

# BRONX GREENWAYS EXISTING & PLANNED

The Bronx has an extensive & expanding greenway system. *Bike The Bronx* takes you on many of these pathways that are separated from motor vehicles.

**Mosholu Parkway Greenway** runs along the parkway from Van Cortlandt Park to Bronx Park.

**Pelham Parkway Greenway** runs from the Zoo to Pelham Bay Park over to Orchard Beach and City Island and up to Westchester County.

**Hutchinson River Greenway** runs along the parkway from the Cross Bronx Expressway to Pelham Parkway with plans to extend north.

**Bronx River Greenway** will run from the mouth of the river in Hunts Point extending north to Westchester. The northern sections are already built up to the city line.

**Soundview Greenway** will connect the Bronx River Greenway to the Hutchinson River Greenway and some segments are already built.

**Bronx Harlem River Greenway** is planned to run along the river from the RFK Bridge to Van Cortlandt Park.

**South Bronx Greenway** is planned to connect the Bronx River Greenway through Hunt's Point, to the Randall's Island Connector.

**Hudson River Greenway** will connect from Inwood Hill Park in Manhattan and extend through Riverdale and up to Yonkers.

**East Coast Greenway** is a public works project that is creating a path that will link Maine to Florida. The route runs through the Bronx and you will find East Coast Greenway signs along parts of this route.

## GENERAL DIRECTIONS

The tour features a 9-mile greenway bike ride separated from car traffic, which is perfect for families and leisure riders, that starts at W. 242nd Street and Broadway by the Van Cortlandt Park entrance to the greenway (the first stop of the 1 subway train) and ends at City Island Bridge. Riders can also start at the Riverdale Metro North train station or choose to start at any other point along the route. Elsewhere, the tour offers many by on-street and off-street routes. This gives riders various short rides, making it appealing and again. In some areas of the roads are narrow and offering a secluded feel and numerous excellent views of the Hudson River.

**1 College of Mt. St. Vincent:** Small, scenic Catholic college on the banks of the Hudson River. See the landmark **Fonthill** a country house designed to look like a Medieval Castle and it's carriage house (Boyle Hall). Also the **Administration Building** with articulated brickwork and tower in the early Romanesque Revival style. Open during regular business hours, enter through security gate. **6301 Riverdale Ave at West 263rd Street; 718-405-3267.**



**2 Derfner Judaica Museum & Sculpture Garden:** Located at the Hebrew Home for the Aged, the museum and gardens are open to the general public. Pass through the security gate and enjoy the views, outdoor sculpture garden and the museum with art and 250 pieces used in traditional Jewish practice. Call for hours. **5961 Palisade Ave; 718-581-1787.**



**3 Riverdale Riverfront Promenade and Fishing Access Site:** Enjoy sliver park located next to the **Riverdale Metro North** station open 8AM to End of West the waterfront at this unusual walkway overpass. The park is dusk and is 20' wide by 600'. **254th Street**



**4 Riverdale Historic District:** Grand estates, opulent villas, sweeping views of the Hudson River, picturesque landscaping and an historic district within 15 acres of the larger Riverdale neighborhood. There are some steep slopes and narrow streets in this quiet community.



**5 Stonehurst:** Landmark country house built within the Italian villa tradition. Private residence. **5225 Sycamore Ave**



**6 Wave Hill:** Famous public garden and cultural center with extensive gardens, landscapes, art gallery, cafe, mansion, and views of the Palisades and Hudson River. Call for hours and events. Bike racks by front gate. **West 249th Street & Independence Ave; 718-549-3200**

**7 Anthony Campagna Estate:** An Italian villa built in 1930, the estate seamlessly integrates house and setting. Now a small, private yeshiva. **640 West 249th Street**

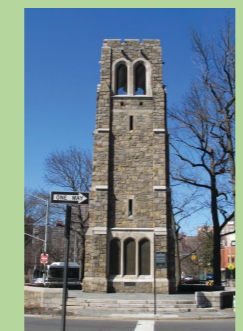
**8 Riverdale Presbyterian Church:** Gothic Revival stone church built in 1863 with French-inspired mansard roof. **4765 Henry Hudson Parkway; 718-796-5560**

**9 Alderbrook aka Pyne-Nadelman House:** Hidden behind trees, this Gothic Revival was built around 1880 with multiple gables. **4715 Independence Ave**

**10 Greyston aka Phelps Dodge House:** One of the first homes built in the Riverdale area in 1863 and designed in the High Victorian Gothic style by James Renwick. **690 West 247th Street**



**11 Bell Tower Park:** Named after the 500-ton tower and Spanish bell cast in 1762 for a Mexican monastery. The bell is housed in a fieldstone and limestone tower. **West 239th Street & Riverdale Ave**



**12 Christ Church Episcopal:** High Victorian Gothic structure built in 1856, designed to resemble a medieval English rural parish church. **5030 Henry Hudson Parkway; 718-534-1011**

**13 Fieldston Historic District:** This beautiful, planned suburban community consists of about 257 houses and structures. It was developed in 1909 by the Delafield family a year after the subway reached 242nd Street and Broadway.

