

Historic Bicycle Tour of Middlesex Canal

Saturday, October 10, 2009

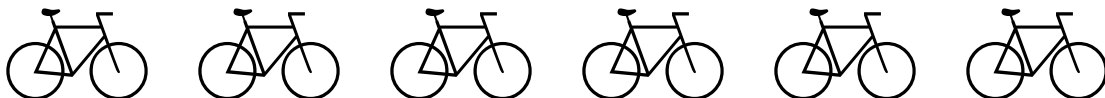
Ride leaders:

Dick Bauer of the **Somerville Historic Preservation Commission**
and the **Middlesex Canal Commission**

Robert Winters of the **Middlesex Canal Association**

Mile Turn Description

- 0.0.....Begin at the Canal Marker (🚲) at the **Sullivan Square “T” Station** in Charlestown on Maffa Way, just east of Route 93
.....*Walk* bikes from marker out of parking lot turning left onto Maffa Way. Continue *walking* along sidewalk until the beginning of Broadway in Somerville. Cross Broadway and *begin riding*.
- 0.65..**BR**...When Broadway crosses McGrath Highway, enter **Foss Park**. Ride past play ground on right (🚲) and bear left to go around swimming pool.
- 0.8..... **S**Exit Foss Park onto Jaques Street crossing Fellsway West. Continue on Jaques Street
- 1.05... **R**....Temple Street
- 1.1..... **L**(🚲) Memorial Road. Enter housing development.
- 1.25... **L**Canal Lane. Follow road as it turns right and right again.
- 1.4..... **L**River Road. Continue on sidewalk. Exit housing development.
- 1.5..... **L**Mount Vernon Avenue
..... **R**....East Albion Street
- 1.6..... **L**Ash Avenue
- 1.7..... **R**....Meacham Street
- 1.85... **L**Henry Street
- 1.9..... **R**....Edward Street
- 2.2..... **L**Hicks Avenue.
- 2.3..... **R**....Main Street
- 2.45..**BR**...Staying on Main Street
- 3.2.....**Royall House**
- 3.25... **L**Summer Street
- 3.7..... **R**....Winthrop Street
..... **L**West Street. Stay on West Street as it bears left.
- 4.05..**BR**...Auburn Street
- 4.2..... **L**Mystic Valley Parkway (Route 16)
- 4.4..... **R**....(🚲) Boston Avenue
- 4.8..... **S**Cross High Street (Route 60). Continue on Sagamore Avenue. Follow curves of Sagamore Avenue till it merges into Mystic Valley Parkway.
- 5.35... **S**Continue on Mystic Valley Parkway. **Southernmost remnants of canal.**
- 5.7.....On left is driveway to **Map at Mystic River Boat Club Parking Lot.**

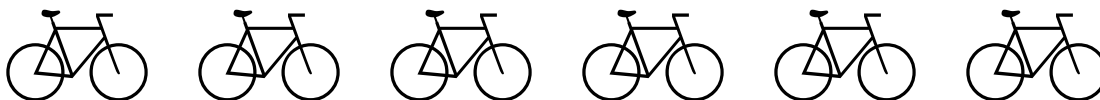


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(🚲) Canal Marker

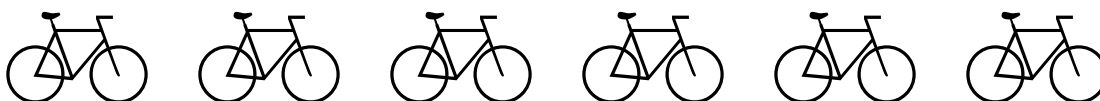
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Middlesex Canal Bike Ride Cue Sheet (Mileages are approximate.)



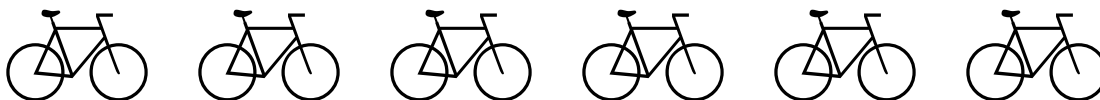
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- 6.2.....**Sandy Beach.** (🚲) **Canal remnants**
6.8.... **L**Bacon Street. Cross Church Street. Bacon Street becomes Fletcher Street.
7.3.... **R**Fletcher Street which becomes (🚲) Palmer Street at Wildwood Street.
7.9.... **BR**...Lake Street
8.0.... **L****Horn Pond Bike Way** – just past Linden Street
8.35... **S**Continue on Sylvester Avenue and
8.75... **S**Another little bit of **Horn Pond Bike Way.**
..... **L**Lake Terrace
8.85... **S**Arlington Road. **Horn Pond.** (🚲)
9.8.....Cross Pleasant Street.
9.8.... **BR**...Wade Place.
10.0... **L**Library parking lot (*Restrooms are available at library*) and police parking lot.
(*Restrooms are available at police station*)
10.1... **L**Winn Street
10.2... **R**Cummings Avenue which then turns left.
10.6... **R**Kilby Street
10.7... **L**Hart Street. **View canal.**
11.0... **R**Wyman Street. **View canal.** Follow Wyman Street as it bears right to become
Lowell Street and then left to become Eaton Avenue.
11.2... **L**Main Street (Route 38). *Sub shop.*
11.5... **L**Middlesex Canal Park
..... **R**Hotel parking lot. **View canal.** Reverse direction to Main Street.
11.7... **L**Main Street
11.8.. **BR**...Enter traffic circle. *Carefully* go halfway around circle passing under I-95 to continue
on Main Street
12.1.....**Baldwin House and 1790 House. View canal.** (🚲)
.....Continue north on Main Street
13.1... **R**Stay on Main Street
14.3.....**Wilmington Town Forest Park.** Enter parking lot. Walk along canal bed through
Oxbow to **Maple Meadow Aqueduct.** Continue to parking lot. Turn left to continue
on Main Street
14.9... **L**Butter’s Row. **View canal.** (🚲)
15.6... **L**Chestnut Street
15.8.....**Baldwin Apple.** Reverse direction,
16.0... **L**Continue on Chestnut Street





