

# Bicycle and Pedestrian User Survey

## Amherst, New Hampshire

The Town of Amherst's Community Development Department is collecting data on bicyclist and pedestrian activity. We need your help! Here's what you can do.

- Please fill out the attached survey or the online survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AmherstNHBikePedPlan>
- Use **strava.com** to share your walks, runs, and rides
- Join the AmherstNHBikePedPlan club on STRAVA to compete for fun prizes: <https://www.strava.com/clubs/AmherstNHBikePedPlan>
- Call Town Hall (603) 673-6041 x215 or email [scorson@amherstnh.gov](mailto:scorson@amherstnh.gov) to ask questions and provide information for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan

### AMHERST IS AN ACTIVE COMMUNITY

- In 2016, the Amherst Recreation Department offered a diverse range of active programs including alpine skiing, ice skating, adult and youth exercise programs, adult and youth sports, outdoor and environmental programs and much more.
- Created Birch Park which includes a pump track and a disc golf course
- Baboosic Lake Town Beach had over 10,000 visitors in 2016
- The Conservation Commission manages over 2400 acres of land and more than 25 miles of trails.
- The Joe English Challenge is an event featuring a 5k, 12.5k, and 25k trail race that benefits the Amherst Land Trust.

### STRAVA

- NH Department of Transportation has partnered with STRAVA to receive raw data and visualizations on pedestrians and cyclists.
- To create a STRAVA account, go to [www.strava.com](http://www.strava.com), enter your name and email, Facebook, or Google account and start logging your trips!

### BENEFITS OF BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN INFRASTRUCTURE

- safer for pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers of all ages and abilities
- connects people who do not have access to an automobile to services, recreation and nature
- decreases stress on transportation networks
- encourages students to cycle or walk to school
- fosters healthy choices in choosing transportation modes

### RELEVANT REPORTS

- U.S. Department of Transportation's "Small Town and Rural Multimodal Networks"  
[https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/bicycle\\_pedestrian/publications/small\\_towns/fhwahep17024\\_lg.pdf](https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/bicycle_pedestrian/publications/small_towns/fhwahep17024_lg.pdf)
- "Nashua Regional Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2015-2040"  
[http://www.nashuarpc.org/files/8014/2186/6223/Transportation\\_Plan\\_Final\\_Adopted\\_121714.pdf](http://www.nashuarpc.org/files/8014/2186/6223/Transportation_Plan_Final_Adopted_121714.pdf)
- "Regional Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan for the Nashua Region"  
[http://www.nashuarpc.org/files/6014/6109/8219/Fnl\\_Bike\\_PedPlan\\_w\\_App.pdf](http://www.nashuarpc.org/files/6014/6109/8219/Fnl_Bike_PedPlan_w_App.pdf)
- "Clark-Wilkins Elementary & Amherst Middle Schools Safe Routes to School Travel Plan"  
[http://www.nashuarpc.org/files/6913/9505/9976/2115-4\\_SRTS\\_FNL\\_TP\\_May2013.pdf](http://www.nashuarpc.org/files/6913/9505/9976/2115-4_SRTS_FNL_TP_May2013.pdf)
- "Town of Amherst Master Plan 2010-2020"  
<https://www.amherstnh.gov/sites/amherstnh/files/uploads/officialfinalamherstmpreport.pdf>

Find out more on our website:  
<http://amherstnh.gov>

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# SURVEY

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Are you a resident of Amherst, New Hampshire? Circle your answer!

Yes    No, but I work in Amherst    No, I am a resident of \_\_\_\_\_

How old are you? Circle your answer!

Under 12    12-17    18-24    25-34    35-44    45-54    55-64    65-74    75 or older

How often do you ride, run, or walk? Circle your answer!

- A. Everyday
- B. Every other day
- C. Once a week or less

What types of bicycles do people ride in Amherst? Circle your answer! If other, please specify.

- A. Road
- B. Mountain Bike
- C. Other

On a scale 1 to 5, does Amherst currently provide safe areas and routes for bicycling? (1 = Amherst does not have any safe areas or routes for bicycling. 5 = There are many safe areas for biking in Amherst and you can get anywhere in Amherst safely on a bike). Circle your answer!

1    2    3    4    5

What specific locations in Amherst present safety concerns for bicyclists? Specify using road names.

Are there destinations where you would like to bike, but do not feel comfortable now because of safety concerns or lack of convenience? Please specify with exact locations (for example: Amherst Town Hall).

Would additional signage be helpful to bicyclists and/or pedestrians? Circle your answer! If so, where?

Yes    No

On a scale 1 to 5, does Amherst currently provide safe areas and routes for pedestrians? (1 = Amherst does not have any safe areas or routes for walking. 5 = There are many safe areas for walking in Amherst and you can get anywhere in Amherst safely on foot). Circle your answer!

1    2    3    4    5

What specific locations in Amherst present safety concerns for pedestrians? Specify using road names.

Are there destinations where you would like to walk or run, but do not feel comfortable now because of safety concerns or lack of convenience? Please specify with exact locations (for example: Amherst Town Hall).

Amherst has many walking trails, how do most people access these trails? Circle your answer!

- A. Driving to trailhead
- B. Walking on the road
- C. Biking to trailhead
- D. Walking through private property
- E. Other

Where would new sidewalks be heavily used and provide a safe route for pedestrians? Specify using road names.

Would you or someone you know benefit from adaptive transportation (ADA compliant) options in Amherst? Circle your answer!

Yes    No

If inclined, please provide your name, email, and phone number so the Community Development Department can keep you informed about the progress of Amherst Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan.

Name:

Email:

Phone: