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Wellesley, MA

January 1 - December 31, 2024

20, 15, 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: 9-8, 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 Center inside the library.



TRAIL DESCRIPTIONS: Wellesley, incorporated in 1881 after two centuries being part of neighboring towns, developed as a deliberately planned town. Frederick Law Olmsted designed the railroad stations. Carefully laid out parks and preservation of open space were high priorities.

The walk route consists of four 5km loops beginning at the Wellesley Free Library. Three loops incorporate the Fuller Brook Trail, a popular public walking path along the quiet Fuller and Caroline Brooks; the fourth loop includes the equally enjoyable Crosstown Trail. All loops pass through residential and shopping/dining areas.

The **western loop**, only available when Wellesley College Campus is open to the public, follows a portion of the Boston Marathon route through the downtown, continues onto Wellesley College campus including a labyrinth and the Jewett Art Complex as well as other stunning brick and stone buildings, and circles back to the Start/Finish via the Fuller Brook Trail.

The **eastern loop** follows a portion of the Boston Marathon route for a short distance before continuing through a residential area, a few blocks of businesses, and then the Hunnewell Field Complex via the Fuller Brook Trail.

The **northern loop** goes through the center of town, follows the Crosstown Trail, continues into a residential area, then returns to Library through town.

The **southern loop** is mostly in residential neighborhoods, passes an independent boarding & day school for approximately 500 girls in grades 5-12, traverses part of the Fuller Brook Trail, and returns to the Library via a downtown area consisting of many small shops and eateries.

RATING: All 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; no award.

AVA SPECIAL PROGRAMS: A-MAZE-ing Labyrinths, Par for the Course, Step to the Beat, Town Halls/City Halls, and Walking with America's Veterans

DIRECTIONS:

From the South: I-95/Route 128 North to Exit 36B (Route 9 West/Framingham) to Route 16 West (Washington Street). **LEFT** at top of ramp to follow Washington St. 1.7 miles to Library on left, across from Town Hall.

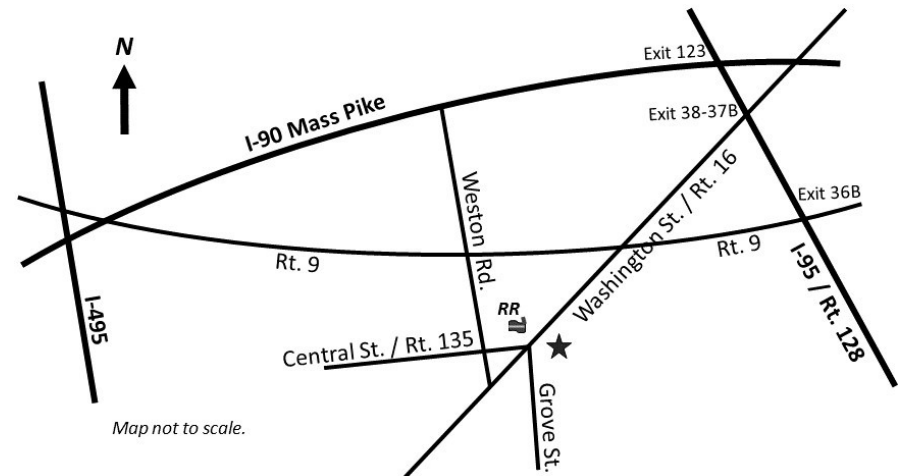
From the North: I-95/Route 128 South to Exit 38-37B continuing on Exit 37B (Route 16 West, Washington Street). **** Follow Route 16 West (Washington St.)** about 3 miles to the Library on left across from Town Hall.

From the East or West: Mass Turnpike (I-90) to Exit 123 (I-95/Route 128 South) to Exit 38-37B continuing on Exit 37B (Route 16 West). Follow from **** above**.

PARKING: Underground garage 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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