

2017 DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO WALK SITES

ALLEY POND PARK: Queens, NYC. Take BQE if coming from lower Manhattan or western Brooklyn, then LIE east, then Grand Central Parkway eastbound 7.3 miles to exit 23 (Winchester Blvd.). Turn right .1 mile to park facility on right side.

BEECH BROOK: Passaic Co., NJ. From NYC take the G.W. Bridge and route 4 to Paramus. Just west of route 17 take route 208 north about 8 miles to Oakland. Take I-287 south to exit 57 onto Skyline Drive and continue for 5 miles to end. Make a right turn at Greenwood Lake Turnpike (route 511) and go about 5 miles. Look for Beech Rd. sign on right, first road, 0.6 mile beyond Margaret King Ave. in Ringwood (on left is sign for Long Pond Ironworks Area). Let's meet on the side of Beech Rd. just off of route 511. Those coming from Rockland County and points east can take the Thruway, etc. to Suffern, then route 202 south to Oakland and proceed as above. (10:45)

CLOVE LAKES PARK: Staten Island, NYC. Directions from Brooklyn and Queens: Cross over the Verrazano Narrows Bridge onto the Staten Island Expressway (I-278). Travel about 1 mile to Exit #13 "Clove Road, Richmond Road". Pass two traffic lights and bear right at the triangle onto Clove Road. The third light will be Victory Blvd., make a left turn. (There is a Dunkin' Donuts, and Mobil + Getty gas stations at the intersection.) The park and ice skating rink are on your right. (10:15)

CUNNINGHAM PARK: Queens, NYC. If coming from Manhattan and Brooklyn either take the LIE or the Grand Central Parkway to eastern Queens. If using the LIE (I-495), take exit 27S, Clearview Expressway (I-295) south to exit 2. Turn right onto Union Turnpike for .2 miles to Francis Lewis Blvd., the meeting place. From Brooklyn one can also take the Jackie Robinson Parkway, then the Grand Central Parkway. Exit 21N, take the Clearview Expy (I-295) north to Exit 2, Union Turnpike. Left at Union Turnpike to Francis Lewis Blvd.

DEPEW PARK: Peekskill, Westchester Co., NY. We meet at the RR station in downtown Peekskill near the river. This is to the west of route 9 and to the south of routes 202, 6, and the Bear Mountain Bridge. The quickest way from the south is to take the Saw Mill River Parkway and the Taconic Parkway, and then take route 202 west to Peekskill. Route 9 and 9A are the more picturesque north/south travel options. (9:45)

DEVIL'S DEN PRESERVE: Weston, CT. Take the Merritt Parkway and get off at exit 42. Travel north on Route 57 for 3.8 miles to the blinking light. Proceed straight to take Route 53 for 1.7 miles to the next traffic light. Turn left on Godfrey Road. Continue for a half-mile, then turn right on Pent Road, which dead-ends at the preserve's parking area (33 Pent Road). (10:00)

FAHNESTOCK STATE PARK: Putnam County, NY. Take Taconic Parkway to route 301. Go west less than one mile past the camping area on the left. Park on the left side at the picnic area. (10:30)

FOREST PARK: Kew Gardens, Queens, NYC. If coming from the west (Bklyn or Manhattan) you'll want to get off the LIE at Queens Blvd. Head east about 2.5 miles. After Union Trpk. make right at Kew Gardens Rd., then another right at 80th Rd. 3 blocks to Park Lane and meeting spot.

NORVIN GREEN STATE PARK: Passaic Co., NJ. See directions for Beech Brook, but make left turn at Greenwood Lake Turnpike (route 511) and go about 1.5 miles to Skylands Lake Drive and Ringwood Ave. Meet at gas station. (10:40)

PELHAM BAY PARK: Bronx, NYC. From eastside Manhattan take the FDR, Willis Ave. Bridge, Bruckner Blvd and then Bruckner Expy. (I-278), Merge onto I-95N. Take Exit 7C for Country Club Rd. toward Pelham Bay Park. Take Bruckner Blvd (and MacDonough Pl.) to Westchester Ave, about a mile. Left at Westchester Ave. to train circle where we meet.

RANDALL'S ISLAND PARK: NYC. Use RFK/Triborough Bridge. Access to the park from all Manhattan, Bronx, and Queens. Park under bridge near the stadium.

SOUTH MOUNTAIN RESERVATION: Millburn, Essex Co., NJ. Take N.J. Turnpike to Exit 14, stay on the right side and take local I-78. Use Exit 50B (Millburn). Continue north towards Springfield (Vaux Hall Rd.), then left onto Millburn Ave, which goes into Essex Ave. Make a right at Lackawanna Place (just past the train station), go 2 blocks north. Look for entrance to the reservation's parking lot where we meet. (9:55)

STONY BROOK: Harriman State Park, Rockland Co., NY. From NYC after crossing the GW Bridge, take route 4 to Paramus, then take route 17 north into N.Y. Or after crossing the bridge take the Palisades Interstate Parkway up to the New York State Thruway. Proceed west (upstate) to Suffern, N.Y., and make sure you get off and take route 17 north. Sloatsburg is the first town on route 17 north of Suffern. We meet by the RR station, down the block from the municipal building. (10:00)

TALLMAN STATE PARK: Rockland Co., NY. Take the G.W. Bridge and the Palisades Parkway north to exit 4, then route 9W north for about a mile to Oak Tree Road where we meet. (10:00)

VAN CORTLANDT PARK (July walk): Bronx, NYC. We meet at end of IRT #1, Broadway and W. 242 St. By car, use the Henry Hudson Parkway (Saw Mill River Parkway) and exit onto Broadway, around W. 253 St. Or use the Major Deegan Expressway and exit onto Van Cortlandt Park South (W.240 St.). A few blocks west will get you to Broadway. Make a right and go 2 blocks. (10:00)

VAN CORTLANDT PARK – EAST SIDE (CROTON WOODS): Bronx, NY. We meet at E. 233rd St. and Jerome Avenue. From east side Manhattan take F.D.R., then Major Deegan Highway for 7 miles. Take exit 13, E. 233rd St. That is where we meet.

WOLFE'S POND PARK: Staten Island, NYC. If coming from Brooklyn, take the Verrazano Bridge, get off at Exit 14, then take Hylan Blvd. south 9.3 miles to Seguine Avenue. Right turn and up the hill to the SIR station. (9:30)

WOODLAWN CEMETERY: Bronx, NYC. Take the Major Deegan north to E. 233 St and Jerome Avenue. Right at Jerome for about 1/2 mile to cemetery entrance. Or use the Bronx River Parkway and take Gun Hill Rd. west 1 mile to Jerome. Go north 1/2 mile to cemetery entrance. (10:00)