

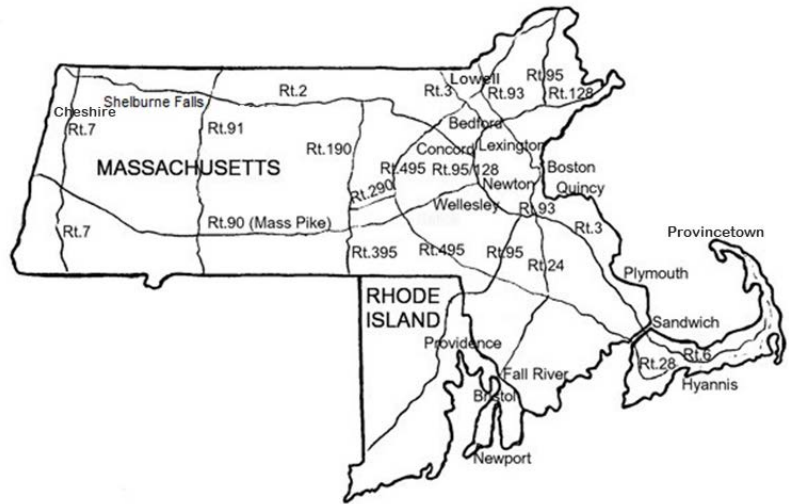


Walks in the City of Presidents: Quincy, Massachusetts 10km & 5km routes

EVENT ID: Y1903

OPEN: April 1 to October 31 OSB

TRAIL DESCRIPTION: Quincy, known as the “City of Presidents,” was the home of the second and sixth US Presidents—John Adams and John Quincy Adams—father and son. Today, the 14-acre Adams National Historical Park preserves the Adams’ birthplaces and their extensive libraries, and commemorates their legacy in US history. Quincy is also the birthplace of John Hancock, President of the Continental Congress and first & third governor of Massachusetts.



Both routes explore Quincy’s downtown area with notable historic landmarks, including Adams National Historical Park, Dorothy Quincy Homestead, Mount Wollaston Cemetery, and United First Parish Church (the final resting place of John Adams, Abigail Adams, and John Quincy Adams). Walkers will find a special treat at the checkpoint, Ginger Betty’s Bakery. The 10km route also includes Quincy’s coastline, Thomas Crane Library, and Hancock Cemetery.

TRAIL RATING: On city sidewalks and paved trails, both routes have an AVA rating of 2A, **difficult for strollers and not suitable for wheelchairs.**

AVA SPECIAL PROGRAMS:

- Par for the Course
- Town Halls/City Halls
- Walking with America’s Veterans
- Walking with the Wild Things

REGISTRATION: IVV Credit is available with online registration only (<https://my.ava.org>). The online system does not allow Free walkers, a minimal charge is incurred for directions.



AWARD: The “A” award is a fully embroidered patch depicting Abigail Adams, one of the most influential women in the early United States. At the Adams National Historical Park, a Yorkist rose tree Abigail planted in 1788 still blooms. These roses are represented in the patch design. **To purchase an award, please send a SASE with check payable to Walk ‘n Mass Volkssport Club for \$4.00 to Helen Tolbert at 80 Pinehurst Avenue, Brockton, MA 02302**

START ADDRESS: The walk routes begin from Adams National Historical Park, Visitor Center (in Presidents Place Galleria), 1250 Hancock Street, Quincy, MA 02160 Tel: 617-770-1175. See their website for open dates/hours: www.nps.gov/adam/index.htm

RESTROOMS: If the Visitor Center is closed, public restrooms along the route are limited. Possibilities include the following: Thomas Crane Memorial Library and Ginger Betty’s Bakery.

PARKING: Free parking at Presidents Place Parking Garage (**accessed via Saville Avenue**) after ticket is validated at the Visitor Center service desk.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

Ongoing Exit Renumbering: As renumbering of exits along many highways per federal mandate is ongoing in RI & MA, you may find things look different than how directions are described here. Please watch signs closely as old exit numbers will also be noted on the new signage, and have patience as you navigate highways during this ongoing project.

From the North:

1. Route 128 South to I-93 North to Rt. 3 South (Braintree/Cape Cod).
2. **Take first exit #41 (Washington St./Quincy Ctr.) off Route 3.
3. ***After exiting, bear LEFT on Burgin Parkway for 1.8 miles (7 traffic lights).
4. RIGHT onto Dimmock Street.
5. RIGHT at next intersection onto Hancock Street.
6. LEFT onto Saville Ave. to Presidents Place Parking Garage.

