

GENERAL INFORMATION

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Walk Rating

2B

Walk Description The South Portland Seasonal Walk is a seasonal walk, taking place April 1 through October 31, 2023. It showcases two lighthouses, along with the ability to see a third one. The walk goes through historic Fort Williams, and will take you onto Willard Beach.

Starting Point

Hannaford
50 Cottage Road
South Portland ME

Getting There

From Route 295, get off at Franklin St. Arterial, Exit 7, and follow it to the waterfront. Turn right at Commercial Street and follow it to the Casco Bay Bridge on the left. After crossing the bridge, keep straight onto Broadway. Ocean Ave. Turn left onto Cottage Road at the light where Pratt Abbott will be on the left. Hannaford will be on the right.

Latitude/Longitude

Latitude 43.6375

Longitude -70.2505

Parking

Hannaford parking lot.

Note: If you travel by car to Fort Williams, the only free parking in the park is at the overflow parking lot (follow signs to Overflow Parking and Children's Garden). All other spots must be paid at the kiosk.

Restrooms

Restrooms are available in Hannaford. Portable restrooms can be found throughout Fort Williams.

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SOUTH PORTLAND LIGHTHOUSE/GREEN BELTWAY SEASONAL WALK 6K ROUTE

1. Exit Hannaford's parking lot and turn left. You are now on Cottage Road.
2. Beside the parking lot is a brick bridge. Take a left after crossing the bridge to get onto the walking path. Continue on this path all the way to Bug Light Park.

You will cross many streets as you walk the path (Mussey St., Harriet St., Pine St., Maple St.).

3. Walk behind the Boys and Girls Club of South Portland.
4. Cross Stanford St. You will walk past the Betsy Ross House (an 8-story brick building which are senior apartments).
5. Continue straight. Cross Madison Street at the crosswalk and continue, using the sidewalk on the left side of the street. You will pass an empty building on the left that used to be Portland Valve Company (the sign is still on the door).
6. Cross to the other side of the street at the crosswalk. Continue on the sidewalk through the park.

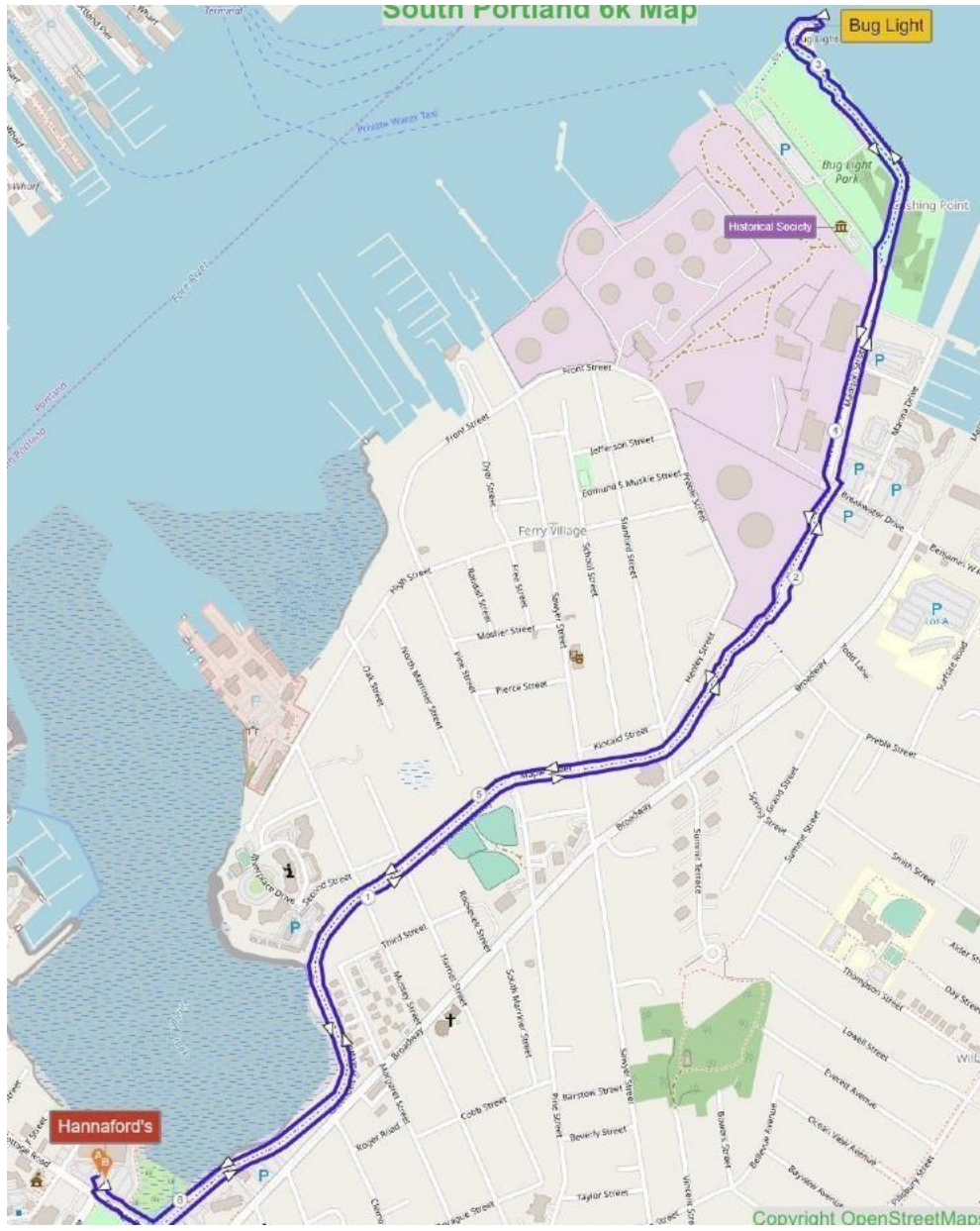
Enjoy the views. Come back again to enjoy picnics, fly your kite or tour the lighthouse.

