

# Historic Bicycle Tour of Middlesex Canal

Saturday, September 29, 2007

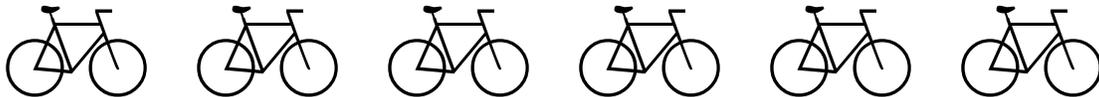
Ride leaders:

**Dick Bauer (Somerville Historic Preservation Commission),**  
**Robert Winters (Middlesex Canal Association), Bill Kuttner (Shirley-Eustis House)**

Middlesex Canal Bike Ride Cue Sheet  
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## Mile Turn Description

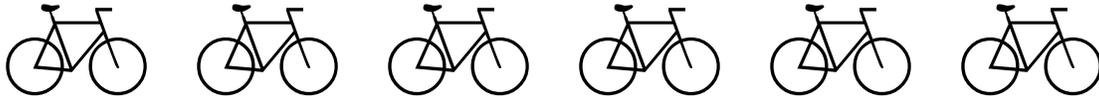
- 0.0.....Begin at the Canal Marker (  ) at the **Sullivan Square “T” Station** in Charlestown on Maffa Way, just east of Route 93  
.....*Walk* bikes from marker out of parking lot turning left onto Maffa Way. Continue *walking* along sidewalk until the beginning of Broadway in Somerville. Cross Broadway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



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

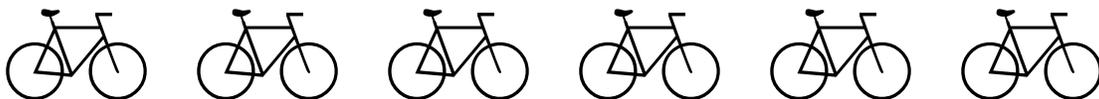
(  ) Canal Marker

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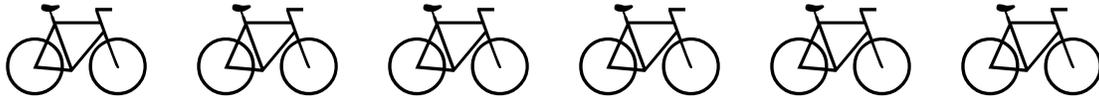


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- 6.2.....**Sandy Beach.** ( 🚲 ) **Canal remnants**
- 6.8.... **L** ....Bacon Street. Cross Church Street. Bacon Street becomes Fletcher Street.
- 7.3.... **R** ....Fletcher Street which becomes ( 🚲 ) Palmer Street at Wildwood Street.
- 7.9....**BR**...Lake 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

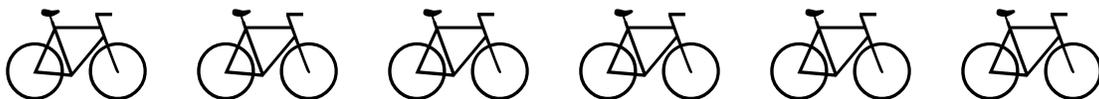


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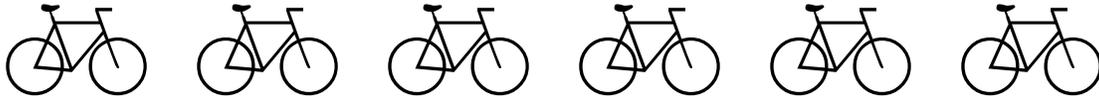


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- 16.6...**R**....Burlington Avenue
- 16.7...**L**....Harris Street
- 16.9...**R**....Cedar Street
- 17.0...**L**....Burt Road which turns right.
- 17.3...**L**....Canal Street
- 17.6...**R**....Shawsheen Avenue
- .....**Gillis Lockkeeper's House**. 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 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