From the West:

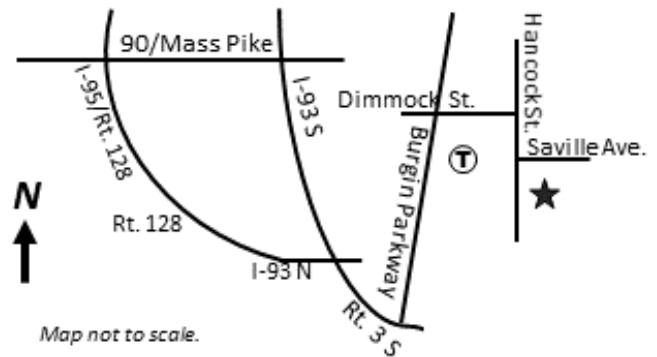
1. I-90 East (Mass Pike) to Route 128/I-95 South to I-93 North to 3 South.
2. Follow from ** above.

From Boston:

1. I-93 South to Exit 7—Route 3 South (left lane exit).
2. Follow from ** above.

From the South:

1. Route 3 North to Exit 42 (Quincy Ctr/Burgin Pkwy).
2. Follow from *** above.



From the Presidents Place Parking Garage to Visitor Center:

- Enter the elevator. Press L. Exit into the Galleria.
- Turn RIGHT. The Visitor Center is at the end of the hallway on the left.
- Free parking after ticket is validated at the Visitor Center service desk.

Public Transportation (MBTA):

1. Red Line to Quincy Center “T” station.
2. Top of stairs, turn LEFT, and depart the station via Hancock St. exit.
3. Walk through bus pick-up/drop-off area onto Hancock Street.
4. Visitor Center located across the street in the Presidents Place Galleria.

REMEMBER: you must log back into the Online Start Box at <https://my.ava.org> to finish online registration procedure after completing this event.

In case of Emergency Dial 911

If you have questions, please contact Beate Hait at beateh1@aol.com or 774-292-9098 **OR** Helen Tolbert at HTolbert2@comcast.net or 508-574-2807.

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QUINCY, MASSACHUSETTS

10K and 5K Volkswalk routes in "The City of Presidents"

1. Exit the Visitors' Center and turn **RIGHT** on Hancock St. to lights at Whitney St./Dimmock St.

2. **LEFT** onto Dimmock St. to Burgin Pkwy. Please use crosswalks and walk on left side of Dimmock St.

Adams Academy (on the right) houses the Quincy Historical Society Library and Museum. Entrance to museum (free) is in the rear via parking lot off Dimmock St. A small museum with interesting displays, it is on the site of John Hancock's birthplace, one of Quincy's most famous sons. In front of the building there is a bust of Hancock with his famous signature featured below it.

3. **RIGHT** on Burgin Pkwy, following **paved pathway** to the right (rather than on sidewalk) to Adams St.

4 A 10K: CROSS Burgin Pkwy and Adams St.

LEFT on Adams St. to walk on right side of Adams St. to the second entrance of the Adams Mansion ("The Old House") at Adams National Historic Park.

4 B 5K: Optional: continue as in #4A to see Adams Mansion – an additional 0.3K. Otherwise:

CROSS Burgin Pkwy and Adams St.

STRAIGHT on Burgin Pkwy/Newport St., passing Adams' homestead on left, to Furnace Brook Pkwy. Continue at **#8**.

5. **RIGHT at the second entrance** to the Adams Mansion and immediately turn **LEFT**, following the path counterclockwise around the gardens. Exit the grounds through the same gate you entered.

Entrance to the grounds is free. Admission fee to view Adams' homestead. In the garden, note the roses by the trellis; these were planted by Abigail Adams over 200 years ago – and they still bloom!

6. **LEFT** on Adams to end at Newport Ave. (Burgin Pkwy becomes Newport Ave. at Adams St.)

7. **LEFT** on Newport Ave. for one block.

8. **RIGHT** on Furnace Brook Pkwy for one block to Hancock St.

9. **RIGHT** on Hancock St. for one block to Butler.

10. **LEFT** on Butler to Putnam. *Dorothy Quincy Home at corner of Hancock and Butler.*

11. **LEFT** on Putnam to end at Furnace Brook Pkwy.

12. **RIGHT** on Furnace Brook Pkwy (crossing Southern Artery at lights).

13 A 10K: RIGHT on Maypole (one block before traffic lights) to end at Samoset.

The hill to the right across Samoset marks where a maypole was erected by Thomas Morton in 1627. Morton changed the name of the settlement from Mt. Wollaston to Merrymount and threw a "merrie olde" pagan May Day Party, inviting Indian women to join the drinking and dancing. His actions were condemned as heathen by the Puritan governor William Bradford, and Merrymount was invaded by Myles Standish, who chopped down the maypole. Morton was banished from the Colony. (Read Nathaniel Hawthorne's The May-Pole of Merrymount for a fictional account of the event that is said to closely follow the actual events.)

