

Things to Consider

Make some choices before you start planning for best results

Where are you going?

- Riding for sport or transportation
- Destination?

Who is on your ride?

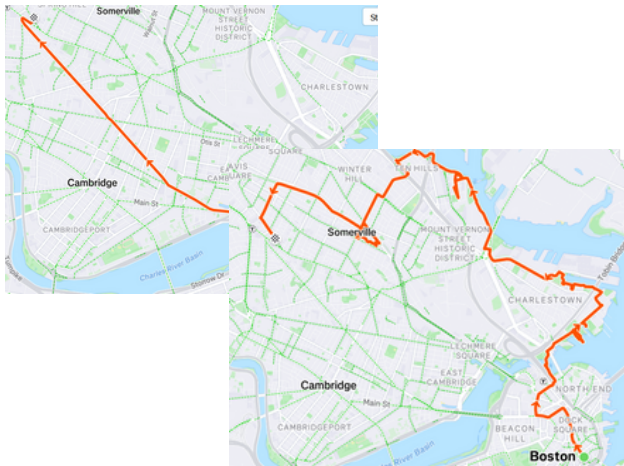
- Solo vs companions
- Tailor your route to the comfort level of the least experienced rider
- Group size matters

What sort of infrastructure are you comfortable with?

- Is there a nice path or lane that travels in the same direction you're headed?
- Are there shortcuts or routes around the worst infrastructure?

How do you want to get there?

- Most direct route?
- Most comfortable route?
- Most scenic route?
- Flattest route?
- Out and back or loop?



This isn't all! Consider this pamphlet a springboard. Go forth and browse the web or ask other bike-minded folks for their tips. In fact, **the BUCK** offers many opportunities to meet other bike riders:



Commuter Coffee

Join other members of the BU bike Community from 8-10am Thursday mornings for caffeine and conversation



Tuesday Night Lights

drop by Tuesdays from 5-7 pm to help us distribute lights on Comm Ave from Nov-March



Classes

The BUCK hosts monthly classes to teach you more about how your bike works and how to fix it!



Movie nights and Socials

Meet other members of the BU bicycle community and watch movies, create crafts, and more



Group Rides

monthly themed group rides to help you learn to navigate your neighborhood, find shortcuts and meet other local riders



Get Involved

Bring friends on a ride, help out at the shop, organize an event!

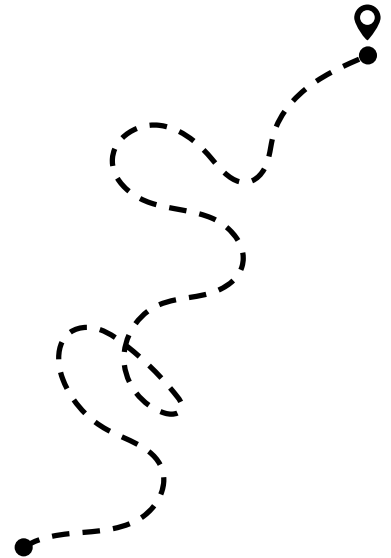


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Planning a Bike Route

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Planning your Route

Tools and Services

Street View and satellite: check if a bike path is real, if there's a curb in the way, angle of train tracks, layout and manageability of an intersection

Open Street Map: may have detailed local data, but it's user maintained. Beware of mistakes, or out of date info

Strava, Garmin Connect, Ride with GPS: have heatmaps and public routes that can highlight where other people ride. These can be used by people who ride for sport, ride defensively and have comfort taking the lane, or are planning rides for groups, so things may be biased.

Topographic maps: check your elevation before you go! climbs can change the difficulty of a ride

Komoot, gmap pedometer: can be used to plot routes, and Komoot has public routes

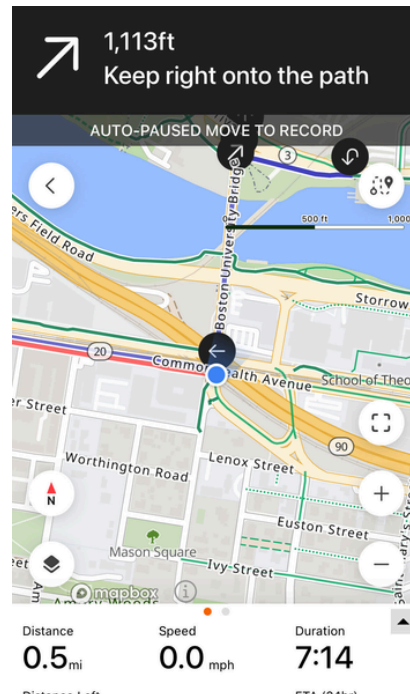
Pointz, Transit: routes for you, taking into account comfortable infrastructure and travel time

Many of these programs provide more or better services if paid.

Riding your Route

Devices

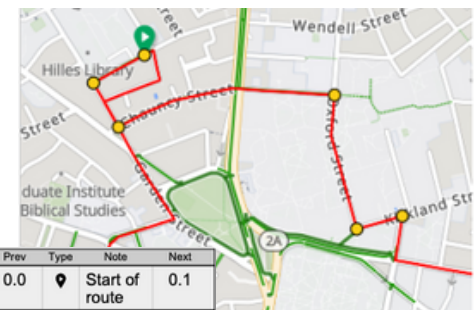
- Phone
 - Screen can be hard to read in sunlight
 - running turn by turn directions runs down batteries quickly
 - requires phone mount or easy accessibility
 - phones are fragile
 - almost everyone has a phone, no additional items needed
- Bicycle computer
 - price can be a barrier to entry
 - requires mapping software
 - maps may need to be preloaded
 - requires battery power (solar computers available)
 - takes time to learn to navigate
 - bluetooth connectivity can give turn by turn in ear directions



Riding your Route

Paper

- Cue Sheet
 - No expensive technology needed
 - multiples can be printed and distributed
 - send to or leave with an emergency contact
 - can be laminated for durability
 - non-laminated maps are fragile
 - small, easy to store, doesn't require battery power, can be a backup to devices
 - may contain a lot of info, good for long trips
- Printed map
 - Similar to cue sheet
 - best to use them together
 - may contain details missed by cue sheets (like landmarks, names of streets before turns)



Num	Dist	Prev	Type	Note	Next
1.	0.0	0.0	📍	Start of route	0.1
2.	0.1	0.1	←	L onto Garden Street	0.1
3.	0.2	0.1	←	L onto Chauncy Street	0.4
4.	0.6	0.4	→	R onto Oxford Street	0.2
5.	0.9	0.2	←	L onto Kirkland Street	0.1
6.	0.9	0.1	↘	Sharp R onto Quincy Street	0.1