

## AltWheels 2004 Tour of Boston's New Emerald Necklace

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Doug has spent much of the past ten years working with the Neponset River Greenway Council to get the Neponset Trail through Boston and Milton built. He has also been a member of bicycle advisory committees in Boston and Cambridge. Doug commutes by bike 20 miles a day year-round. This ride covers many parts of Boston, through the Green Triangle, down to the Neponset River, past the Kennedy Library, and along the Harbortrail, the Southwest Corridor, and back on the Emerald Necklace. The ride begins and ends at the Larz Anderson Museum.

**Ride participants are responsible for providing their own bicycle. Helmets are mandatory.**

Miles	Action	Miles	Action
0.0	Start at Altwheels	12.1	Right onto Columbia Point section of the Boston Harborpath
0.0	Left on Pond St.		Pass UMass Boston, State Archive, and Kennedy Library
0.3	Right on Moss Hill Road	13.3	Cross 100 feet of grass to crushed stone path
0.6	Right on Mossbank Path	13.4	Join paved path at Harborpoint Apartments (There are separate bike and pedestrian paths, with interesting markers along the waterfront.)
0.7	Right on Louders Lane		
0.8	Left on Lila Rd.	14.1	Follow paved path past Olmsted's Mother's Rest and Carson Beach
0.9	Left on Winchester St.		
1.1	Cross Center St. to Arnold Arboretum	14.5	Left across Day Blvd. onto Columbia Road
1.2	Left at fork on park road	14.8	Straight across rotary onto Preble St.
1.5	Right at fork at bottom of hill	15.1	Straight across Andrew Square onto Southampton St.
1.7	Cross ramp to Casey Overpass over Forest Hills station	15.9	Cross Mass. Ave.
2.2	Go around the rotary to Circuit Drive	15.9	Get on sidewalk at Crosstown hotel (This will become part of the South Bay Harbortrail)
2.3	Enter Franklin Park (This entrance needs improvement (see <a href="http://www.massbike.org/eng/break1a.htm">http://www.massbike.org/eng/break1a.htm</a> )	16.1	Pick up Melnea Cass Bikepath at Albany St.
2.5	Bear right on Circuit Drive to Scarborough Pond	16.8	Cross Columbus Ave. and turn left onto Southwest Corridor Pierre Lallement Bikepath
2.9	Follow sidewalk to avoid gate on Circuit Drive	17.0	Right on Ruggles St.
3.1	Pass Boston Park Ranger horse stable	17.5	Cross Fenway onto park path (There is federal money to improve the Fenway paths to better connect with Northeastern University and the Southwest Corridor, but the project is on hold.)
3.4	Exit Franklin Park onto American Legion Highway (Here's where the greenspace connection doesn't exist.)	17.8	Left onto Park Drive
3.9	Cross Morton Street on overpass	18.0	Straight across Boylston St. and Brookline Ave.
4.5	Left on Walk Hill Ave. after Boston Nature Center	18.1	Left onto Muddy River Path (A path under Park Drive on the unused Conrail right-of-way would turn this turn into an easier right turn.)
5.0	Cross Harvard St.	18.7	Left on Pilgrim Road (because path ahead has steps)
5.1	Right on Almont Ave.	18.8	Right on unpaved bridle path (which Boston could pave if there were a public demand for it)
5.5	Pass Almont Park	19.1	Straight on River Road
5.7	Right on Blue Hill Ave.	19.2	Cross Route 9 (Brookline put in a curb cut, but there should be a walk light or a sidewalk on the Riverway/Jamaicaway overpass)
6.2	Cross River St. in Mattapan Square	19.3	Straight on newest Emerald Necklace path on Brookline side of Leverett Pond. (There are separate bike and pedestrian paths, but people push baby strollers on the bike path.)
6.3	U-Turn to River St.	20.0	Right on Perkins St. bikelane
6.8	Pass DCR Ryan Playground	20.3	Straight on Goddard St.
7.5	Right on Central Ave.	20.4	Left on Prince St.
7.6	Left onto Neponset Trail in Milton after Neponset River (Trail will someday continue upstream, probably crossing by bridge to the Boston side and running between the river and the Ryan Playground)	21.0	Right on Pond St. at Kelly Circle
7.9	Continue on trail past mural and Adams MBTA station	21.1	Right at light on Pond St.
8.0	Cross Neponset River back into Boston	21.6	Right into Larz Anderson Park to AltWheels
8.2	Pass mural and Butler St. MBTA station		
8.4	Go under MBTA High Speed Line at Shawmut Junction		
8.7	Cross Granite Ave. (A traffic light will be installed at this intersection by Thanksgiving)		
9.1	Cross Hallet St. next to Keystone Apartments. (Detour to view mural under Southeast Expressway.)		
9.4	Enter Pope John Paul II Park after going under SE Expressway on trail		
9.6	Proceed on trail under Hancock St., MBTA Red Line, and Old Colony Line commuter rail.		
9.7	Right on Taylor St into Port Norfolk, part of Dorchester		
9.8	Left on Water St.		
9.9	Straight on Lawley St. then Tenean St.		
10.0	Right on path along Tenean Beach (part of Neponset Trail)		
10.3	Under SE Expressway on Tenean St. (This is where a boardwalk suspended from the sea wall could continue the Trail to Victory Road Park)		
10.4	Right on Morrissy Blvd. frontage road		
10.5	Becomes Freeport St.		
10.8	Right on Victory Road to check out Victory Road Park and Keyspan easement between gas tank and Expressway.		
10.9	Back onto Freeport St.		
11.2	Right on Morrissey Blvd.		
11.3	Pass dangerous high speed expressway offramp which would be bypassed by Keyspan easement.		