

WETHERSFIELD TRAILS
Y2668-2020 Connecticut Valley Volkssport Club

“PRE-AMBLE”:

City/State	Wethersfield, CT
Event Name	Wethersfield
Event Type	Seasonal (7/1/2020 – 12/31/2020), using Online Start Box (OSB)
Event ID	Y2668
Award	IVV Credit Only
Rating	1A for 5k; 2A for 10k (gentle hill up to Wolcott Hill)
Distance	5k and 10k
Strollers?	Yes
Wheelchairs?	Yes
Pets	Yes
Restrooms and Water	Yes – Keeney Memorial Cultural Center and eateries on Main St. and Silas Deane Hwy.
Sponsoring Club	Connecticut Valley Volkssport Club
POC	Lee West, LFWest@sbcglobal.net , 860-721-1185. P.O. Box 251, Glastonbury, CT 06033
Start Point/Driving Directions	Keeney Memorial Cultural Center, 200 Main St., Wethersfield: From I-91S: Take Exit 26, turn right at end of ramp and left at the T. Proceed on Marsh St., keeping to right until you reach Main St. (church on your right). Turn left on Main St. and the Keeney Center will be 3 rd building on your left. Drive to parking lot behind building. From I-91N: Take Exit 26 to Old Wethersfield, turning left at end of ramp and proceeding on Great Meadow Rd. to stop sign just beyond corporate complex on your right. Turn left, go under I-91 overpass to T. Turn left at T and proceed on Marsh St., keeping to right until you reach Main St. (church on your right). Turn left on Main St. and the Keeney Center will be 3 rd building on your left. Drive to parking lot behind building.
Event Information	Trail Highlights: Wethersfield includes 116 homes built before 1840, with a few dating back to the 17 th century, plus a lovely cove off the Connecticut River, with its 1600s warehouse, and a cemetery with Native American mounds and graves. Historical museums are in the Webb-Deane-Stevens homes (where George Washington and Rochambeau planned the final days of the Revolutionary War at Yorktown, VA) and at Keeney Memorial Cultural Center. More info. at www.historicwethersfield.org and www.wethersfieldct.com .
Hours	Dawn to dusk
Special Programs	Little Free Libraries, Rockin’ Around the Clock, Walk the USA A-Z
Comments	

“POST-AMBLE”:

Be sure to log back into the OSB system to “finish/complete” your online registration after doing the walk. The OSB system does not deduct any walking fee from a walker’s Event Bank until they have submitted walk completion info., including the date the event was walked, the distance walked, and the selection of applicable special programs that walker is participating in. (Nevertheless, a fee of \$2 for a downloaded PDF is deducted from the user’s Event Bank when the PDF is downloaded. Later, any PDF fees are credited back to a walker’s Event Bank when he/she submits the walk completion info as a paying for credit walker. Note, however, the \$2 coupon for the downloaded PDF will expire in 60 days.)

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<p>1. At Church St., turn left toward Village Pizza, crossing Main St. carefully. Proceed down Church St.</p>	<p>Deming-Standish House (1787), now the Lucky Lou's restaurant, was once the Wethersfield Village Hotel (1854) and served as a stagecoach stop between Hartford and Middletown, and later the Wethersfield Bank and Trust in 1920s. MARKER 1</p> <p>An old sign about George Washington and Rochambeau is in front of the restaurant, and you can cut across the grass around the huge spruce tree to see MARKER 1 about the organizations that help preserve the history of Wethersfield and Connecticut..</p> <p>The distinctive street signs commemorate Wethersfield's 240+ "Hubbard-built" homes from the 1910-1922 period, usually side-gabled Craftsman (or bungalow) style, with large columned front porches and front dormers. Albert Hubbard later (1929-38) built houses on Garden St. featuring Tudor elements. Many of these homes are on Church St. and in neighborhood between Woodland and Garden streets to left.</p>

