Boston Harbor and the Neponset Greenway: From Castle Island to Paul's Bridge & back

Saturday, March 29, 2014

10:00 am at the Castle Island parking lot in South Boston

Celebrate the end of winter with a bike ride along Boston Harbor and the Neponset River Greenway from Castle Island to Paul's Bridge and back. We'll be especially interested in looking at the sections where construction will start this year, near the southern end in Readville and between the current trail loose ends in Milton and Mattapan. We'll be riding on moderate terrain with very little climbing for a distance of almost 28 miles.

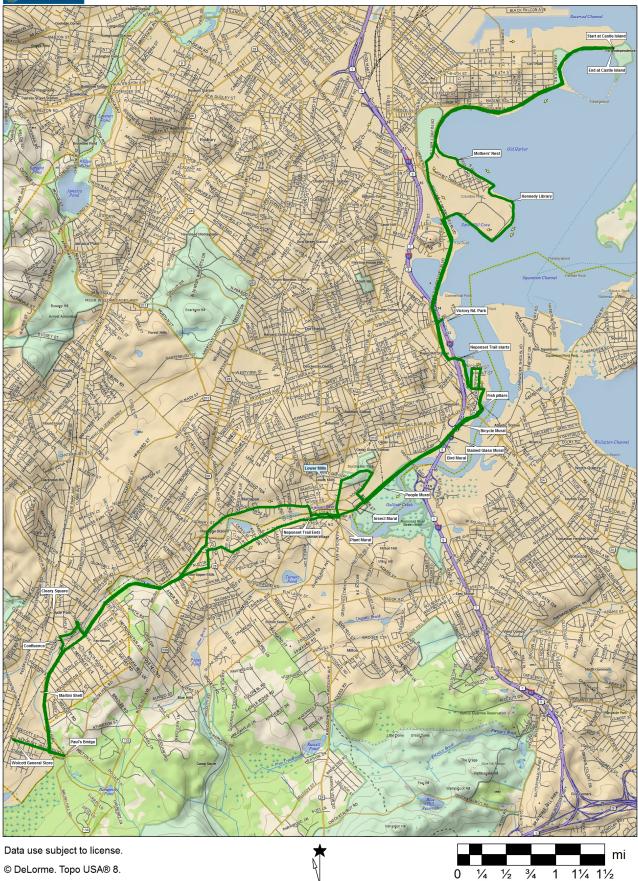
Miles Action

- Start at Castle Island snack stand 0.0 Turn around and head back down Day Blvd. 0.8 Right on beach-side sidewalk along Day Blvd. 1.4 Pass L Street Bathhouse 2.4 Bear Left on sidewalk along Carson Beach Mother's Rest, a stone gazebo from Olmsted's time 2.7 Start of Columbia Point bikepaths 3.2 Gazebo past Harbor Point Apartments 3.3 Left on gravel path across Boston Water and Sewer property 3.4 Dirt path for 100 feet 3.5 Pass Kennedy Library Pass UMass Boston 4.3 4.6 Left on sidewalk on Harbor side of Morrissey Blvd. Cross at light to Malibu Beach 4.9 Get back on Morrissey Blvd to cross drawbridge 5.1 5.5 Left on Freeport St. Left on Victory Rd. to check out future bikepath connections 19.4 5.8 Turn around 5.9 Left on Freeport St. 6.3 Left on Conley St. 6.4 Left on Neponset Trail at Tenean Beach Left on Tenean St. 6.6 Bear left on Water St. 6.7 Right on Taylor St. 6.8 Enter Neponset Trail past gate at kiosk 7.0 7.1 Stop on monument to native fish Pope John Paul II Park 7.2 Pass bicycle mural at I-93 underpass 7.4 Pass bird mural on Hallet St. under I-93 to left 7.6 Go through Neponset II Park opening this spring 7.9 8.0 Cross Granite Ave. at light installed in 2006 Water-permeable stabilized stone dust path 8.1 8.4 Go under Ashmont-Mattapan trolley, "High Speed Line" Pass insect mural on path retaining wall 8.7 Cross Neponset River to Milton 8.8 Pass plant mural on trolley retaining wall 9.1 End of Neponset Trail at Central Ave. 9.2 Right on Central Ave. across Neponset River to Boston Beginning of 2006 Masterplan area 9.3 Left on River St. at light
- Left on Blue Hill Ave. at Mattapan Square 9.4 Cross Neponset River to Milton Beginning of proposed bike lanes
- 9.5 Bear right on Brush Hill Rd.
- 10.2 Bear right on Truman Parkway
- 12.2 Right on Fairmount Ave. at light
- 12.5 Right on Nott St., Right on Walnut St. under Fairmount
- Left on Dana Ave. 12.5
- 12.6 Stop on bridge to observe Mother Brook confluence

Miles Action

- Right on Truman Parkway 12.8
- Pass Martini Shell 13.1
- 13.6 Left on Neponset Valley Parkway
- End of proposed bike lanes
- 14.0 Stop at Paul's bridge over the Neponset River Turn around
- 14.1 Straight across the end of the Truman Parkway
- 14.5 Stop at Wolcott Square for snacks Wolcott General Store and Dunkin Donuts
 - Turn around and head east on Neponset Valley Parkway
- 14.9 Left on Truman Parkway, start proposed bike lanes
- Straight on Brush Hill Rd. 17.4
- Right on Brook Rd. 17.7
- Left on Blue Hills Parkway 17.9
- Right on Eliot St. 18.1
- Cross Central Ave. 19.2
- View over Neponset Trail
- Left on Adams St. at light 19.5
- 19.7 Cross River St.
- Right into Dorchester Park (designed by Olmsted) 19.9
- 20.3 Left on Adams St.
- Right on Milton St. 20.6
- Right on Hallet St. 21.1
- 21.2 Left on Neponset Trail
- Right on Taylor St. at end of trail 21.9
- Left on Water St. 22.0
- 22.1 Right on Walnut St.
- 22.2 Left on Ericsson St.
- 22.3 Left on Lawley St.
- 22.5 Right on Water St.
- 22.6 Right on path along Tenean Beach
- 22.8 Follow sidewalk under Southeast Expressway
- 22.9 Right on Tenean St.
- Straight on Freeport St. along Morrissey Blvd. 23.0
- 23.5 Bear right on Morrissey Blvd. at light
- 24.4 Cross U.Mass entrance
- 25.0 Bear right on Day Blvd.
- 25.3 Get on sidewalk at Carson Beach if not too busy
- Left at Pleasure Bay (right on causeway if not busy) 26.9
- 27.7 End at Castle Island snack stand

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