

Littleton Seasonal Walk, 6, 7, 10, 11 KM

EVENT ID: 2019/Y1907

TRAIL DESCRIPTION:

This trail explores Littleton, called “one of America’s top ten dream towns”. This lovely New England town is a triumph of historic preservation. Both routes walk through a covered bridge, pass a working grist mill, the world’s longest candy counter, many historic buildings, shops and restaurants. A famous statue of “Pollyanna” is in front of the town library. The walks follow a section of the Ammonoosuc riverwalk, and through a conservation area called the Dells. The 10k goes to Remick Park, including a few more challenging hills. The motto of Littleton is “live in a walkable community”. The breakfast at the Littleton Diner, the previous start point of the walk, has been called the best breakfast in New Hampshire by the Food Network.

A visit to Bishop’s Homemade Ice cream, at 183 Cottage St., will add 1 km to either of the walk routes. For lovers of ice cream, it is well worth a visit, and is considered one of the best ice cream parlors in New Hampshire. You may include it in your walk, or do the short drive there after you finish.

TRAIL RATING:

The 6K trail is rated 1B, with few hills, but also a few sections with unpaved surfaces. The 10K trail is rated 2B, having additional hills.

AWARDS & FEES

This is an IVV Credit Only event with online registration (www.cva4u.org). The online system does not allow free walkers; a minimal charge is incurred for directions.

To register, go to www.cva4u.org, follow the left side link, 'Online Start Box', and the instructions provided to sign a waiver and register for this event. Payments for event credit and directions use Paypal. The directions and insert cards are PDFs that you can download and print as needed. The POC does not provide event directions or accept alternate payment methods. The entire online process should take less than 10 minutes for a first time user. The POC does not provide event directions or accept alternate payment methods.

AMENITIES:

Littleton has many shops and restaurants along the route. Lodging, more restaurants and bigger shops are near the exit off I-93, along US 302.

AVA SPECIAL PROGRAMS

- Bridges – Spanning the USA
- Ice Cream Parlors

- Little Free Libraries
- Make a Wish at a Water Fountain
- Take a Walk in a City Park
- United States Post Offices
- Walking America's Ports of Call
- Walking the Path of Inventions

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

Directions are from I-93. Littleton is about 20 miles from the I-91 interchange in St. Johnsbury, Vermont, and 85 miles from Concord, New Hampshire. On I-93, take exit 41 towards US-302: Littleton/Whitefield/NH-18/NH-116. In 0.3 miles, turn left on Cottage Street, passing the Eastgate Inn, the Littleton Food Co-op, and Bishops Homemade Ice Cream. In 0.8 miles after you turn on Cottage Street, turn left onto Riverglen Lane. Look for the Renaissance Mills homes on your left and the covered bridge on your right. You may park here near the bridge; there is almost always space available.

PETS

Leashed pets are allowed on most areas of the walk routes, and you must clean up after them. They aren't allowed in the cemetery, and they may be uncomfortable crossing a wire suspension bridge on the route. Instructions are given in the walk directions to bypass these areas.

WALK COMPLETION AND WALK CREDIT:

You must log back into OLSB to finish the online registration procedure after completing this event. Select the "Maps and Finish" tab. Use the displayed entry form to submit the date and distance of your walk as well as select applicable AVA Special Programs to generate stamped "virtual" start cards that you may later choose to print out.

OTHER INFORMATION:

In case of Emergency: Dial 911
Event related assistance: POC is Carolyn Adams. She is not local to the walk. Email preferred: carri757@gmail.com

These walk directions and maps may only be used in conjunction with a signed American Volkssport Association athletic waiver. All other uses are prohibited.

6 KM WALK

1. Facing the covered bridge, RIGHT on Riverglen, walking with the river on your left. As you pass the retirement homes on your right, look back along the river to get a nice view of the bridge and grist mill.
2. When you reach the end at Cottage St., go RIGHT up the hill to a large building with a historic marker. This is the Kilburn factory, where they invented stereograms in the late 1800s. **To add 1 km:** Continue up the hill past the factory to Bishops Ice Cream on your left. Retrace your steps back down the hill.
3. Now descend the hill toward the river, returning to town over the Veterans Bridge. *You'll see a sign that Littleton is a Main Street Community. In 2003 Littleton won the National Trust for Historic Preservation's Great American Main Street Award.*
4. Follow the sidewalk, bearing left onto Main Street. Notice the Opera House on your right. *Completed in 1895, it is home to the Chamber of Commerce and the Littleton Historical Society.*
5. When you see Mill St. on your left, turn downhill for a short detour to the grist mill and bakery. *The original mill dates from 1797. You can tour it when it is open. Note the mural on Mill St. across from and beyond the Mill.*
6. Turn around, walk back up Mill St., then LEFT on Main St. Pass Chutters, the world's longest candy counter. At the intersection with School St., look for the

Carnegie Library (built 1906). In front of the library look for the statue of Pollyanna, waving her arms in greeting. *It is a tribute to Littleton author Eleanor H. Porter, who created the character.* On your left, pass the Thayer's Inn, built in 1843 as a railroad hotel, and the Littleton diner, known for their pancakes made with flour from the grist mill. Note the U.S. Post Office on your right, then pass the Congregational Church on your left.