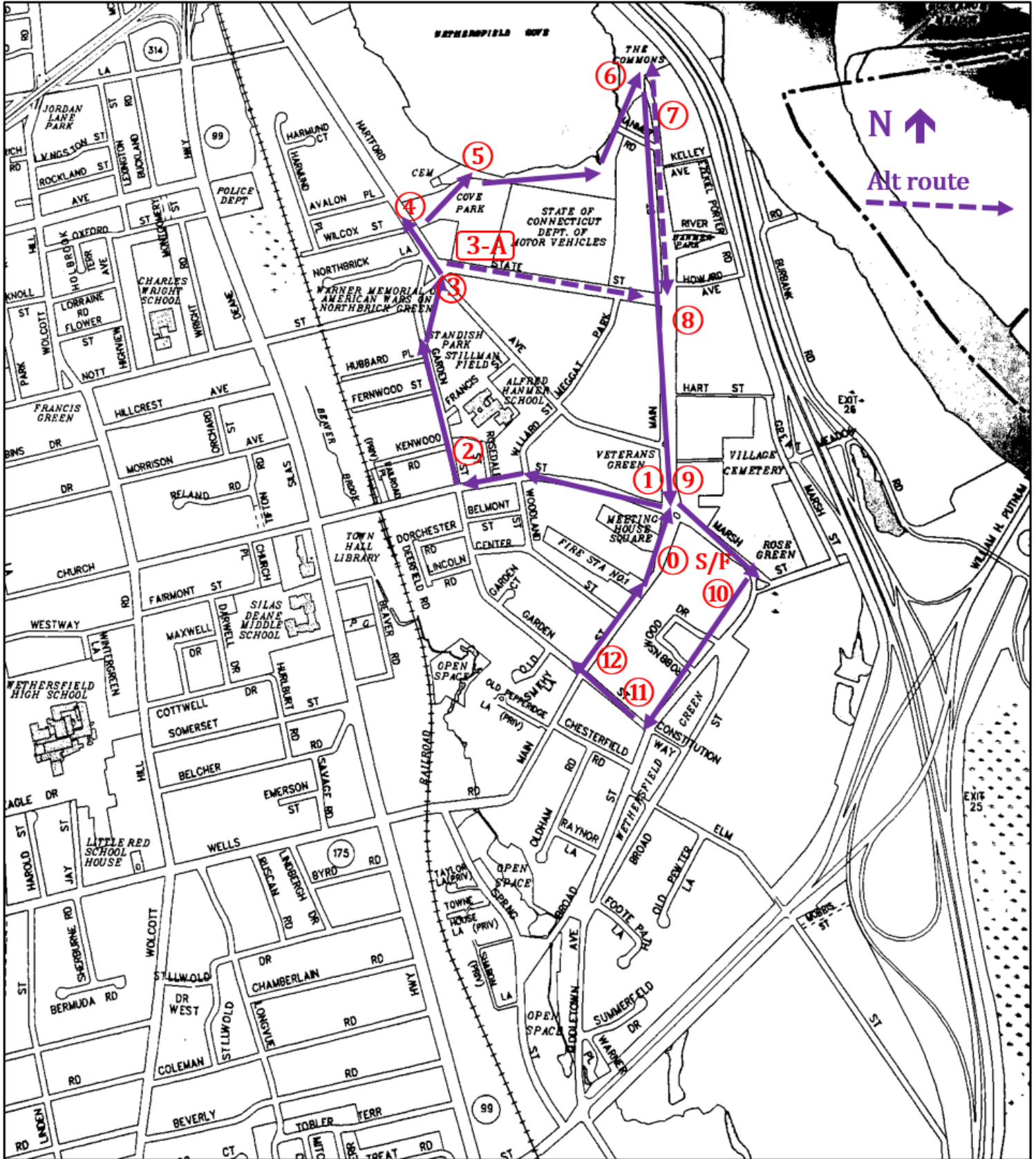
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2. At Garden St., cross Church St. and continue down Garden. Pass the Hanmer School on your right. Then follow the sidewalk between the playing field and Mikey's Place playground (on your left) to Hartford Ave. (corner of Nott St.)	Mikey's Place is a wheelchair accessible community playground that allows children of all abilities to play together on specially designed equipment. It was built by family and friends of Michael Daversa who, in 1998 before the age of three, passed away from Spinal Muscular Atrophy.
3. Cross Hartford Ave at the brick house. Turn left near landscaped island to carefully cross Nott St. and State St. to sidewalk on other side. (Watch for turning traffic) The large white Solomon Welles House, 230 Hartford Ave., will be in front of you.	The Solomon Welles House (c. 1774) was formerly the State Prison warden's home. It is now a conference center. The lawn is the site of Wethersfield's Farmer's Market from May to October, held every Thursday from 3 pm to 6 pm. MARKER 14
3-A. IF THE PARK IS COVERED WITH DEEP SNOW OR IS MUDDY, take this alternate route: <i>At the Solomon Welles House, turn right on State St. Pass the Motor Vehicle Dept on your left until you come to Main St. At the end, where State St. intersects Main St., turn left and walk down several blocks to the Wethersfield Cove, and then retrace your steps on the sidewalk on the far side of Main St. Proceed to Step #8.</i>	
4. Proceed down circular driveway on left of house, and then follow gravel path on left at a lamp post marked "Bike Trail" down hillside across lawn.	From the 1820's until the 1960's, Cove Park was the site of the State Prison. All that remains today is a rectangular area to your left near the fence of the yacht club, which is the State Prison Cemetery, marked by a single small flush stone in center, 1820-1963. MARKER 15
5. Follow stone path along shore of Cove, bearing left at fork in path to stay close to water. Cross Hanmer St. (unmarked). Continue following shore on a grassy rise to the right of the old brown Cove Warehouse. After passing Warehouse, at the Cove Park sign near the parking lot, turn right and join the end of Main St. (unmarked).	Until about 1700, the Wethersfield Cove was the main channel of the Connecticut River; Cove Park was a port with shipyards and warehouses. In a flood, the river course shifted eastward, and now the Cove connects with it via a small channel. The remaining warehouse is from the late 1600's. MARKER 16
6. Continue on grassy path until you reach traffic triangle with Cove Park sign. Take sharp right on pavement to head up Main St., crossing to sidewalk on left side of street.	MARKER C - COVE PARK
7. Proceed up Main St. on sidewalk on left side of street. Pass Kelley Ave. and River Rd. on your left. (River Road circles around what formerly was Goose Pond in the 17th century, Continue up Main St. passing the triangular landscaped island where State St. comes in from the right.	#521 Main St., first house on the right, was built in 1690. Most of the older homes on Main St. were built by wealthy merchants and sea captains. #481 Main St., a brown house on right, may be the oldest structure in town, a part of the house is believed to date from 1637. #490 Main St., Caleb Griswold House, built 1734. Note red onion painted on small white sign above name of house – a symbol of the town and a major export crop shipped to the West Indies in the 1700's, where, sadly, it was used as cheap food to feed slaves who worked the sugar cane. MARKER 17 at Hanmer Park Across Main St. on the right is a house on the site of the Pequot Massacre , in which 9 Wethersfield residents were killed on April 23, 1637. (A few months later, settlers took revenge, killing over 600 Native Americans in Mystic).