13 B 5K: CROSS Quincy Shore Drive at traffic lights. **RIGHT** to walk on left side of Quincy Shore Drive for two blocks to Samoset. Continue at **#22**

14. **LEFT** on Samoset for one block to Quincy Shore Drive (no sign).

15. **LEFT** on Quincy Shore Drive for one block to Squanto Rd.

16. **RIGHT** on Squanto (crossing Quincy Shore Drive at light to walk on left-hand side of Squanto) to end at Chickatabot.

17. **LEFT** on Chickatabot, which becomes Shore Ave. to Quincy Shore Drive at lights.

Note the good view of the 3,050-ft Long Island Bridge that connects Long Island and Moon Island and the Boston skyline. Boston lighthouse is visible.

18. **RIGHT** on Quincy Shore Drive to first crosswalk and pedestrian light. **CROSS** and turn **RIGHT** on Quincy Shore Drive (walking on left side) into parking lot of Caddy Park.

19. **LEFT** over wooden bridge and follow crushed gravel path counterclockwise. Exit park over wooden bridge to stone marker near the flagpole on the left side of the parking lot.

20. **TURN AROUND** and take paved path to retrace your steps through the parking lot and return to Quincy Shore Drive.

21. **RIGHT** on Quincy Shore Drive. **CROSS** Furnace Brook Pkwy. **AND** Quincy Shore Drive at lights to continue up the hill on left-hand side of Quincy Shore Drive for two blocks to Samoset.

22. LEFT on Samoset to end at Sea St. **NOTE: Ginger Betty's bakery on the corner of Samoset and Sea Streets. Restrooms available.**

23. **RIGHT** on Sea St. to first entrance into the Mt. Wollaston Cemetery (short distance after start of wall).

24. **RIGHT** into Wollaston Cemetery. **LEFT** on first road. Bear right and then **LEFT** at McGoldrick headstone.

25. **LEFT** at T intersection (Prescott headstone on left and Rich headstone on right) to end.

27. **RIGHT** on paved road toward "Town of Quincy" stone building on left to next intersection.

28. **LEFT** at this intersection, through gates toward street. Just **BEFORE the street, turn RIGHT**, go up the steps. Continue along path, down the steps on other side, and exit the cemetery at the corner of Southern Artery and Sea Streets.

This area contains memorials for the Civil War, World Wars I and II, and the Korean and Vietnam Wars along with a memorial to the Quincy Police.



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29. **CROSS** Southern Artery and continue straight on Sea St., which becomes Coddington, to Woodward.

30 A 10K: **CROSS** Coddington at Woodward. **RIGHT** to continue walking on left side of Coddington to Spear St. (across from Quincy College).

30 B 5K: **STRAIGHT** on Coddington and curve **RIGHT** on Washington and curve **RIGHT** again on Hancock to **FINISH**.

31. **CROSS** Spear St., bear **LEFT** on paved path that leads to the Thomas Crane Memorial Library. Enter the library. (**Opens at noon on Sundays; closed all major holidays. If closed, go to # 34.**)

In the library, take an immediate **LEFT**. Go to the wall, turn **LEFT** and enter the Richardson Building (the old library).

Designed by Henry Hobson Richardson, this library is built in the Romanesque style and is considered a masterpiece in the field of library architecture. The foundation is of Quincy granite; the upper structure of North Easton granite; and the trim of Longmeadow brownstone. At the entrance there is a seal of the City of Quincy with the date in Roman numerals (1831) and a crane in honor of the Crane family.

In this magnificent room in the Richardson Building, note the stained glass windows on the wall across from the circulation desk. On a sunny afternoon the windows are backlit from the sun and absolutely glow. The interior woodwork is North Carolina pine.

32. **EXIT** the Richardson Building the way you came in, returning to the main library. **PASS** the circulation desk to the stairs on the right. (Restrooms on left past the circulation desk.)

33. **RIGHT** down the stairs, exiting the library onto Washington St. Coffee shop in atrium.

34. **RIGHT** on Washington St. to next intersection. (Coddington on right and Temple on left.)

35. **LEFT** to cross Washington St. Continue straight on Temple to end at Hancock. (No sign; Subway Sandwich shop on corner, church across the street on right.)

36. **LEFT** on Hancock St., bearing **LEFT** onto Chestnut to Foster on left and Cottage on right.

37. **RIGHT** on Cottage to end at Hancock.

38. **CROSS** and turn **RIGHT** on Hancock St./pedestrian plaza to first entrance into the Hancock Cemetery.

39. **LEFT** into the Hancock Cemetery. Follow the path clockwise and exit at the second entrance, returning to pedestrian plaza, Hancock Adams Common.

The Hancock Cemetery dates from the 1630s. It contains the graves of many early settlers and generations of the Adams and Quincy families. Visitors are encouraged to ramble. A pamphlet produced by the Quincy Historical Society details notable graves and

markers and is available at the Quincy Historical Society.

