

Charley Freiberg's description of the 2013 NH DOT Survey of the Northern Rail Trail project

During most of 2013, Wilmot's talented photographer Charley Freiberg was involved in a project sponsored by the N.H. Department of Transportation (DOT) updating information about the Northern Rail Trail's designation as an Historic District Area from Concord to Lebanon.

Charley and Lisa Mausolf, who is an historical documentation consultant, rode bikes together from Boscawen to Lebanon from May through December of 2013, photographing and cataloging features and structures along the way. The Northern Rail Trail was originally deemed eligible for the National Register of Historic Places in 1995.

In his own inimitable way, here's how Charley described the adventure in an email;

“...mostly we were getting off and on our bikes, unfurling historical charts containing data dating back to the 1800s. We spent a great deal of time keeping them from blowing away, scrambling up and down and around bridges and culverts, trying not to fall in various scary watery areas and getting caught in a hailstorm, rain, and the beginnings of a snowstorm. At the same time, we were trying to keep all the charts, cameras and backup equipment dry and undamaged.”

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