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<p>8. Continue up Main St. Cross Hart St., passing the Chas. C. Hart Seed Co. (1892) on left and Comstock, Ferre & Co., the country's oldest seed business (1820), on your right.</p>	<p>Just past the island is a Colonial “center chimney” style yellow house on the left: #366 is the current home (1760s) of trail masters Carol and Lee West, and is on the National Register of Historic Places. Feel free to ring the front doorbell. If we're home, we'll come out and say hi. Across the street is a Little Free Library.</p> <p>Wethersfield is famous for its many seed companies. MARKER 18</p> <p>Further up and across the street, Main Street Creamery, on your right, is the place for ice cream. Heirloom Market Café, in the Comstock, Ferre & Co. complex, has good baked goods and coffee. MARKER 2</p>
<p>9. At the flagpole and brick First Church of Christ (clock on steeple) in the center of town (Main & Marsh St.), turn left onto Marsh St. (Lucky Lou's restaurant across the street). Follow sidewalk until it ends, then walk a short distance across grass to the crosswalk.</p>	<p>The First Church of Christ (1761) is the third or fourth on this site. MARKER 3</p> <p>Behind the church, the Ancient Burying Ground has many stones from the 18th C., and 17th C (Chester family). It is thought the Wongunk Indians used this as a burial ground, and the hill (“Hungry Hill”) seen from Marsh St. was a refuge during spring floods of the Connecticut River. MARKER 5</p> <p><i>The Wethersfield Historical Society self-guided audio tour app begins here and covers the area you will walk along the right side of the Broad Street Green, and on Garden St. to Keeney Memorial Cultural Center (Steps #9-12).</i></p>
<p>10. Turn right to take crosswalk across Marsh St. onto Broad St. You will soon pass the medieval-looking Buttolph Williams House, with its overhang and casement windows, on right, 249 Broad St. This is one of oldest houses in town.</p> <p>Go straight on Broad St., staying on right (west) side of Green, passing the elegant Silas Robbins B&B (restored after a devastating fire in 2006 and Anderson Farm stand set out in front of the Gothic (à la Adams family!) house on your right (closed in winter.).</p>	<p>Buttolph Williams house, ca. 1720, is open to the public. It served as the setting for Elizabeth Speare's 1958 award-winning novel, <i>The Witch of Blackbird Pond</i>, about a young woman's experience of superstition and intolerance in a 17th century New England town. MARKER 6</p> <p>The Broad Street “Common” was formerly a field where the Wongunks cultivated beans, corn, and squash (east side), a place where Puritan settlers kept livestock (safe from wolves at night), and a training ground for the Revolutionary War's Colonel John Chester's Militia Company. (Wethersfield's John Chester Fife and Drum Corps has won many awards.) In 1928, it was preserved as a green (rather than the proposed “improved route” between Hartford and Middletown).</p>
<p>11. Proceed down right side of the Broad St. Green until you reach Garden St. Turn right on Garden St.</p>	<p>To see MARKER D – BROAD STREET GREEN and TREES OF BROAD STREET GREEN (on back side), at corner of Constitution Way and Broad, cross Broad before taking your right onto Garden St.</p>
<p>12. Proceed to Main St. and turn right. You'll pass by the Wethersfield Fire Station across the street on your left.</p> <p>The START/FINISH at Keeney Memorial Cultural Center will be on your right.</p>	<p>The Old Academy Museum (1804) is now the Wethersfield Historical Society library. MARKER 10.</p> <p>The Fire Station was the first chartered fire dept. in Connecticut (1803) and is one of the oldest volunteer fire departments in continuous existence in the U.S.</p> <p>We hope you enjoyed your walk through Old Wethersfield.</p>