Also at the Bug Light Park is the Cushing's Point House Museum, home of the South Portland Historical Society. This 100 yearold, 95 ton, brick and mortar building was moved to this location in 2010.

Check out their site at southportland.org.

7. Turn around and follow the same route back to the finish.

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SOUTH PORTLAND LIGHTHOUSE WALK 12K ROUTE

1. Exit Hannaford's parking lot and turn left onto Cottage Road. Proceed on Cottage Road, passing the Phyllis Thaxter Theater at 420 Cottage Road, named after Maine's stage actress (1890-1969). Continue on Cottage Road, which becomes Shore Road after you cross the Cape Elizabeth town line.

2. Continue on the sidewalk to the entrance of Fort Williams/Portland Head Light. Turn left into the entrance, across from Littlejohn Road. This is a carry in/carry out facility and also a non-smoking/nonalcoholic area.
 - *Beginning in 1872, 90 acres of land were purchased to develop a fortification at Portland Head. By 1898, three batteries – Sullivan, DeHart, and Hobart – were completed. In 1899, by direction of President McKinley, the battery was known as Fort Williams, in honor of the late Brevet MajorGeneral Seth Williams, Assistant Adjutant-General, U.S. Army. During World War I, the fort was fully manned by artillery companies and National Guard troops. Anti-aircraft guns were added to the*

defenses during this time. Fort Williams served as headquarters of the Harbor Defenses of Portland during World War II. In 1962, Fort Williams closed and was sold to the residents of Cape Elizabeth.

3. As you enter the park, stay on the sidewalk, crossing at crosswalks as this is a busy road. On the left, you will pass a large field, beach/picnic area, a playground, and the Goddard Mansion ruins.
 - *This mansion was built in 1858 for Orono lumber baron/Civil War Colonel John Goddard. In 1900, it became part of Fort Williams. It fell into disrepair in 1962 and was intentionally burned in 1981 due to safety concerns. All that remains today is the stone shell.*

4. Follow the sidewalk and take the dirt pathway to enter Cliffside Trail. At the fork, take the lower path. Ram Island Ledge Light can be seen off the shore.

