

Historic Bicycle Tour of Middlesex Canal

Saturday, October 4, 2008

Ride leaders:





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

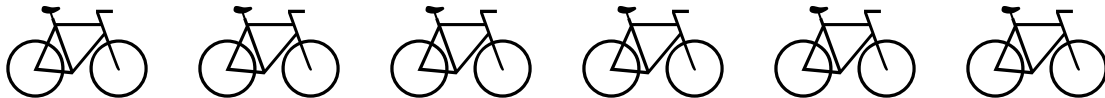
Robert Winters of the **Middlesex Canal Association**

Bill Kuttner of the **Shirley- Eustis House**

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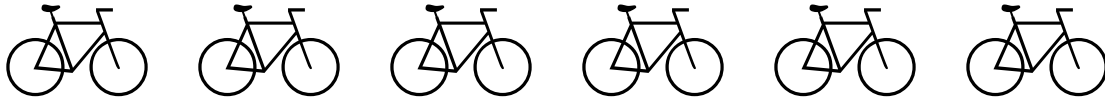
- 0.0..... Begin at the Canal Marker () at the **Sullivan Square “T” Station** in Charlestown on Maffa Way, just east of Route 93
- *Walk* bikes from marker out of parking lot turning left onto Maffa Way. Continue *walking* along sidewalk until the beginning of Broadway in Somerville. Cross Broadway 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.**



BL Bear Left, **BR** Bear Right, **L** Turn Left, **R** Turn Right, **S** Straight

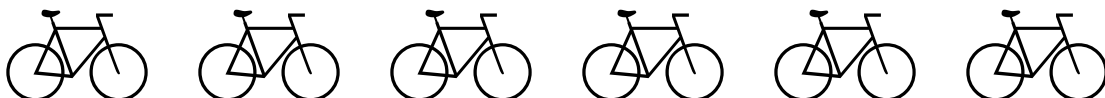
() Canal Marker

Middlesex Canal Bike Ride Cue Sheet
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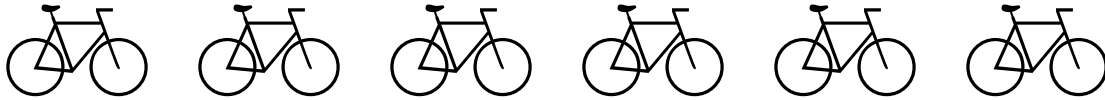


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- 5.7..... On left is driveway to **Map at Mystic River Boat Club Parking Lot.**
6.2..... **Sandy Beach.** (🚲) **Canal remnants**
6.8....**L**... Bacon Street. Cross Church Street. Bacon Street becomes Fletcher Street.
7.3....**R**... Fletcher Street 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,

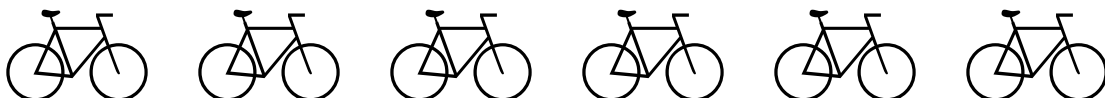


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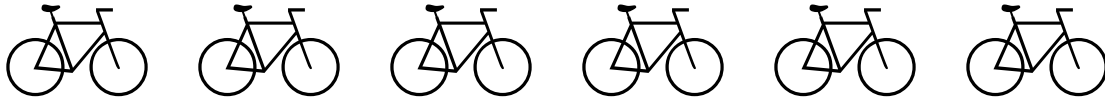


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- 16.0...**L**.... Continue on Chestnut Street
16.6...**R**.... Burlington Avenue
16.7...**L**.... Harris Street
16.9...**R**.... Cedar Street
17.0...**L**.... Burt Road which turns right.
17.3...**L**.... Canal Street
17.6...**R**.... Shawsheen Avenue
..... **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 rail 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