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<p>1. At Church St., turn left toward Village Pizza, crossing Main St. carefully. Proceed down Church St. one long block.</p>	<p>Deming-Standish House (1787), now the Lucky Lou's restaurant, was once the Wethersfield Village Hotel (1854) and served as a stagecoach stop between Hartford and Middletown, and later the Wethersfield Bank and Trust 9 1920s. An old sign about George Washington and Rochambeau is in front of the restaurant, and you can cut across the grass around the huge spruce tree to see MARKER 1 about the organizations that help preserve the history of Wethersfield and Connecticut..</p>
<p>2. Turn left on Woodland St. for two blocks. Turn right on Center for one block. Turn right on Garden, for one block, returning to Church St.</p>	<p>Street signs commemorate Wethersfield's 240+ "Hubbard-built" homes from the 1910 to 1922 period, usually side-gabled Craftsman (or bungalow) style, with large columned front porches and front dormers. Albert Hubbard (1929-38) later built houses featuring Tudor elements in this area known as "Lincoln Park."</p>
<p>3. Turn left on Church, and proceed up Church St., crossing over the railroad tracks to the Silas Deane Hwy. Use the walk light to safely cross the Silas Deane and continue on Church St. up to Wolcott Hill Rd. You are now leaving "Old Wethersfield."</p>	<p>The railroad station ("South Wethersfield" – a photo exists from 10/10/1924) was on the branch connecting Hartford with Old Saybrook via Middletown.</p> <p>The Wethersfield town office building, including the library, will be on your left as you walk up Church St. from the Silas Deane Hwy.</p>
<p>4. Turn right on Wolcott Hill Rd. and walk three blocks to Nott St., crossing over Morrison and Hillcrest avenues.</p>	<p>The Wolcott Hill neighborhood homes dating from the 18th C through the 20th C.</p>

