the Circle K next to parking. Downtown Springfield has more eating establishments which will also have restrooms.

Emergency Numbers:

	In case of Emergency: Dial 911 Event related assistance: Cynthia Gray: 802-498-8668
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**5 AND 10 KM BIKE DIRECTIONS
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5 KM cyclists can choose to start from the northern trailhead. Directions here are for the southern trailhead.

1. From the Park & Ride, go towards the exit, then briefly left to find the rail trail on the other side of the fence. LEFT on the trail with the fence on your left and road (VT 11) on your right.
2. Trail crosses under VT 11 (0.5 km) and merges with Paddock Rd. This rural road was once the site for the popular Paddock Restaurant, which closed around 2015.
3. Cross the iron Goulds Mill Bridge (1.8 km), then sharp left on Perley Gordon Rd., a quiet road which closely follows the river.
4. Just before the road ends at VT 11, LEFT on mowed lane, cross the Baltimore Covered Bridge into the Eureka Schoolhouse & Baltimore Bridge state historic site. Information boards at the site will give you the history of these preserved treasures. (2.5 km) at Schoolhouse. (You will have to walk your bike across the bridge and lift it up over a small step to get to the schoolhouse.)
5. Turn around at schoolhouse, return across the covered bridge and RIGHT on Perley Gordon Rd

to retrace your steps back to the rail trail.

5 KM RIDE, turn around and retrace your route back to the start.

10 KM RIDE CONTINUE

6. Continue along the trail which follows the river, soon passing a series of waterfalls remaining from the site of a former hydropower dam. After passing the John Deere outlet on the left, come to a kiosk marking the northern end of the trail at the Robert B. Jones Industrial Center. (5 km)
7. Turn around and retrace your steps along the trail. At the iron bridge (7 km), LEFT over the bridge, follow the bike route as it continues along Paddock Rd.
8. RIGHT on the bike path as it leaves Paddock Rd (8 km). Follow the path back to the Park & Ride (8.6 km).
9. Cross from the Park & Ride towards the Circle K, continuing on the bike path. Cross under I-91 and come to the southern end of the path at US 5/Rte. 11. (9.4 km)
10. Turn around, retrace your steps along the path and return to your start at the park & ride (10 km).

5 KM Alternate Route (from northern Trailhead).

The northern trailhead is at the Robert Jones Industrial Center, 280 Clinton St. Abundant parking is available. From the park & ride at Circle K, take a LEFT at Rte. 5, then LEFT at Rte. 11 west towards town. Follow Rte. 11 for 2.2 miles, and turn RIGHT into the industrial center (just past John Deere, also on the right). You will see the trailhead ahead and slightly to your right, at the boundary of the woods.

1. From parking, head towards kiosk and RIGHT on paved trail. Follow it for 2 km with the river on your left and the road (VT 11) on your right.
2. Trail intersects Paddock Rd. LEFT on Paddock, and immediate right on Perley Gordon just before the bridge.
3. Follow this quiet road which closely follows the river. Just before the road ends at VT 11, LEFT on mowed lane, cross the Baltimore Covered Bridge into the Eureka Schoolhouse & Baltimore Bridge state historic site. Information boards at the site will give you the history of these preserved treasures. (2.5 km) at Schoolhouse.
4. Turn around at schoolhouse, return across the covered bridge and RIGHT on Perley Gordon Rd to retrace your steps back to the rail trail.
5. At Paddock Rd, follow bike route ahead keeping the river on your right. Return to parking.

TOONERVILLE RAIL TRAIL MAP

These walk directions and maps may only be used in conjunction with a signed American Volkssport Association athletic waiver. All other uses are prohibited.

