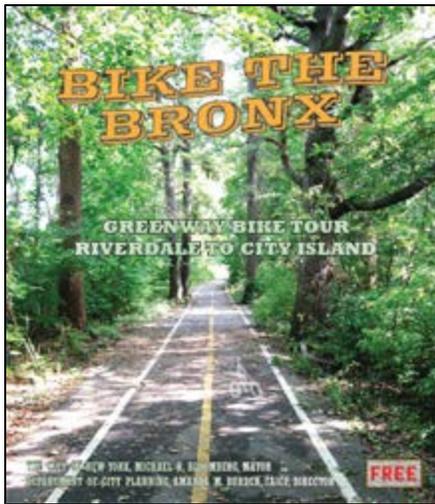




Bike the Bronx ~ Greenway Bike Tour, 2010

Introduction



Hop on your bike and explore New York City's best kept recreational secret in the greenways of The Bronx! *Bike the Bronx ~ Greenway Bike Tour* provides numerous options for excursions, from shorter outings to full-day adventures. The borough's extensive and still-expanding greenway system offers a great opportunity for bicyclists, walkers, joggers and others to discover scenic pathways through historic neighborhoods, along the waterfront, and into lush green parklands. Enjoy greenways in Pelham Bay Park, along Mosholu Parkway, through Van Cortlandt Park, along the Hutchinson River Parkway and the Bronx River. The route travels through the hilly estates and stunning mansions of Riverdale and Fieldston, past the renowned Bronx Zoo and New York Botanical Garden, and into the heart of Arthur Avenue's Little Italy. At the east end of the tour, enjoy Pelham Bay Park's waterfront sports facilities, horseback riding, hiking trails, picnicking, and the sands of Orchard Beach. Explore the maritime community of City Island where you can enjoy fresh seafood and waterfront views. Destinations of interest include historic landmarks, a public pool, an outdoor sculpture garden, houses of worship, and architectural gems.



The Administration Building at the College of Mt. St. Vincent



The New York Botanical Garden



Cannoli's on Arthur Avenue

The Bronx is famous for its urban environment, famous sites, historic monuments and many exciting destinations. But the Bronx is also famous for its extensive parks and greenways. There is a lot to discover in the borough and you will find it fun to explore by bike. The route takes you from the small seaside community of City Island in the east to the inspiring views of the Hudson River at Wave Hill in the west, with a wealth of "undiscovered" local gems and restaurants, in between.

The tour features a 9-mile greenway bike ride separated from car traffic, which is perfect for families and leisure riders, that starts at W. 242nd Street and Broadway by the Van Cortlandt Park entrance to the greenway (the first stop of the 1 subway train) and ends at City Island Bridge. Riders can also start at the Riverdale Metro North train station or choose to start at any other point along the route. Elsewhere, the tour offers many destination options connected by on-street and off-street routes. This gives riders various choices to take multiple short rides, making it appealing to return again and again. In some areas of Riverdale and Fieldston, the roads are narrow and the hills are steep, providing a secluded feel and numerous excellent views of the Hudson River.

Existing and Planned Greenways in the Bronx

The Bronx has an extensive & expanding greenway system. *Bike The Bronx* takes you on many of these pathways that are separated from motor vehicles.

- Mosholu Parkway Greenway runs along the parkway from Van Cortlandt Park to Bronx Park.
- Pelham Parkway Greenway runs along the parkway from the Bronx Zoo to

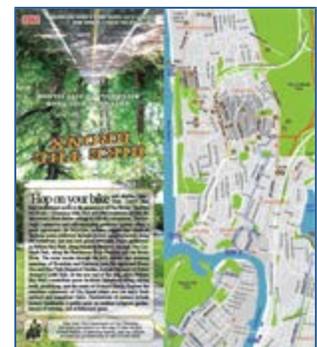
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Pelham Bay Park over to Orchard Beach and City Island and up to Westchester County.

- Hutchinson River Greenway runs along the parkway from the Cross Bronx Expressway to Pelham Parkway with plans to extend further north to Westchester County.
- Hudson River Greenway runs north-south along the western edge of Manhattan ending at Inwood Hill Park, but plans will have the path going through Riverdale in the Bronx and extend up to Yonkers.
- Bronx Harlem River Greenway is planned to run along the east side of the Harlem River from the RFK Bridge to Van Cortlandt Park.
- South Bronx Greenway is planned to connect the Bronx River Greenway through Hunt's Point, to the Randall's Island Connector.
- Bronx River Greenway will run from the mouth of the river in Hunt's Point extending north to Westchester. Sections are already built including the path from Pelham Parkway up to the city line.
- Soundview Greenway will connect the Bronx River Greenway to the Hutchinson River Greenway and some segments are already built in Soundview Park.
- East Coast Greenway is a public works project that is creating a path that will link Maine to Florida. The East Coast Greenway route runs through the Bronx and you will find East Coast Greenway signs along parts of the *Bike The Bronx* route.

Background

The *Bike the Bronx ~ Greenway Bike Tour* is the second in a series of bike tour guides developed by the Department of City Planning and complements the [New York City Cycling Map](#) which shows existing bicycle lanes and the network of on-street routes throughout the city. Last year the Department released the [Queens Around the World](#) tour map and paper copies are still available as well as being downloadable from the website.

Paper copies of this free map, which are designed to fold into a pocket, are available at the City Planning bookstore, by calling the Transportation Division at 212-442-4642, and at select locations in the city including the Official NYC Information Center in midtown Manhattan.

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