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6. Continue to Garden St. Mikey's Place and the Standish Park playground and playing fields will be on right, and a landscaped island on left. Continue on short block to next street, Hartford Ave.	Mikey's Place was created in memory of a local child with Spinal Muscular Atrophy who died in 1998 before he reached the age of three. The specially designed equipment allows children of all abilities to play safely.
7. At this intersection (Nott and Hartford Ave.), turn right and walk just past the brownstone bench to view MARKER #13 (Hanmer School will be ahead of you on the right), then return back to the intersection. Cross Hartford Ave at the brick house. Turn left at landscaped island to carefully cross Nott St. and State St. to sidewalk on other side. (Watch for turning traffic.) The large white Solomon Welles House, 230 Hartford Ave., will be in front of you.	The trolley from Hartford used to run along Hartford Avenue, past a number of wealthy estates along the Wethersfield Cove to the north. The Solomon Welles House , large white house on your right, was formerly the State Prison warden's home. It is now a conference center. MARKER 14
8. Bear left to continue up Hartford Ave. Continue five blocks, catching glimpses of Wethersfield Cove between the houses on your right, to Jordan Ln. Turn around and retrace your steps down Hartford Ave. to the near side of the circular driveway in front of the Solomon Welles House. If the ground is not covered with snow or muddy, continue to Step #9.	Just before Jordan Ln. (coming in from the left), note colonial house on your right at 400 Hartford Ave., former home of Capt. Deming . The house. was the former home of Eleanor Wolf, renowned artist, naturalist and long-time resident of Wethersfield, who died in 2004. Many large homes along the Cove gave the street the name, "Millionaires' Row."
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9. Turn left down the Welles House circular driveway and follow crushed stone path on left at a lamp post marked "Bike Route" down hillside across lawn.. Then follow this path to the right, keeping Cove on your left.	From the 1820's until the 1960's, Cove Park was the site of the State Prison . All that remains today is a rectangular area to your left near the fence of the yacht club, which is the State Prison Cemetery, marked by a single small flush stone in the center, 1820-1963. MARKER 16
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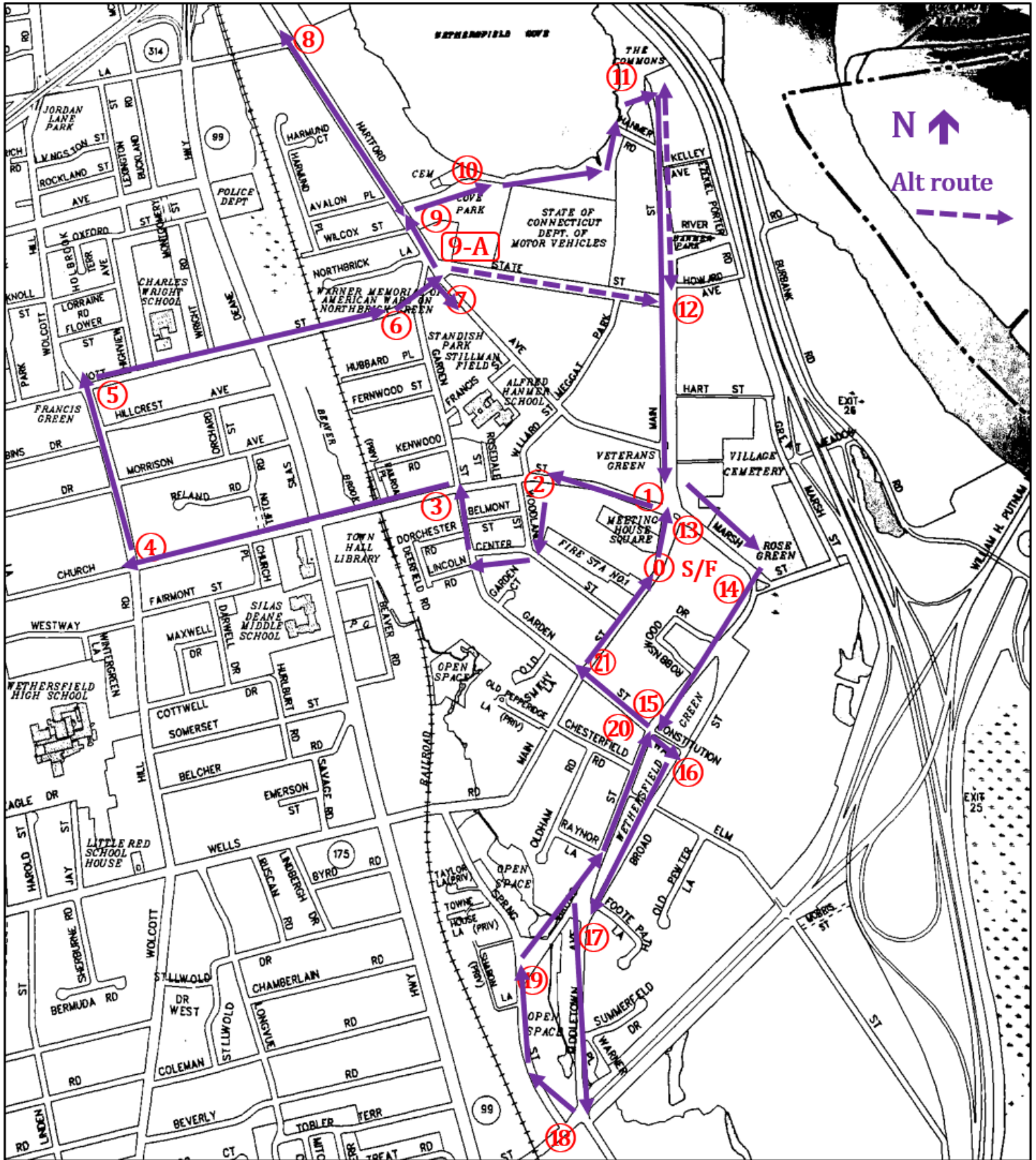
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<p>14. Turn right to take crosswalk across Marsh St. onto Broad St. You will soon pass the medieval-looking Buttolph Williams House, with its overhang and casement windows, on right, 249 Broad St. This is one of oldest houses in town.</p> <p>Go straight on Broad St., staying on right (west) side of Green, passing the elegant Silas Robbins B&B (restored after a devastating fire in 2006 and Anderson Farm stand set out in front of the Gothic (à la Adams family!) house on your right (closed in winter.).</p>	<p>Buttolph Williams house, ca. 1720, is open to the public. It served as the setting for Elizabeth Speare's 1958 award-winning novel, <i>The Witch of Blackbird Pond</i>, about a young woman's experience of superstition and intolerance in a 17th century New England town. MARKER 6</p> <p>The Broad Street "Common" was formerly a field where the Wongunks cultivated beans, corn, and squash (east side), a place where Puritan settlers kept livestock (safe from wolves at night), and a training ground for the Revolutionary War's Colonel John Chester's Militia Company. (Wethersfield's John Chester Fife and Drum Corps has won many awards.) In 1928, it was preserved as a green (rather than the proposed "improved route" between Hartford and Middletown).</p>
<p>15. At Constitution Way, take a left to cut across Green.</p>	<p>There remain some grand old trees on the green, but many were lost and others damaged when a rare tornado struck this area in June 2009. Trees on Green: No. Amer. sweet gum, tulip, pin oak, Eur. and copper beech, Amer. Linden, Siberian and Amer. Liberty elm, sugar and Norway maple, honey locust, dogwood, sycamore, mountain ash. MARKER D – BROAD STREET GREEN and TREES OF BROAD STREET GREEN on back side of marker</p>

