



## THE MASSACHUSETTS LAFAYETTE SOCIETY

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Our peripatetic trailblazer, Julien Icher, reports an exciting development in Massachusetts.

The Legislature is considering a Bill to extend the existing General Lafayette Trail in Western Massachusetts to the New York border.

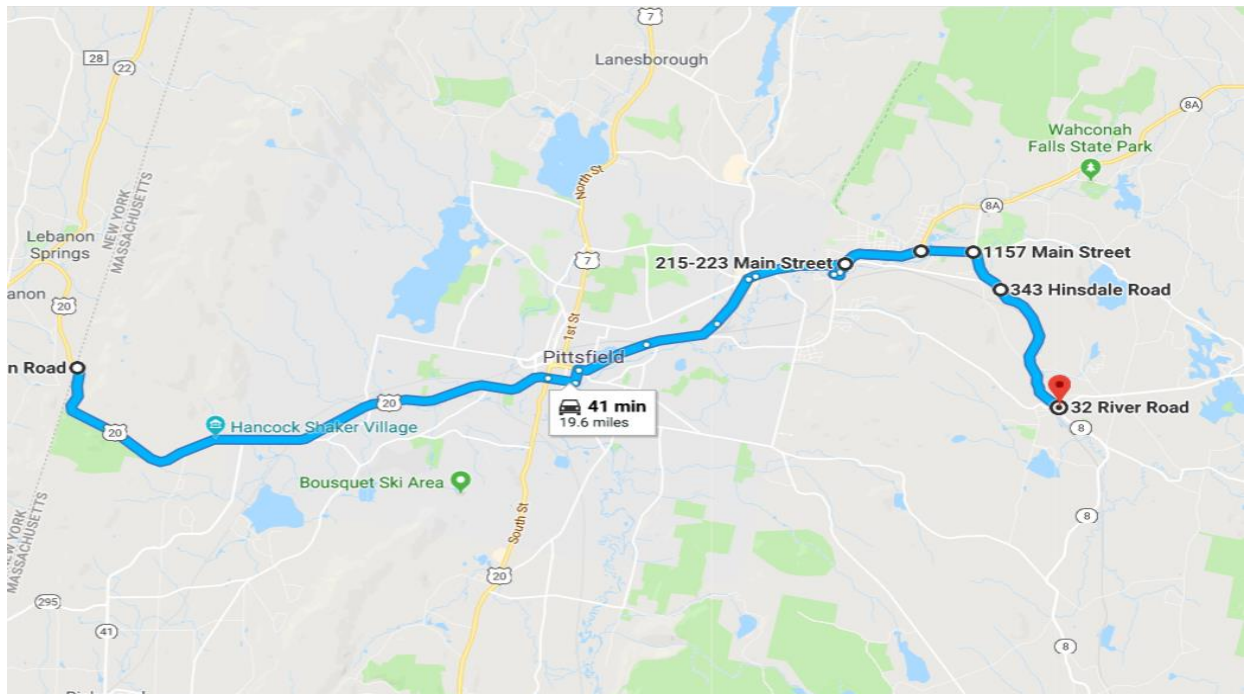
The Trail commemorates the route Lafayette took in June, 1825 as he returned to Boston from his Southern and Western campaigns to attend the laying of the cornerstone of the Bunker Hill monument.

The Trail, currently 24.9 miles long, will be extended by 19.5 miles from Hinsdale where it now ends to the New York border.

This is an image of the existing trail:



This is an image of the extension:



Here is the proposed legislation:

<https://malegislature.gov/Bills/190/S2265>

**Bill S.2265**

SECTION 1. Chapter 29 of the acts of 1997 is hereby amended by inserting after the word “Hinsdale” the following words:- until the intersection with state highway Route 8.

SECTION 2. Chapter 29 of the acts of 1997 is hereby further amended by inserting after the first paragraph the following paragraph:-

The following portions of state highway shall be designated and known as the General Lafayette Trail: that portion of state highway Route 8 beginning in the town of Hinsdale at the intersection with state highway Route 143 and continuing northwesterly through the town of Dalton and the city of Pittsfield until the intersection with state highway Route 9; that portion of state highway Route 9 beginning in the city of Pittsfield at the intersection with state highway Route 8 and continuing westerly until the intersection with state highway Route 20; that portion of state highway Route 20 beginning in the city of Pittsfield at the intersection with state highway Route 9 and continuing westerly through the town of Hancock up to the New York State border. The department of highways shall erect and maintain suitable markers bearing said designations.

Call your senator and representative today!!