

Wellesley, MA

April 1 - December 31, 2018

10 and 5km College Town Walks

START/FINISH:

Wellesley Free Library
530 Washington Street
Wellesley, MA 02482
Tel: 781-235-1610
www.wellesleyfreelibrary.org

TIMES: Mon-Thu: 9-9, Fri: 9-6,
Sat: 9-5, Sun: 1-5
Finish by sunset.

Closed all holidays & Sundays from June to Labor Day (first Monday in Sept.). Check Library website or contact POC near holidays as added closures may occur.

Walk Box at Information Desk.



TRAIL DESCRIPTIONS: For two centuries, Wellesley was a small quiet town originally a part of Dedham and later of Needham. In 1875, Henry Durant founded Wellesley College, a college for women located on an expansive picturesque lakeside campus. Named to commemorate his friend's wife, whose maiden name was Welles, "Wellesley" was chosen as the town's name when it was incorporated in 1881. During the latter 1800s rapid growth occurred. The Town Fathers used money, political savvy, and community spirit to develop Wellesley as a carefully planned and lovingly nurtured new town. Frederick Law Olmsted designed the railroad stations. It was the first American town to adopt zoning laws. Carefully laid out parks and preservation of open space were high priorities.

The walk route consists of two 5km loops with each loop beginning at the Wellesley Free Library and incorporating the Fuller Brook Trail, a public walking path along the quiet Fuller and Caroline Brooks.

The western loop follows a portion of the Boston Marathon route through the downtown area consisting of many shops and eateries. Once through the town center, the route continues onto Wellesley College campus and circles back to the Start/Finish via the Fuller Brook Trail, a popular natural trail.

The eastern loop follows another portion of the Boston Marathon route for a short distance before continuing through a residential area, a few blocks of businesses, and coming back full circle to the Library via the other end of the well-traversed Fuller Brook Trail.

RATING: Both loops are relatively flat with some unpaved surfaces, and have an AVA rating of 1B, suitable for strollers **but not wheelchairs.**

AWARD: This is an IVV Credit Only event.

AVA SPECIAL PROGRAMS: Boardwalks, Bridges, Food For Thought, Ice Cream Parlors, US Post Offices, and USA Street by Street Event

DIRECTIONS:

From the South: Route 95/128 North to Exit 20B (Route 9 West) to Route 16 West (Washington Street). Library on Washington St. on left across from Town Hall.

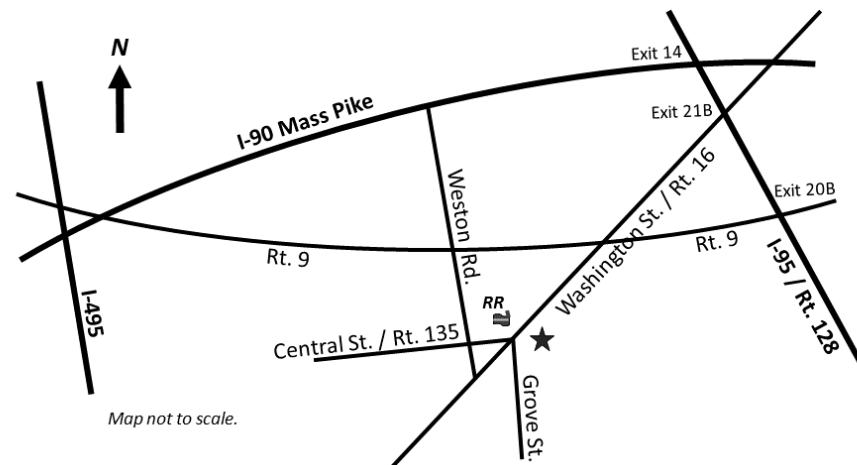
From the North: Route 95/128 South to Exit 21B (Route 16 West, Washington Street). ** Follow Route 16 West (Washington St.) about 3 miles to the Library on the left across from Town Hall.

From the East or West: Mass Turnpike (Route 90) to Exit 14 (Route 95/128 South) to Exit 21B (Route 16 West). Follow from ** above.

PARKING: Underground or behind the Library.

Public Transportation (MBTA):

Commuter trains from Boston's South Station and Back Bay or Worcester's Union Square Station stop at Wellesley Square Station which is one block west of the start.



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