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16. Turn right, walking on the grass along the east side of Green and crossing Garden St. and then Elm St.	<p>Just before you turn right onto the Green, look to your left at #25 Broad St., which is the left side of the John Chester House/Tavern (c. 1730-40). You'll see the right side of the house when you reach Garden St. later in the walk.</p> <p>The houses at #126, 118, 106-108, and 56 formerly belonged to a farming family, the Bulkeleys, during the 18th and 19th centuries. Another farm located slightly north on the Green (Morris Farms) was worked by that family since 1663. Iron plaques across the street along Broad St. (east), mark home sites of original settlers in 1634, the "Adventurers."</p> <p>History of the Wampanoag and Pequot indigenous peoples are described on MARKER 8 and MARKER 9</p>
17. At end of Green (at stop sign at Footpath Ln.) turn right and carefully cross Broad St. (west side), passing a granite historic monument on right. Turn left and walk down Middletown Ave.	Note the monument marking the home site of Nathanial Foote , one of Wethersfield's original settlers. MARKER 9
18. The road bends to the right. At stop sign, cross Spring St. at crosswalk to the sidewalk. Turn right on Spring St, passing condominiums on your left.	
19. At your first right, cross Spring St. carefully (no street sign, no crosswalk, just a yellow sign for duck crossing) and walk on left side of road, with the small pond on your left. Re-join Broad St., walking on the sidewalk along the west side of the Green.	
20. Turn left on Garden St. and proceed one block to Main St.	On your left is the right half of the John Chester House you saw earlier on the other side of the Green. The reason for moving half of the house to this location has been lost to history.
21. At Main St., cross right over Garden St. and continue down right side of Main St. You'll pass by the Wethersfield Fire Station across the street on your left.	<p>The Old Academy Museum (1804) is now the Wethersfield Historical Society library. MARKER 10.</p> <p>The Fire Station was the first chartered fire dept. in Connecticut (1803) and is one of the oldest volunteer fire departments in continuous existence in the U.S.</p> <p>We hope you enjoyed your walk through Old Wethersfield and the Wolcott Hill neighborhood.</p>
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