7. When you see the Beal House Inn on your right, serving travelers since 1833, continue straight on West Main, following signs for state Rte. 18, while Meadow St. bears left. Pass Glenwood Cemetery on left. At the main entrance to the cemetery, note the veteran's statue.

To make the walk 4k, turn around here, and jump to instruction 11.

To continue the 6k walk:

Continue until you see a driveway on left and a sign for the Dells Conservation Area.

8. Turn left into the Dells. *It was given to Littleton by resident Daniel Remich in 1917, to be kept as a park forever.* Walk through the parking lot, and continue ahead on this wide, even trail. Pass Dells Pond on your right. Enjoy this peaceful area with its tall hemlock trees. **No pets are allowed in Glenwood Cemetery. If you're walking with one, you might**

allow her to have a refreshing wade, then turn around at the pond to retrace your steps back to W. Main. Then RIGHT at W. Main and jump to instruction 11.

Stay left when you pass the "Crossover short cut" sign, keeping to the wide trail.

9. When you see the cemetery on your left, bear LEFT to exit the woods and enter the cemetery. Bear left on cemetery drive, passing through a patch of woods, until you cross a drive which goes parallel to W. Main, which you will see across the cemetery.
10. Turn right on drive, following generally parallel to W. Main until it finally bear left and returns to W. Main.
11. Follow W. Main until you come to the intersection with Meadow St.

(U.S. 302). RIGHT on Meadow St., then a sharp left on Saranac St. at a clock store.

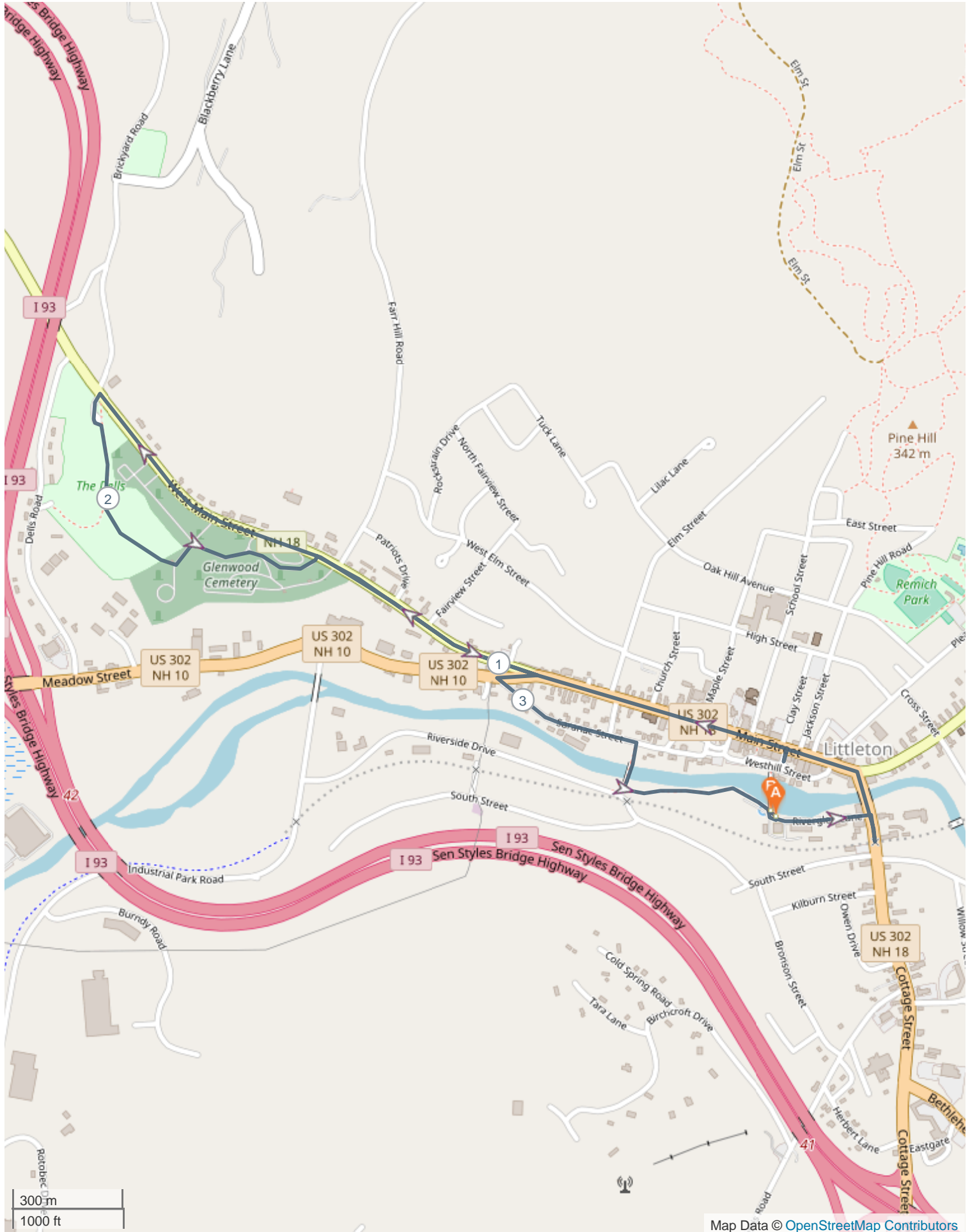
12. Follow Saranac St. until you see a pedestrian suspension bridge on your right. Cross the Ammonoosuc River on this bridge, which bounces a little but is perfectly safe. *If you or your pet are uneasy about crossing the bridge, continue into Saranac St. which merges with Ammonoosuc St. and goes through a large parking area. Continue through the parking lot to the covered bridge, then cross it to finish the walk.*
13. At end of bridge, before you reach the street, LEFT on the Littleton Riverwalk. Look for a seasonal waterfall. Follow the wide path along the river until you return to your car at the covered bridge.

