

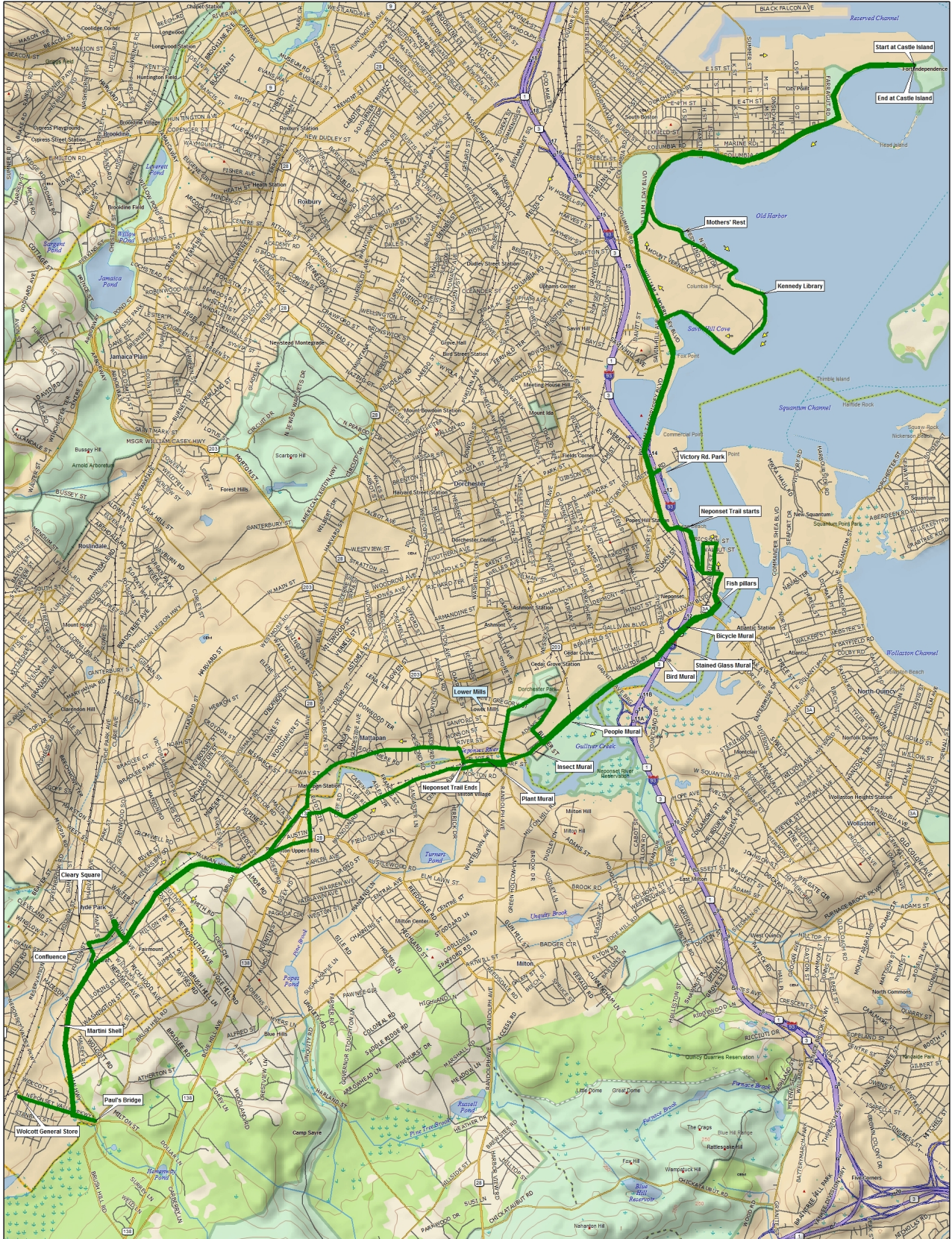
# **Boston Harbor and the Neponset Greenway: From Castle Island to Paul's Bridge & back**

## **Sunday, March 18, 2012**

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

This ride follows Boston Harbor south to the mouth of the Neponset River, where we pick up the Neponset Trail which will eventually go all of the way to the Blue Hills. We'll be especially interested in checking out the gaps in Dorchester and Mattapan. The ride is sponsored by 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.

