

Spring Along the Neponset River :

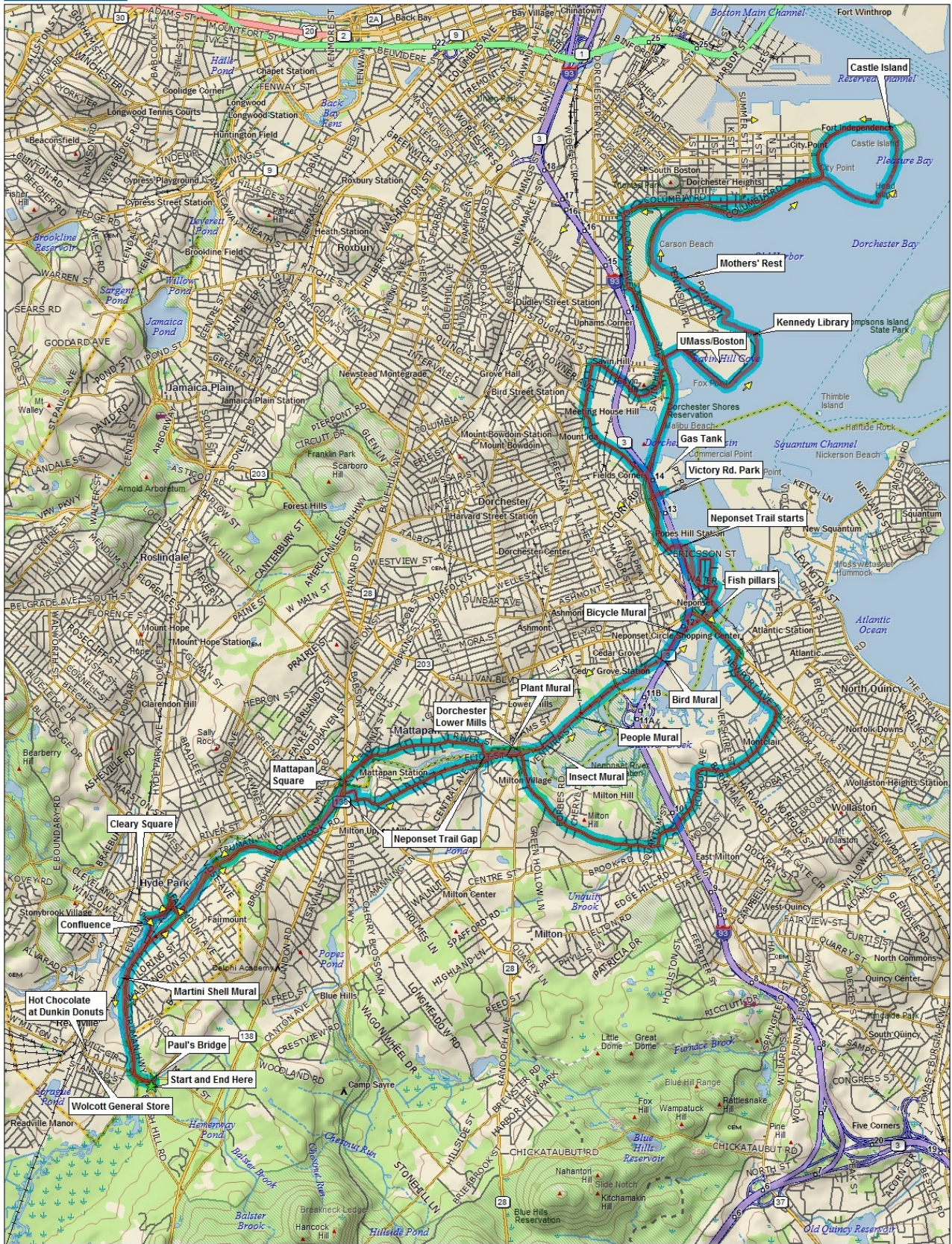
From Paul's Bridge to Castle Island & back

