




TRANSPORTATION and the RAIL TRAIL

Buses, bikes, cars, and getting around



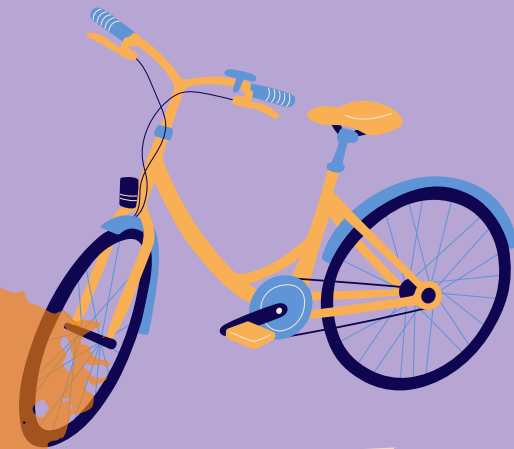
There are many alternatives to driving a personal car around the Pioneer Valley. Amherst College has a bike share loan program where you can check out a bike for free at the library.

The Norwottuck Rail Trail is an 11-mile bike path running from Amherst to Northampton. Great for exercise, an outdoor activity, and transportation from town-to-town.

The PVTA is the bus systems that runs throughout the Pioneer Valley. The majority of these buses are free to students with an Amherst ID. The PVTA runs throughout the five college area and to surrounding hubs and shopping centers.

IDEAS FOR CLASS

- Complete a quantitative survey about the Norwottuck Rail Trail and who uses this space for biking, walking, running, etc .
- Utilize the Rail Trail and subsequent wildlife sanctuary in a place-based exploration of eco feminist theory and application- how does the concrete trail inhibit, protect, or aid wildlife and mimic human relationships with nature
- Explore accessibility in nature and access to transportation resources through the lens of disability politics
- Explore city and transportation planning in collaboration with nature to understand how we can all get around in the most equitable way



WHO TO CONTACT

Contact the Office of Sustainability for more information or for support brainstorming additional ideas for class.

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