

# Bike the Charles 2008

## 10:00 am Saturday, May 10, 2008

This year we decided to go entirely beyond the Paul Dudley White Bikepath and ride the Upper Charles Reservation Trail, the Riverpath in Newton, and a bit more. We'll start in Watertown Square and follow the path on the north side of the river, with a brief stop at the dam overlook. The path goes back and forth across the river from Bridge St. to Moody St. in Waltham, where we'll stop to check out another dam. We'll view the Lakes section of the Charles from the south side (right bank) all of the way to Commonwealth Ave. The last half-mile is on Newton's gravel Riverwalk. South of Comm. Ave., we can go under the Mass. Pike and the railroad to Worcester, emerging in Nonantum Park, with interesting ruins and a closed footbridge over the river that we can take one person at a time. Recreation Road will take us back to Park Road and Comm. Ave. where we'll head back down the river on the north/west side for a total distance of 14 miles. If it is too wet, we'll drop the stretch south of Comm. Ave.

<u>Miles</u>	<u>Turn</u>
0.0	Start in Watertown Square
1.1	Cross Bridge St. (follow heron tracks)
1.6	Cross Charles River on Blue Heron Bridge
1.8	Left on Farwell St. over river
1.8	Right on bikepath
2.5	Cross Newton St.
2.7	Right on Elm St.
2.8	Left through fence
2.8	Pass Charles River Museum of Industry
2.9	Left to river
3.1	Cross river on foot bridge
3.2	Cross Moody St.
3.2	Straight on path along river
3.4	Left to Crescent St.
3.4	Right on Crescent St.
3.6	Right on Maple St.
3.7	Left onto trail through parking lot
3.7	Pass behind historic Waltham Watch factory
4.1	Straight on Woerd Ave.
4.4	Straight on Forest Grove Rd.
4.7	Straight on Auburndale Park gravel path
5.4	Right on Commonwealth Ave.
5.5	Left on Bourne St
5.6	Right on Auburn St.
5.6	Left on Charles St.
5.8	Go under Mass. Pike
5.9	Follow tunnel under railroad tracks
5.9	Follow path to Charles River

<u>Miles</u>	<u>Turn</u>
6.0	Cross river on foot bridge
6.0	Follow paved path up hill
6.1	Straight on Recreation Rd.
6.7	Right on Park Rd.
7.2	Right on South Ave. (Rt. 30)
7.6	Left on River Rd.
7.7	Right on Norumbega Rd.
7.8	Left on Normbega Rd. at river
8.6	Right on South St.
8.8	Right on Charles River Rd.
9.1	Straight through parking lot
9.4	Right on Sawyer Rd.
9.4	Straight into Mount Feake Cemetery
9.6	Seventh right toward river
9.9	Follow main cemetery road closest to river
10.2	Right on Prospect St.
10.3	Left on path just before bridge
10.8	Straight across Moody St. into parking lot
11.0	Right on Elm St.
11.1	Left on path after crossing river
11.2	Straight across Newton St.
12.0	Left on Farwell St. across river
12.0	Right on path
12.3	Cross river on Blue Heron Bridge
12.7	Straight on California St. at Bridge St.
12.9	Left on path past third house
13.9	Left across river on Galen St.
14.0	End in Watertown Square