Saturday, March 23, 2013

10:00 am at Paul's Bridge in Milton

Starting at Paul's Bridge, on the northwest edge of the Blue Hills Reservation, we will take the bike lanes on Truman Parkway north along the Neponset River, cut through Milton along the river to the Neponset Trail, and follow that to Tenean Beach in Dorchester. The route of the future Dorchester Coast Trail will take us to Columbia Point, where we'll pick up the existing paved path along Boston Harbor past UMass/Boston, the Kennedy Library, and the Harbor Point Apartments to Carson Beach and Castle Island. Then we'll head back through Savin Hill to Dot. Ave. and Freeport St., which takes us back to the Neponset Trail in Port Norfolk. We'll cross the Neponset on the new bike lanes on the Hancock St. Bridge and wend our way through Quincy and Milton to a great view of the Neponset River Estuary from the top of Governor Hutchinson Field and a view of the Lower Mills mill pond from above the trolley on Eliot St. We'll cross back to Boston on Central Ave. and follow River St. to Mattapan Square, where we'll pick up the new trail and follow it south to the starting point, probably stopping for hot chocolate or coffee at Dunkin Donuts in Wolcott Square. This ride is sponsored by the [the Boston Natural Areas Network](#) and its community-based Neponset River Greenway Council, which have been working with the DCR to connect parklands along the river since 1990.

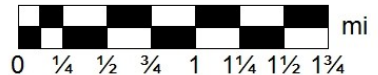
Miles	Action	Miles	Action
0.0	Left on Neponset Valley Parkway	15.1	Left on Farragut Rd.
0.1	Cross Neponset River on Paul's Bridge	15.3	Right on Columbia Rd.
0.2	Right on Truman Parkway	15.6	Bear right on Marine Rd. Straight on Columbia Rd.
2.6	Straight on Brush Hill Rd.	16.7	Around rotary to Old Colony Ave.
3.2	Right on Brook Rd.	17.3	Straight under overpass to Morrissey Blvd.
3.4	Left on Blue Hills Parkway	18.0	Right on Old Colony Terrace
4.5	Right on Eliot St.	18.1	Left on Savin Hill Ave.
4.5	Left on Central Ave.	18.8	Left on Dorchester Ave.
4.7	Right on Neponset Trail Go under Adams St.	19.2	Left on Freeport St.
4.9	Cross Neponset River	19.9	Cross Morrissey Blvd.
5.3	Go under trolley	20.5	Left on Conley St. to Tenean Beach Straight on Water St. Right on Conley St.
5.7	Cross Granite Ave.	21.2	Left on Neponset Trail Right on park road Right on Gallivan Blvd.
6.1	Cross Hallet St.	21.6	Right over Hancock St. Bridge
6.3	Go under SE Expressway	22.1	Right on Newport Ave. in Quincy Right on West Squantum St. Straight on Squantum St.
6.5	Go under Hancock St. Bridge	24.2	Right on Adams St.
6.7	Right on Taylor St.	25.3	Stop at top of Governor Hutchinson Field
6.9	Right on Water St.	25.6	Left on Eliot St.
6.9	Left on Ericsson St.	25.9	Right on Central Ave.
7.1	Left on Lawley St.	26.0	Left on River St. (at light)
7.4	Right on Tenean St.	27.1	Left on Blue Hill Ave. (at Mattapan Square)
7.5	Right on Neponset Trail	27.2	Right on Neponset Trail along Brush Hill Rd.
7.8	Right on Conley St.	27.9	Straight on Truman Parkway
7.9	Right on Tenean St.	28.9	Right on Fairmount Ave.
8.0	Straight on Freeport St.	29.1	Right on Nott St.
8.3	Right on Victory Rd.	29.1	Right on Walnut St.
8.4	Turn around at Victory Rd. Park	29.3	Left on Dana Ave. Stop to view confluence
8.5	Right on Freeport St.	29.5	Right on Neponset Trail at Truman Parkway
8.6	Right on Morrissey Blvd.	30.6	Left on Neponset Valley Parkway
8.8	Cross drawbridge with care	30.8	Cross Paul's Bridge
9.6	Right onto UMass path	30.8	Right on Brush Hill Rd.
10.7	Pass Kennedy Library	30.8	End ride
10.8	Gravel path Right along shore past Harborpoint Apartments		
11.8	Bear right past Carson Beach		
13.3	Follow path around Pleasure Bay to Castle Island		
14.4	Stop at concession stand Follow Day Blvd back		
15.0	Right on Broadway		



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