

**PSB**

# Fall River, MA

**April 1 - December 31, 2024**

*10 and 6km Battleship Cove Walks*

**START/FINISH:**

Capt. Thomas J Hudner Memorial Building at Heritage State Park  
200 Davol Street  
Fall River, MA 02720  
Tel: 508-675-5759

**WINTER HOURS: 7:30-3:30**

*Closed major holidays.  
Call if unsure.*



*Walk Box at visitor center desk.*

**TRAIL DESCRIPTIONS:** The walk route commences at Battleship Cove, home to the world's largest collection of World War II naval ships, including the Battleship USS Massachusetts, affectionately known as "Big Mamie" (fee to tour museum). The route then proceeds to the Columbia Street Cultural District, an ethnic Portuguese neighborhood with cobbled streets and sidewalks, filled with enticing smells from the numerous bakeries & restaurants. Next, the walk route visits Kennedy Park, the first of two Frederick Law Olmsted designed parks on the route. Enjoy spectacular water views before continuing to the downtown area passing Saint Anne's Church, a large Gothic building constructed by Canadian immigrants, and Lizzie Borden's house. The infamous Borden axe murders that took place in 1892 remain one of America's great unsolved crimes. The route also explores the second Olmsted designed park, North Park; enters several historic neighborhoods; visits Veterans Memorial Bicentennial Park with impressive tributes including an Iwo Jima sculpture & 80% replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall; and returns via a boardwalk which hugs the Taunton River to Heritage State Park.

**Note:** 6km route returns to the finish after visiting the downtown area.

**Restrooms:** cross wooden pedestrian bridge from parking lot to Captain Thomas J. Hudner, Jr. Memorial Building and enter through main entrance or bear left to reach outside restroom door.

**RATING:** On paved surfaces & pathways with some hills, these walk routes have an AVA trail rating of 1B, **difficult for strollers but not suitable for wheelchairs.**

**AWARD:** This is an IVV Credit Only event; no award.

**AVA SPECIAL PROGRAMS:** Lighthouses, Par for the Course, Step to the Beat, Town Halls/City Halls, and Walking with America's Veterans

**DIRECTIONS:**

**From the North:**

1. Take either I-495 South or Route 128/I-95 South to Route 24 South.
2. 24 South to Exit 7 (Route 79 South). **Follow the Battleship Cove signs.**
3. 79 South to third exit (Route 6 East/New Bedford).
4. Straight on Davol Street to right on Central Street following Battleship Cove signs to second parking lot on right at Heritage State Park.

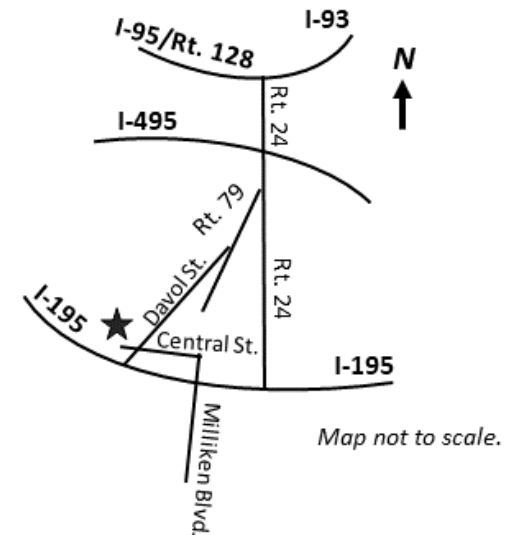
**From Cape Cod:**

1. I-195 West into Fall River to Exit 11 before the Braga Bridge, and bear RIGHT.
2. Merge onto Central Street, stay in middle lane to go straight into Battleship Cove. **Follow the Battleship Cove signs.**

**From the West:**

1. I-195 East into Fall River. Take Exit 11 (Routes 79/138).
2. Stay in **RIGHT** lane to continue on Route 79 North, merging onto Davol Street.
3. **LEFT** at second traffic light (Central Street).
4. **RIGHT** into Battleship Cove parking lot.

**From parking area,** cross wooden bridge to visitor center building.



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