





River City Byways

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Map Series



River City Byways				
Odometer	DIR	Road Name	Route#	Leg
0.0		Start at Va War Memorial		
0.0	L	S. Belvidere St	US 1	0.06
0.1	R	Holly St		0.14
0.2	L	S. Laurel St		0.15
0.4	L	Oregon Hill Pkwy		0.10
0.5	L	S. Pine St		0.30
0.8	L	Albemarle St		0.14
0.9	L	Eastvale Ave (Hollywood Cem.)		0.40
1.3	L	Waterview Ave		0.50
1.8	St	Lee Ave		0.10
1.9	BL	Adams Ave		0.10
2.0	St	Midvale Ave		0.10
2.1	BL	Clark Springs Ave		0.50
2.6	R	Confederate Ave		0.10
2.7	L	Eastvale Ave		0.10
2.8	L	S. Cherry St		0.19
3.0	L	Cumberland St		0.20
3.2	L	S. Harrison St		0.58
3.8	St	Colorado Ave		0.34
4.1	L	Carter St		0.50
4.6	R	Kansas Ave		0.23
4.8	R	Hampton St		0.60
5.4	L	Amelia St		0.30
5.7	L	Swan Lake Dr		0.10
5.8	R	Brandon La		0.10
5.9	L	Spottswood Rd		0.20
6.1	L	Shirley La		0.10
6.2	L	Westover Rd		0.24
6.5	R	Shields Lake Dr		0.60
7.1	St	Lake Rd		0.20
7.3	St	Swan Lake Dr		0.30
7.6	R	Westover Rd		0.14
7.7	BL	Boat Lake Dr		0.40
8.1	R	S. Robinson St		0.10
8.2	R	Boat Lake Dr		0.14
8.4	L	Paddleboat Le		0.10
8.5	R	Grant St		0.01
8.5		<i>Cross S. Blvd (161)</i>		
8.5	St	Grant St		0.15
8.6	BR	Grant St		0.30
8.9	L	McCloy St		0.22
9.1	St	Douglasdale Rd		0.21
9.3	R	Portland Pl		0.37
9.7	L	Queen Charlotte Rd		0.08
9.8	R	Gun Club Rd		0.31
10.1	L	Tomacee Rd		0.07
10.2	L	Banbury Rd		0.33
10.5	R	Massie Rd		0.15
10.7	BR	Canterbury Rd		0.15
10.8	L	Exeter Rd		0.11
10.9	L	E. Oxford Cir		0.06

River City Byways (cont.)				
Odometer	DIR	Road Name	Route#	Leg
11.0		Cross Dover Rd		
11.0	St	E. Oxford Cir		0.38
11.4	R	Dover Rd		0.15
11.5	L	Eton Pl		0.08
11.6	R	Oxford Rd		0.05
11.6	L	Penhurst Rd		0.15
11.8	L	Cambridge Rd		0.26
12.0	L	Berkshire Rd		0.08
12.1	R	Coventry Rd		0.19
12.3	L	Calycanthus Rd		0.14
12.5	R	Lilac Ln		0.05
12.5	L	Old Locke Ln		0.20
12.7	BL	Lock Ln S		0.05
12.8	BL	Sulgrave Rd		0.20
13.0	L	Nottingham Rd		0.42
13.4	R	Coventry Rd		0.09
13.5	R	Berkshire Rd		0.33
13.8	BL	Sulgrave Rd		0.46
14.3	BR	Sulgrave Rd		0.30
14.6	L	Marston Rd		0.02
14.6	St	Gun Club Rd		0.10
14.7	R	Queen Charlotte Rd		0.08
14.8	R	Portland Pl		0.37
15.1	L	Douglasdale Rd		0.21
15.3	St	McCloy St		0.60
15.9		Store Stop in Carytown		
15.9	S	McCloy St		0.30
16.2	L	Maplewood Ave		0.30
16.5	R	S. Sheppard St		0.10
16.6	St	Blanton Ave	SR161	0.15
16.8	R	Garrett St		0.10
16.9	L	Sunset Ave		0.26
17.1	L	Sunset Ln		0.06
17.2	L	Bute Ln		0.15
17.4	R	Pump House Dr		0.67
18.0	R	Sidewalk		0.20
18.2	St	Walk On Boulevard Bridge		0.44
18.7	L	Westover Hills Blvd [sharp U turn]		0.20
18.9	St	Riverside Dr		0.10
19.0	L	Riverside Dr		2.07
21.0	N	Robert E. Lee Bridge	US 1	0.79
21.8	R	Va War Memorial parking (end)		