On the right side of the pedestrian plaza is United First Parish Church, a part of the Adams National Historic Park and also known as "The Church of Presidents" as both John Adams and John Quincy Adams, as well as Abigail Adams, are entombed in the Adams Family crypt beneath it. A memorial to Abigail Adams is situated alongside the church.

40. **LEFT** and continue straight through Hancock Adams Common with fountain on your left. Note the statue of John Adams on the right.

41. **RIGHT** to crosswalk on Hancock St.

42. **CROSS** and turn **LEFT** on Hancock, returning to the Visitors' Center at the end of the block and the **FINISH**.

Enjoy your stay in Quincy, noted for shipbuilding and granite industries, the birthplace of Dunkin' Donuts and Howard Johnson's, in addition to the home of the second (John Adams) and sixth (John Quincy Adams) US presidents.

Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club thanks you for your participation in this seasonal event. Have a safe journey to your destination.

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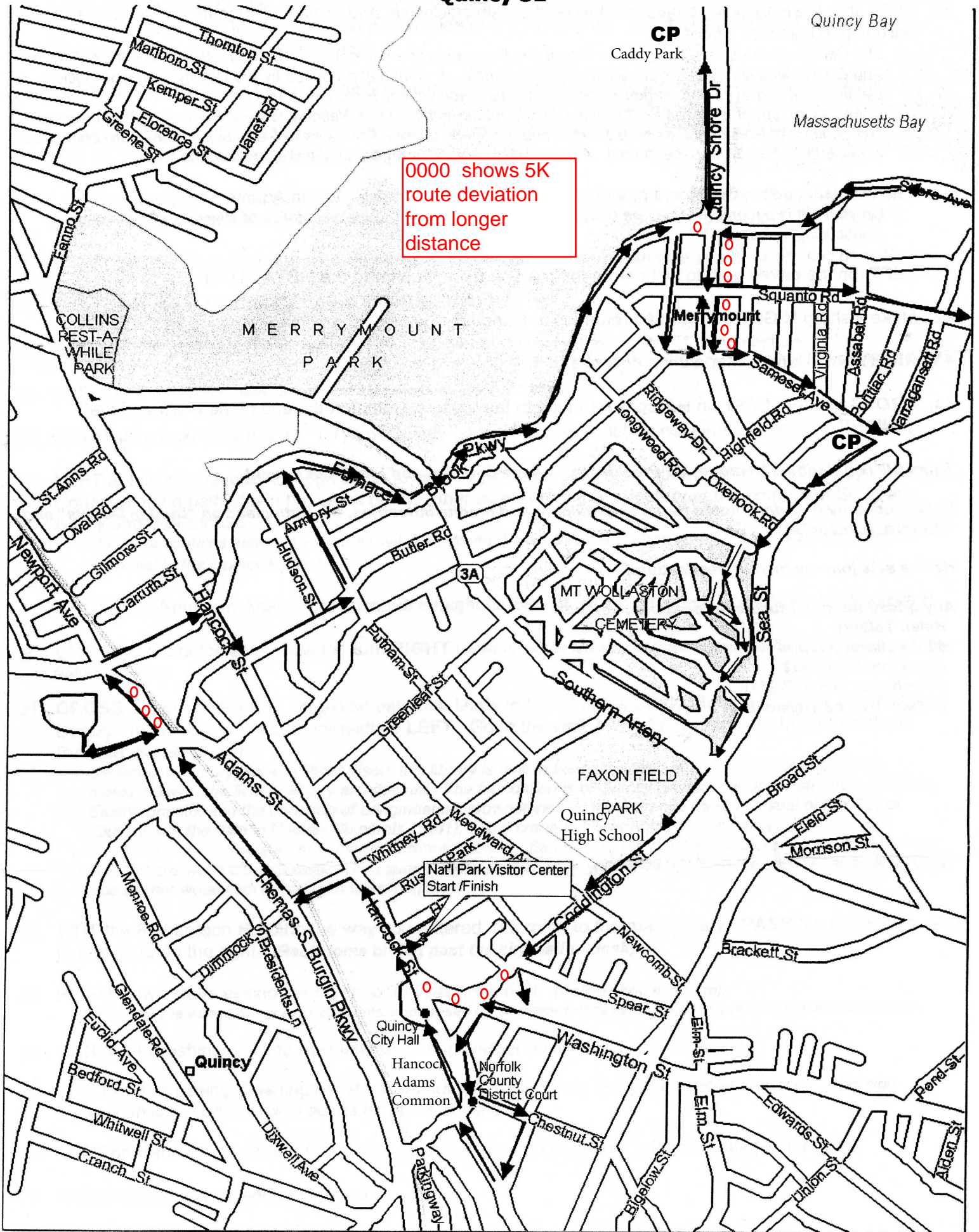
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