Newport, RI

April 1 - December 31, 2024

10 and 7km Scenic Cliff Walks

START/FINISH:

The General Store 19 Long Wharf Mall Newport, RI 02840 Tel: 401-849-1380

TIMES: Daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Closed most holidays.



Walk Box at cash register.

For GPS, use 23 America's Cup Avenue, Newport, RI to arrive at Visitor Center's public parking area (\$ in-season). Restrooms at Visitor Center.

TRAIL DESCRIPTIONS: The 10km walk route explores Newport's rich maritime history and prominence as a vacation spot for the wealthy. Among the deepest natural harbors in the country, Newport's 150 wharves once bustled with activity. The seaport atmosphere remains with cobblestone walkways, restored 18th and 19th century commercial shops, and the magnificent harbor now packed with elegant vachts. The return route traverses the newly renovated portion of the scenic Cliff Walk passing mansions and Salve Regina College.

The 7km route includes part of the downtown area as well as the Cliff Walk.

RATING: With stairs, both walk routes have an AVA rating of 2B, difficult for strollers but not suitable for wheelchairs.

AVA SPECIAL PROGRAMS: Lighthouses, Town Halls/City Halls, Walking with America's Veterans, & Washington-Rochambeau National Historic Trail

AWARD: The "A" award, available for \$4.00, is a fully embroidered patch depicting an aerial view of Newport's world famous Cliff Walk, a 3½ mile public access trail that combines the natural beauty of Newport's shoreline with the architectural history of Newport's gilded age. A "B" award patch, featuring the International Tennis Hall of Fame located in Newport, is also available for \$1.00.

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DIRECTIONS:

From the North and Boston:

- 1. From either I-95 South or I-495 South, take Route 24 South.
- Route 24 South to Route 114 South.
- 3. **Route 114 South (West Main Road, which changes to Broadway) to Marlborough St. (Follow signs for Visitor Center.)
- 4. RIGHT on Marlborough St. to end at America's Cup Avenue. Visitor Center in front of you.

OR

- 1. From I-95 South to I-195 East to Exit 5 for Route 136.
- 2. *Route 136 to Route 114 South at Roger Williams University.
- 3. Follow from ** above.

From Providence:

- 1. I-195 East into Mass Exit 7A for Exit 5 to Route 136.
- 2. Follow from * above.

From the South:

- 1. I-95 North to Exit 7A. (Route 138 East).
- 2. Route 138 East to Route 1 North.
- Providence 195 Bridges Marlborough St. Map not to scale.
- 3. **LEFT** on Route 1 North to 138 East (Jamestown/Newport Bridge).
- 4. **RIGHT** on Route 138 East over both the Jamestown and Newport Bridges (toll bridge) to the first exit after the Newport Bridge (scenic Newport).
- 5. **RIGHT** off exit onto Farewell Street to the second traffic light.
- 6. **RIGHT** on America's Cup Avenue. The first brick building on the right is the Visitor Center.

PARKING: Public parking at the rear of Visitor Center building. Inseason (May 1 to October 31): \$2.00 per hour after the first ½ hour, with a maximum of \$20.00 all day. Have your ticket validated at the Visitor Center counter for a free first half hour. Off-season (April, November-December): free parking. Parking also available on either side of Long Wharf Mall, but at higher cost.

From Visitor Center Parking to START: RIGHT on America's Cup Ave to traffic light. LEFT at traffic light to CROSS America's Cup Ave and STRAIGHT on pedestrian mall (Panera Bread on corner). The General Store is halfway down on the left.