Key: R=right; L=left; BR=bear right; BL=bear left; St=straight; N=north



Ride Description:

River City Byways

Pace	Time	Miles	Terrain	Stops	Leader
		22	3		

Description: This new ride connects several parks, monuments, and bicycle-friendly neighborhoods in our capital at a leisurely, social pace. Sites include some history, stately homes, and commanding views of the James River. The route is suitable for all bicycle styles-road, mountain, and hybrid; all surfaces are paved. There will be a store stop in Carytown. Cue sheets and maps will be provided.

Directions to the starting point at the Virginia War Memorial: From points west or north: take I-95 southbound to exit number 76B towards US-1/Belvidere St/US-301. Turn left onto W Leigh St. Turn right onto N Belvidere St/US-1/US-301 southbound. Continue to 621 S. Belvidere St and turn left at Rowe St. From points south or east of Richmond: take I-64 W towards Richmond. Take the Chamberlayne Ave exit number 76A. Turn left at the light and proceed to Leigh St. Turn right onto Leigh St. Turn left onto Belvidere St. Proceed south on Belvidere St./US-1, continue to 621 S. Belvidere St and turn left at Rowe St where there is ample free parking at the Memorial.

Ride Notes:

Safety:

- Importance of cue sheet (lots of turns)
- Watch for opening doors of parked cars lining streets
- Crossing S. Blvd in Byrd Park can be busy
- Walking advised on the Blvd bridge sidewalk-bring cleat covers
- Sharp left turn at Westover Hills Blvd (top of hill)
- Watch for debris (glass) on Robert E. Lee Bridge breakdown lane

Sights:

- Virginia War Memorial
- Hollywood Cemetery
 - Resting place of two United States Presidents, James Monroe and John Tyler, as well as the only Confederate States President, Jefferson Davis. John Marshall (4th chief justice) and Lewis F. Powell (Supreme Court Justice) buried here. It is also the resting place of 25 Confederate generals, the most of any cemetery in the country.
- Hollywood Rapids
 - Class III+ to IV difficulty. Hollywood gets very violent and hard to run correctly at levels below 3.5ft. and above 6.5 feet
- James River and Kanawha Canal
 - Surveyed and planned by George Washington, and begun in 1785, the canal was half completed by 1851, stopping in Buchanan, located in Botetourt County, Virginia, only as railroads began overtaking canals as an efficient mode of transportation. Built with slave labor
- Randolph neighborhood
 - Torn down as part of an urban renewal effort in the 1960s, the heart of Randolph has been rebuilt as a traditional neighborhood.



James River Tour

- Maymont Park
 - Formerly 100 acre estate of James Dooley. Route passes the Japanese gardens below, and bison exhibit (off Shields Lake to the right)
- Agecroft Hall (opens at 12:30 PM)
 - A Tudor estate on the James River in Virginia, USA, now operated as a museum. It was originally built in Lancashire, England in the late 15th century. It fell into disrepair at the end of the 19th century. In 1925 it was sold at auction. Richmonder Thomas C. Williams, Jr. purchased the structure, and had it dismantled, crated, and shipped across the Atlantic, and then reassembled
- Virginia House (opens at 12:30 PM)
 - Alexander and Virginia Weddell's home, situated on a hillside overlooking the historic James River in Richmond, Virginia, was constructed from the materials of a sixteenth century English manor house. Now owned and operated as a museum by the Virginia Historical Society
- Pump House
 - Gothic stone building served two purposes: as a pumping station to take water from the James River to the Byrd Park reservoir, and as an open air public dance hall. In the heyday of the Pump House, debutantes dressed in Victorian-era hoop skirts glided with their dates on the pine dance floor of an elegant open-air ballroom overlooking the gentle rapids of the James River. Guests arrived at the hall by waterway, boarding a boat at Seventh and Canal streets from where mules would tow them up one of the nation's oldest canals.

