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Legal Beagle's Post

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Rail Explorers

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Hello again from the Legal Beagle!

Did you know that Rhode Island has spectacular coastline? One truly unique way to see stunning views of Narragansett Bay is to go on a [Rail Explorers](#) tour!

The Legal Beagle hoped to do some paws on research, but because these tours are so popular, we had to dig from afar. Book ahead if you are interested!

So, what is a rail explorer? A rail explorer is a pedal powered vehicle built for two or four riders, and several can be linked together. (Tip: if you are looking for some solo nature time, a rail explorer for one is available.) The rail explorers travel on railroad tracks – and requires no steering – encouraging you to enjoy your journey. The railroad tracks are used for tours only and have scenic views only accessible from the tracks.

There are two routes available- Northern and Southern. The Northern Ramble is six miles along a historic railroad traveling from Portsmouth to the Sakonnet River. Depending on your tour, you will be shuttled one way and ride the other.

The Southern Circuit is a three-mile pedal down Narragansett Bay with a stop at the Rail Explorer's picnic area overlooking the central part of Narragansett Bay. You will have thirty minutes to relax in Adirondack chairs and enjoy your picnic (you bring the picnic) before pedaling the same route back. This route also offers a mimosa tour (mimosas and snacks included), a sunset tour, a lantern tour and a fireside tour.

Explorers have space to bring a small cooler, a blanket and other items you might need for the tour. You can even bring your dog! (Tip: the dog seat is right above the rail, the Legal Beagle's pupper would not like this ride!) The Northern Ramble and the regular Southern Circuit takes 1.5 hours and the other tours are two hours.

Finally, please note Rail Explorers is requiring masks in certain locations including restrooms and the shuttle (Northern Route only). Happy riding!

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Food Trucks!

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The Legal Beagle is hungry!

Did you know Rhode Islanders LOVE food? Rhode Island is home to some of the best eats anywhere and a great way to sample the deliciousness is food trucks. The variety is astounding, from Rhode Island specialties--fresh shucked oysters, frozen lemonade and lobster rolls-- to burgers, grilled cheese, poke, bbq, crepes, wings, tacos, gyros, Pad Thai, shaved ice-- and so much more. We have a truck for that!

Food trucks are a great way to get outside with some friends and enjoy tasty eats. If you are new to food trucks, there are a few ways to track down what you crave. Food trucks pop up on street corners, in front of bars, at farmers markets, and many more places. Food truck events are a gathering of food trucks in one place - perfect to sample multiple trucks and discover new favorites.

There are a few resources to help you discover great food trucks and food truck events around Rhode Island:

- [PVD Food Truck Events](#) organizes many of the events throughout the state. The events are free and often have live music and beer/wine for sale. They list them by date and by special and recurring events.
- [Food Trucks In](#) is a national site created by a Rhode Islander to help connect food trucks with fans. You can search by location and/or food type and discover trucks that interest you. Each truck's page shows upcoming schedules, social media links, and twitter feed for up to the moment updates.

Here are a few events to get you started:

- [On the Water Wednesdays in the Park](#) in Bristol's Colt State Park on the first Wednesday of the month.
- [Food Trucks on the Beach](#) at Narragansett Beach on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6pm – 10pm).
- [Pawtucket Fireworks and Food Trucks](#) -- get your Fourth of July started early on July 3 at 6pm at McCoy Stadium.

Happy eating!