<b>Miles</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Miles</b>	<b>Action</b>
0.0	Start at Castle Island snack stand	12.8	Right on Truman Parkway
	Turn around and head back down Day Blvd.	13.1	Pass Martini Shell
0.8	Right on beach-side sidewalk along Day Blvd.	13.6	Left on Neponset Valley Parkway
1.4	Pass L Street Bathhouse		End of proposed bike lanes
2.4	Bear Left on sidewalk along Carson Beach	14.0	Stop at Paul's bridge over the Neponset River
2.7	Mother's Rest, a stone gazebo from Olmsted's time		Turn around
	Start of Columbia Point bikepaths	14.1	Straight across the end of the Truman Parkway
3.2	Gazebo past Harbor Point Apartments	14.5	Stop at Wolcott Square for snacks
3.3	Left on gravel path across Boston Water and Sewer property		Wolcott General Store and Dunkin Donuts
3.4	Dirt path for 100 feet		Turn around and head east on Neponset Valley Parkway
3.5	Pass Kennedy Library	14.9	Left on Truman Parkway, start proposed bike lanes
4.3	Pass UMass Boston	17.4	Straight on Brush Hill Rd.
4.6	Left on sidewalk on Harbor side of Morrissey Blvd.	17.7	Right on Brook Rd.
4.9	Cross at light to Malibu Beach	17.9	Left on Blue Hills Parkway
5.1	Get back on Morrissey Blvd to cross drawbridge	18.1	Right on Eliot St.
5.5	Left on Freeport St.	19.2	Cross Central Ave.
5.8	Left on Victory Rd. to check out future bikepath connections	19.4	View over Neponset Trail
	Turn around	19.5	Left on Adams St. at light
5.9	Left on Freeport St.	19.7	Cross River St.
6.3	Left on Conley St.	19.9	Right into Dorchester Park (designed by Olmsted)
6.4	Left on Neponset Trail at Tenean Beach	20.3	Left on Adams St.
6.6	Left on Tenean St.	20.6	Right on Milton St.
6.7	Bear left on Water St.	21.1	Right on Hallet St.
6.8	Right on Taylor St.	21.2	Left on Neponset Trail
7.0	Enter Neponset Trail past gate at kiosk	21.9	Right on Taylor St. at end of trail
7.1	Stop on monument to native fish	22.0	Left on Water St.
7.2	Pope John Paul II Park	22.1	Right on Walnut St.
7.4	Pass bicycle mural at I-93 underpass	22.2	Left on Ericsson St.
7.6	Pass bird mural on Hallet St. under I-93 to left	22.3	Left on Lawley St.
7.9	Go through Neponset II Park opening this spring	22.5	Right on Water St.
8.0	Cross Granite Ave. at light installed in 2006	22.6	Right on path along Tenean Beach
8.1	Water-permeable stabilized stone dust path	22.8	Follow sidewalk under Southeast Expressway
8.4	Go under Ashmont-Mattapan trolley, "High Speed Line"	22.9	Right on Tenean St.
8.7	Pass insect mural on path retaining wall	23.0	Straight on Freeport St. along Morrissey Blvd.
8.8	Cross Neponset River to Milton	23.5	Bear right on Morrissey Blvd. at light
9.1	Pass plant mural on trolley retaining wall	24.4	Cross U.Mass entrance
9.2	End of Neponset Trail at Central Ave.	25.0	Bear right on Day Blvd.
	Right on Central Ave. across Neponset River to Boston	25.3	Get on sidewalk at Carson Beach if not too busy
	Beginning of 2006 Masterplan area	26.9	Left at Pleasure Bay (right on causeway if not busy)
9.3	Left on River St. at light	27.7	End at Castle Island snack stand
9.4	Left on Blue Hill Ave. at Mattapan Square		
	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		
12.5	Left on Dana Ave.		
12.6	Stop on bridge to observe Mother Brook confluence		



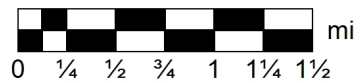
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