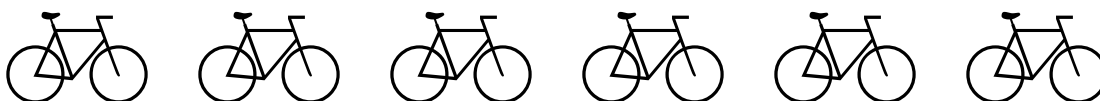
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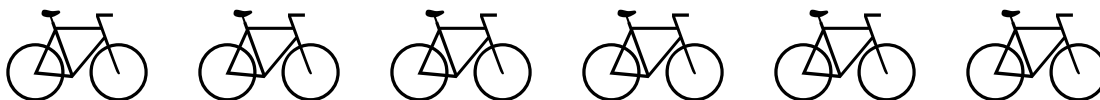
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- 16.6... **R**....Burlington Avenue
- 16.7... **L**Harris Street
- 16.9... **R**....Cedar Street
- 17.0... **L**Burt Road which turns right.
- 17.3... **L**Canal Street
- 17.6... **R**....Shawsheen Avenue
-**Gillis Lockkeeper's House**. Reverse direction. Continue on Shawsheen Avenue.
- 18.5... **R**....Richmond Street. (Route 129)
- 18.65.....*Park bikes on left side of bridge.* () *Walk down stairs to **reconstructed canal** in Fred F. Cain Park. Return to bikes. Reverse direction back to Shawsheen Avenue.*
- 18.8... **R**....Shawsheen Avenue. (Route 129)
- 19.7... **R**....Lake Street. **View canal**. Reverse direction.
- 19.8... **R**....Continue onto Shawsheen Avenue.
- 20.6.....**Shawsheen Aqueduct**. Shawsheen Avenue becomes Salem Road at the Wilmington/Billerica border. (The road is still Route 129.)
- 21..... **R**....George Brown Street. **View canal**.
- 21.1... **L**Charme Road
- 21.2.. **BL**...Filmore Drive
- 21.4... **L**Dignon Road. **View canal**.
- 21.6... **R**....Back onto Salem Road (Route 129)
- 22.6.....**King's Corner Tavern**, also known as **Allen's Tavern**.
- 22.6.. **BL**...Stay on Salem Road.
- 23.4... **R**....Market Street
- 23.6... **R**....Broadleaf Street
- 23.8... **L**Moosewood Street
- 23.8... **R**....Pond Street. **View canal**.
- 24.8... **L**Oak Street
- 25.5... **L**Burnham Road which turns right. Continue on unpaved path and back onto paved part of Burnham Road.
- 26.3... **L**High Street. () **View Canal**
- 26.9... **R**....Rogers Street. **View canal**.
- 27.6.....North Billerica MBTA commuter cail station on Station Street to right
- 27.6... **L**Faulkner Street
- 27.8.....**Middlesex Canal Museum**



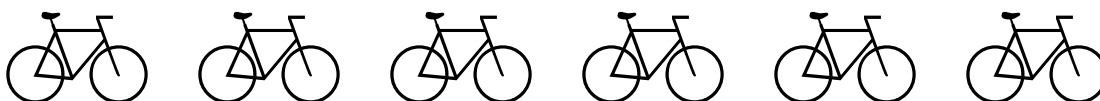
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- 27.6... **S**Old Elm Street (🚲)
27.9.....**Floating Tow Path Anchor Ring.**
..... **S**Continue on Old Elm Street
28.1... **R**Lowell Street. **View Canal remnants along right side after fire station.** (🚲)
28.6... **S**Cross Boston Road (Route 3A). Continue on McLennan Way (unpaved), which turns into tow path. **View Canal along right side of tow path.**
29.1... **R**Brick Kiln Road
29.2... **L**At Alpine Street onto unpaved path, which becomes Canal Street (gravel road). **View Canal along right side of Canal Street.**
30.4... **L**Riverneck Road (🚲)
31.6... **S**Billerica Road
31.7... **R**Golden Cove Road. Note end of Middlesex Turnpike on left at turn.
32.2... **S**Cross Chelmsford Street (Route 110). Continue on Steadman Street.
33.8.....Stop at graphics company to look at Mt. Pleasant Golf Club. **View Canal in southern section of Black Brook.**
34..... **R**Westford Street
34.1... **R**Ostrander Avenue
34.2... **L**Westmoreland Street
34.3... **R**Rockingham Avenue
34.4.....Mt. Pleasant Golf Club. **View Canal in southern section of Black Brook.** Reverse direction to Westmoreland Street.
34.5... **L**Westmoreland Street
34.6... **L**Montgomery Avenue
34.7.....**View Canal Remnants.** Reverse direction to Westford Street.
34.9... **L**Westford Street
34.9... **R**Baldwin Street
35.3... **L**Into Hadley Field (🚲). Right on Middlesex Street.
35.8.. **BL** ...Pawtucket Street
36.1.. **BL** ...Pawtucket Street
36.7... **R**Francis Gate Park. **View Pawtucket Canal on left of path.**
36.9.....Francis Gate Lock (Pawtucket Canal). Continue to Broadway Street.
37.4... **R**Fletcher Street
37.7... **S**Cross Dutton Street. Continue on Thorndike Street.
37.9... **R**Gallagher Way. MBTA commuter rail station



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