10 KM WALK

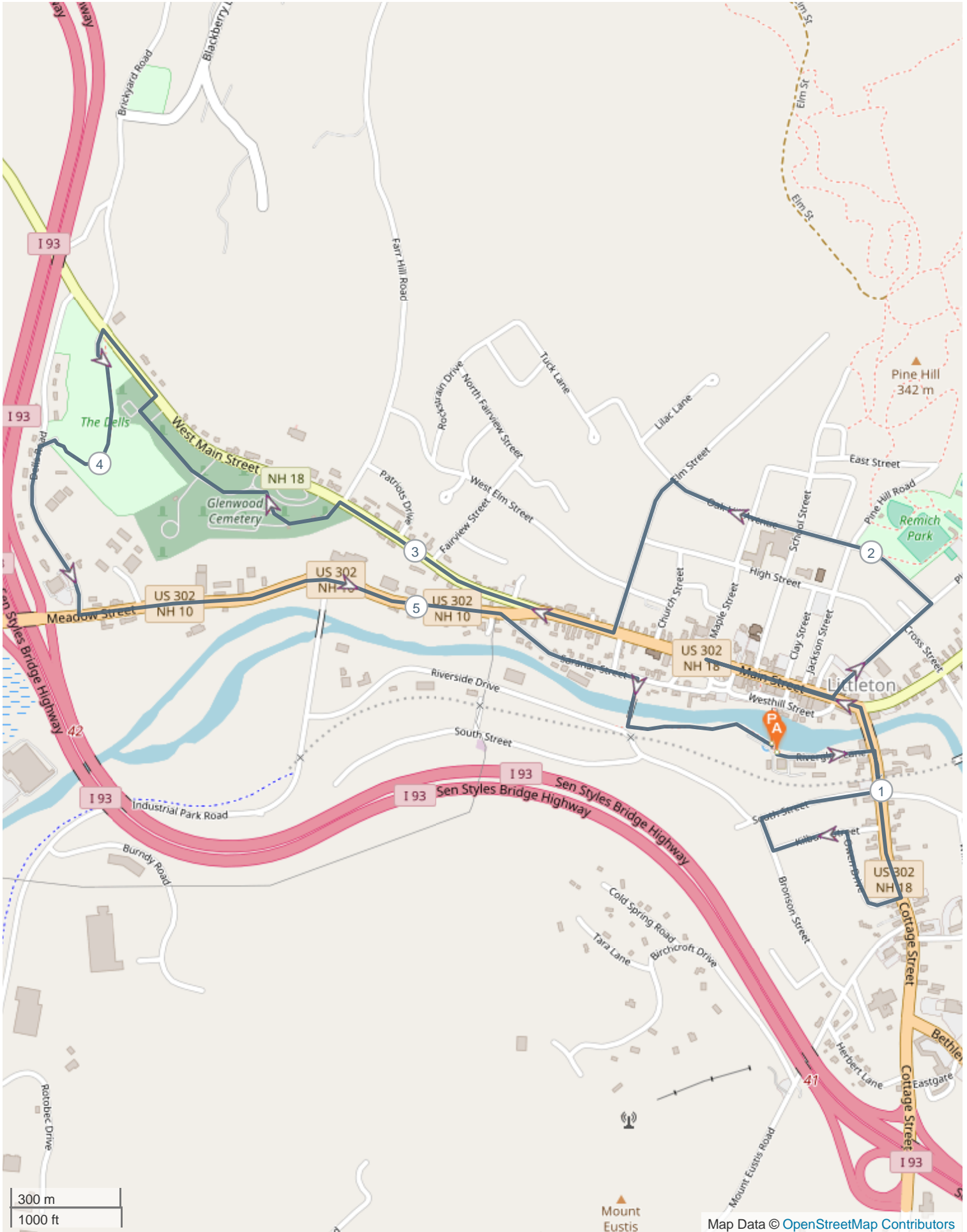
1. Facing the covered bridge, right on Riverglen Lane with the river on your left. Continue to its end at Cottage St (no sign).
2. RIGHT on Cottage St., going uphill to Owen Drive. You will pass the Kilburn factory, where stereograms were invented and manufactured in the late 1800s.
3. At Owen Drive, a short walk ahead to Bishop's Homemade Ice Cream on the left is optional. If you do it, retrace your steps to the junction of Owen Drive and Cottage St.
4. RIGHT on Owen Drive, following to its end at Kilburn St.
5. LEFT on Kilburn St. to Bronson St.
6. RIGHT on Bronson St. to South St.
7. Cross and turn RIGHT on South St. to Cottage St.
8. LEFT onto Cottage St., crossing Memorial Bridge to Main St. (*NOTE: As you cross Memorial Bridge, stop to read some of the plaques dedicated to the military lost in wars since World War II*).
9. LEFT on Main St. Pass the Opera House on the right, numerous shops and restaurants, including Chutter's, with the world's longest candy counter.
10. Just before the Littleton Diner, cross Main St. at the crosswalk, then turn right following it several blocks to Pleasant St. Pass the town library, with its statue of Pollyanna.
11. Left onto Pleasant St., going uphill to Oak Hill St.
12. LEFT onto Oak Hill St., following it for several blocks. You'll pass Remich Park, ca. 1902, on the right and later the high school on the left.
13. LEFT on Elm St., going downhill to its end at Main St.
14. RIGHT on Main St., keeping to the right at the fork in the road.
15. At Fairview St. the sidewalk ends. CAREFULLY cross W. Main St. (a.k.a. Rte. 18) and turn right to continue.
16. Turn LEFT into Glenwood Cemetery on the first driveway, going slightly downhill. Sorry, **NO** dogs allowed. If you have a dog, stay on Rte. 18 skipping ahead to step 21.
17. Pass one stone building proceeding to a second (a stream will be on your right).