5. Follow this walkway for stunning views of the ocean and Portland Head Light.
 - **CAUTION:** *This pathway can have uneven footing and may be slippery when wet. Use the vehicle road if uncertain.*

6. On arrival at the lighthouse, see the gift shop on the left and follow the walkway around the keeper's residence, now a museum. Head to the light tower.
 - *Portland Head Light is the oldest lighthouse in Maine, commissioned by President George Washington. It was first lit on January 10, 1791. It is also one of the most photographed lighthouses in Maine. The Annie C. Maguire was shipwrecked here on Christmas Eve, 1886. Keeper Joshua Strout, his son, wife and volunteers rigged an ordinary ladder as a gangplank, and all 14 on board made it to safety. For more information about the fort and lighthouse, check out portlandheadlight.com and newenglandlighthouses.net.*
7. Continue on the pathway to the stairs or go around the Gorgeous Gelato food truck. Continue to the picnic tables and go across the field to the road. Look for other food trucks in the park (in the past, there have been trucks serving lobster rolls).
8. As you walk through the park, take the time to enjoy other attractions such as the Children's Garden, the picnic shelter, gazebo, and additional walking trails.
9. Continue on the sidewalk, crossing at the crosswalks.
10. Once you leave the park, turn right onto Shore Road. When you see Glen Avenue on your right, bear right onto Preble Street. Start counting streets on the right, as you need to take a right at the sixth street, Deake Street (sign is not visible from the road, but it's after Frederick Road).
11. Take a right onto Deake Street and proceed to Willard Haven Road (last street on your left). Turn left onto Willard Haven. Follow to the end, then turn right and walk to the entrance of the beach.
 - **REMINDER:** *Walk on sidewalks when available; otherwise, walk facing traffic. Cross at crosswalks when available. A portion of this walk is on the beach. Walking is easier at low tide.*
12. Turn left onto Willard Haven Road. Follow it to the end and then turn right and walk to the entrance to the beach.
13. Turn left onto the beach. Continue walking along the beach to the first set of wooden stairs (on left). Walk up the stairs to the Southern Maine Community College.
14. Turn right at the top of the stairs. At the fork, bear right and continue on paved pathway.
15. Continue on the paved pathway to the end.

16. Take the wooden stairs on your left and turn right. Spring Point Light will be visible.
17. Follow the paved pathway. Take wooden stairs on the right, following the paved pathway, then turn left.
18. Walk through the parking lot (street sign is Lighthouse Circle). The Marina Education Building is after The Canteen, 50 Lighthouse Circle.
19. Go to the left side of the Marina Education Building and take your first left onto the paved pathway. SMCC Art Studio, 49 Lighthouse Circle, will be on your left.
20. Stay on the path. The marina is on your right.
21. Follow the pathway to the Greenbelt Walkway sign.



22. Take a right through the metal fence gateway into the boat yard, keeping the shore to your right.
23. Head straight ahead towards the two-story, modern building with

large glass windows. Keep right to find the paved pathway (water on your right).

24. Cross the street, continuing on pathway.
25. Continue to the stop sign (Wallingford Drive).
26. Cross the road from Wallingford Drive (no crosswalk) to the sidewalk.

- **Option to see another lighthouse:** Take a right and continue on sidewalk for approximately 2/10 of a mile to see Bug Light Park and the Liberty Ship Memorial. Bug Light State Park at the eastern terminus of the Greenbelt Walkway has expansive views of Portland Harbor and the skyline of Maine's largest city. The lighthouse at the park is officially known as Portland Harbor Breakwater Lighthouse. This cast iron tower replaced a much uglier wooden lighthouse in 1875, and everyone thought this tower was just 'as cute as a bug', hence the nickname Bug Light. The tower is patterned after an Ancient Greek monument. The Liberty Ship Memorial recognizes the role South Portland played in shipbuilding activity during WWII. An estimated 30,000 people were employed here from 1941 to 1945.

27. Turn left once crossing from Wallingford Drive. Follow straight to the entrance of the GreenBelt Walkway to the Start Point.

Thank you for walking with SMVA today! Come back again and again, as there are many festivals and fun events held in this area. Maine isn't called 'Vacationland' for

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South Portland 12k Map

