

Historic Bicycle Tour of Middlesex Canal

Saturday, October 9, 2004

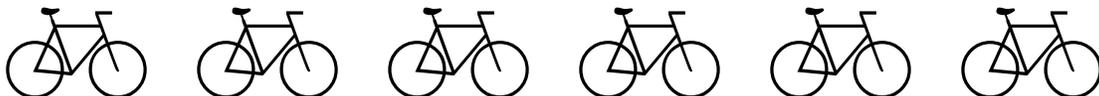
Ride leaders:

Dick Bauer of the **Somerville Historic Preservation Commission**
Robert Winters of the **Middlesex Canal Association**

Southern End of Middlesex Canal Bike Ride Cue Sheet
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Mile Turn Description

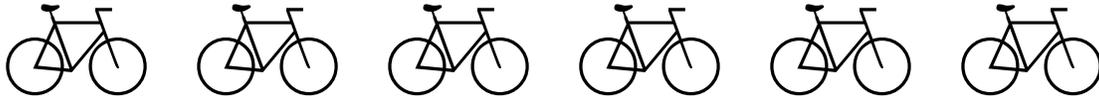
- 0.0.....Begin at the Canal Marker () at the **Sullivan Square “T” Station** in Charlestown on Maffa Way, just east of Route 93
.....*Walk* bikes from marker out of parking lot turning left onto Maffa Way. Continue *walking* along sidewalk until the beginning of Broadway in Somerville. Cross Broadway 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...**R** ...Henry Street
..... **L** ...Joseph Street
- 2.0..... **R** ...Dexter Street
..... **L** ...East Albion Street. Follow East Albion Street as it bears left and becomes 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.



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

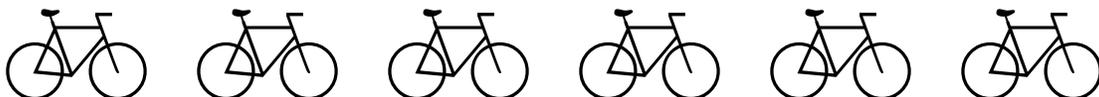
() Canal Marker

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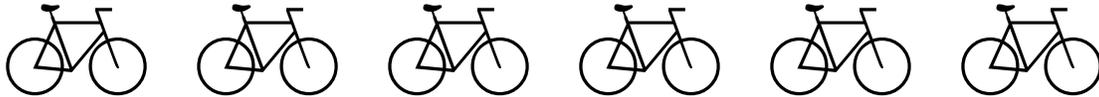


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- 5.35... **S** ...Continue on Mystic Valley Parkway. **Southernmost remnants of canal.**
5.7.....On left is driveway to **Map at Mystic River Boat Club Parking Lot.**
6.2.....**Sandy Beach.** (🚰) **Canal remnants**
6.8.... **L** ...Bacon Street. Cross 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** ...Parking lot and Police parking lot. (*Restrooms are available at nearby library.*)
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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- 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... **L**Old Elm Street
- 27.8.....**Middlesex Canal Museum**
- 27.9.....**Floating Tow Path Anchor Ring.**