18. At the second stone building, turn right following the road up a small incline.
19. At the next junction, bear to the left following the road into St. Rose of Lima Catholic Cemetery.
20. Continue straight until you reach a 4-way intersection. Turn right to head back to Rte. 18. (*NOTE: There is a military memorial with Joan of Arc straight ahead at this intersection*).
21. LEFT onto Rte. 18, going downhill to the driveway to the Dells Conservation Area.
22. LEFT onto the driveway, through the parking area to a gate at the head of the trail.
23. Go past the gate (a pond will be on the right). Enjoy the beauty of the area with its tall hemlock trees.

24. At the "Crossover Short Cut" sign bear to the left keeping to the wide trail. Follow the trail as it curves to the right passing behind the cemetery (ignore the Nature Trail).
25. At the end of the trail, cross over the dam into the Dells Road parking area and turn left onto Dells Road.
26. Follow Dells Rd. to its end at US Rte. 302.
27. LEFT onto Rte. 302, continuing about a mile to the crosswalk (the sidewalk ends shortly after this crosswalk so you'll know if you miss it.)
28. CAREFULLY cross Rte. 302 and turn left.
29. Cross Bridge St. and bear right onto Saranac St.
30. Watch for the suspension bridge on the right (just after a burnt-out building on the right).
31. Turn RIGHT, cross Saranac St. and cross the suspension footbridge to the Littleton Riverwalk.
For those that cannot cross the suspension bridge, continue on Saranac St. onto Ammonoosuc St., going through a series of parking lots and behind the Thayer Inn (big white building on left) to the Riverwalk Covered Bridge.
32. At the end of the footbridge, but before the street, turn left onto the path to the Riverwalk Covered Bridge. Finish your walk at the covered bridge.

Littleton 6k



Littleton 10k



300 m
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