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Safety Tips

- Check the “Rating” and “Length” to be sure that you are capable of walking this.
- If possible, walk with someone you know.
- Always know where you are.
- Let someone know where you are walking.
- Use the crosswalks and obey traffic lights.
- Carry a whistle or loud horn and cell phone
- Take water and a snack.
- Don't walk in the dark, trails are for daylight only

Parking

If there is no parking available; find a legal parking spot elsewhere and walk to the start.

Note: Parking is not allowed on private property.

Dog Owners

Keep dogs on leash. Pick up after your dog. It's the law.

Health Tips

- Consult your physician before strenuous exercise.
- Wear comfortable shoes that provide support.
- Eat and drink an hour before walking; bring water.
- Use the restroom before walking (most trails do not have access to bathroom facilities).
- Rest when you are tired.

NOTE

All public parks & trails in Natick are drug and alcohol free. No motorized vehicles. No weapons. No fireworks. No glass containers. No littering. No smoking. No fires.

* Available in alternative formats upon request.

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Town of Natick Sidewalk Tour Guide

From Downtown

51 Up North Main Street

Middlesex Path & Pegan Cove Park

Walnut Hill School Area

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Rating

Accessible (i.e. wheelchairs, handicapped)

Basic Distance

1.25 miles up N. Main St. to RT9.

0.4 miles to Middlesex Path.

0.5 miles to Pegan Cove Park

0.6 to Walnut Hill School

Start & End Points

Start on the Natick Common facing North.

End when you get to RT 9.

Conditions / Traffic along RT27

Mostly sidewalks. Two sets of traffic lights at intersection of RT 135/27 & intersection of RT 27 and Bacon. Some busy streets off to the left, such as Lake Street/Washington Avenue and Bacon Street; stay to the left.

Facilities

No public restrooms outside downtown, although Route 9/27 Mall is close to the end. Pay phones at several locations downtown, at Mobil, and at White Hen Pantry.

Highlights North Along Route 27

Cross to the west side of RT27 and head North.

- The first building on the right is Woodbury's block, followed by Rice's block, Masonic block, and the Winch block. On the left are Clark's Block and the Walcott block. Almost all of these buildings were rebuilt after the great Natick fire of 1874.

Continue north and you will pass:

- Railroad tracks, originally laid in the 1830s and depressed into present location as part of massive project in 1890s;
- H.P. Harwood and Sons baseball factory building on Walnut Street, built in 1858;
- Grandmother's Mince Meat and the Natick Condominiums, once part of the Pebbles shoe factory;
- Natick Paperboard;
- U.S. Army Research and Development Center (Natick Labs), off 27 onto Kansas Street;
- The Bacon House, oldest building in Natick, built in 1704 (now Mitchell Funeral Home);
- Quartermaster Tracks that parallel Route 27, which may become a recreational path;
- Murphy Playground, site of former Murphy School;
- Felch House(1801), corner N. Main & Bacon.
- RT 9 built as the Worcester Turnpike in 1830s.

Side Trips to Middlesex Path, Pegan Cove & Natick Labs:

To Middlesex Path

- Go left on Middlesex Ave (before crossing railroad bridge) for 0.4 miles to the end, which is the start of the Middlesex Path. The trail parallels Route 135 for 0.6 miles and ends up close to VFW building. Tree-lined path, some dirt bike trails as well.

To Pegan Cove Park

- Go left on Cochituate St. (at Sunoco station) and at end take a right onto Washington Ave. You will see the park sign almost immediately across on the left. Pegan Cove Park has 1.2 miles of trails from Washington Ave to Lake Cochituate.
- If you exit at the northern end of the park, take a left on Lake St. and left on Washington Ave. which runs into RT 27 just over the tracks.

By Natick Amy Labs:

- Heading north on RT 27, go left at lights onto Kansas St. and take to the last right (Second Street). Cross Fisher to Loker, then either bear right on Loker to pedestrian bridge and back onto Bacon and Route 27, or bear left onto Arcadia Road and hook up with the trails surrounding Lake Cochituate. This features very nice neighborhoods and homes ~100 years old.
- If you head up Loker and go left on Bacon, you can see Bacon end mere yards from RT 9.

To Walnut Hill School & Area

- Just south of the intersection of RT27 and Washington Ave, cross over and go right onto Grove to the end and explore this neighborhood of fancy houses.
- Turn left onto Walnut St. and on the right is Loker Park, which at one time was the site of the Bacon Elementary School. Continue past Bacon to the Fisk Methodist Church and on toward RT9 and you'll see more large homes and the western boundary of the Town Forest.
- On the left side of Walnut, across from Loker Park, are some very attractive side streets, including Parkman, Chestnut and Bacon. These connect to very attractive neighborhoods, as well as some nice old houses.
- Bearing right at Loker Park onto Belvedere Rd will run into Bacon St.
- To your right are the athletic fields of Walnut Hill School, as well as the Keiter Performing Arts Center (which used to be a gymnasium). This is sidewalk all the way to Marion Street.
- The left side of Bacon includes the southern edge of the Town Forest. There is a trail leading into the Town Forest a short distance ahead and another trail located 0.25 miles up across from the intersection of Bacon St. and Marion St.

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