**14 Ethical Culture Fieldston School:** Founded in 1878 by Felix Adler, the school curriculum is rooted in the tenets of progressive education. **3901 Fieldston Rd; 718-329-7300**

**15 Horace Mann School:** Founded in 1887, this site of the coeducational K-12 school was established in 1914 and now has numerous buildings in the area. **231 W. 246th Street; 718-432-4000**

**16 Manhattan College:** An independent Catholic school founded by five Christian Brothers in 1853, there are about 3,500 students. **242nd Street & Manhattan College Parkway; 718-862-8000**

**17 Van Cortlandt Pool:** Enjoy a refreshing swim at the public pool. **Broadway & West 254th Street; 718-548-4848**

**18 Lloyd's Carrot Cake:** Started by Lloyd Adams using his grandmother's recipe from the Virgin Islands. **6087 Broadway; 718-548-9020**

**19 Van Cortlandt House Museum:** Georgian-style mansion built in 1748 from local fieldstone by Frederick Van Cortlandt. **718-543-3344**

**20 Riverdale Equestrian Centre:** Stable in Van Cortlandt Park on 21 acres that offers riding and lessons. **Broadway & West 254th Street; 718-548-4848**

**21 Van Cortlandt Golf Course:** The Nation's first public golf course. **115 Van Cortlandt Park South; 718-543-4595**

**22 S&S Cheesecake:** A neighborhood fixture for almost 50 years & arguable the best NY style cheesecake. Ring the bell to get in and take home a small cheesecake. Open M-F, 6AM-3PM; **222 West 238th Street; 718-549-3888**

**23 Bronx Alehouse:** On tap micro-brews and imports with in-house smoked brisket, burgers, & sandwiches. **216 West 238th St; 718-601-0204**



**24 Amalgamated Housing Cooperative:** First limited equity cooperative in the nation, built as affordable housing for the working class from 1927-30. Now houses over 1,400 families in 11 buildings. **98 Van Cortlandt Park South; 718-796-9300**

**25 Dewitt Clinton High School:** Outstanding public school designed by Gompert. **100 West Mosholu Parkway South; 718-543-1000**

**26 Tracey Towers:** Cylindrical and futuristic, two 41-story subsidized apartment buildings designed by Paul Rudolph, completed in 1972 as a part of NYC's Mitchell Lama housing development initiative. (Inset image) **40 W. Mosholu Parkway South; 718-220-6767**

**27 High Pumping Station:** Romanesque revival red brick building built for the reservoir complex. On the National Register of Historic Places. **3205 Jerome Ave at Risse St; behind security fence**

**28 Bronx High School of Science:** One of NYC's best public schools. See the massive mural of renowned scientists from outside the main security entrance. **75 West 205th Street; 718-817-7700**

**29 Jerome Park Reservoir:** Over 100 years old, this part of the New Croton Aqueduct is still an active part of the city's water system. The best views are from **Reservoir Avenue**.

**30 Lehman College:** Noted for its blend of Collegiate Gothic and modern architecture, this beautiful 37-acre, tree-lined college has an open campus and an art gallery. **Enter at corner of Bedford Park Blvd & Paul Avenue; 718-960-8000**

**31 Grand Concourse:** Modeled on the Champs-Élysées in Paris, this 4-mile Boulevard is still lined with some 5-6 story Art Deco/Art Moderne buildings below E. 167th St. including the "Fish" building (1150 Grand Concourse). Ride the bike lanes all the way down to E. 161st and see **Heinrich Heine Fountain in Joyce Kilmer Park**, the monumental **Bronx County Courthouse**, & **Yankee Stadium**.

**32 Queen of the Universe Shrine:** Walk up the stone steps to a secluded, religious shrine dedicated to world peace. (3191 Grand Concourse)

**33 Edgar Allen Poe Cottage in Poe Park:** Poe's final residence, he wrote Annabel Lee, Ulalume, the Bells in this small house after his wife died. Opened as a museum in 1917, it is maintained as a memorial to Poe with exhibits. Open Sat. 10am-4pm, Sun 1pm-5pm. **2640 Grand Concourse**

**34 Dollar Savings Bank (Emigrant Savings Bank):** Impressive ten-story tower with a four-faced clock, this structure is in the Modern Classical style and built in three stages. **2526 Grand Concourse; 718-329-2050**

**35 Loew's Paradise Theatre:** In 1929 Loew's built the lavish \$4 million theatre with seating for 4,000 under baroque decor as one of five Wonder Theaters. **2403 Grand Concourse; 718-220-1015**

**36 Bronx Community College:** (not shown on map) Completed in 1912 as part of NYUniversity, Sanford White planned these classical buildings with yellow Roman brick, terra-cotta and limestone trim. The **Gould Memorial Library** with temple front, dome, and interiors is a must-see. Behind the library, with outstanding views of the Harlem River, is the **Hall of Fame** with open terrace, Guastavino vaults and tile roof with busts of notable Americans. **Take Grand Concourse to 181st St, travel west, 2155 University Ave; 718-289-5100**



**37 Sal's Pizzeria:** Open 10-11pm. **3167 Bainbridge Ave; 718-881-0940**

**38 St. Brendan Church:** Established in 1908, the spectacular curved facade was built in 1966. St. Brendan was said to have sailed west to the Americas before Columbus. The facade is meant to evoke the curved prow of a ship. **333 East 206th Street at Perry Ave; 718-547-6655**

**39 Museum of Bronx History at Valentine-Varian House:** Exhibitions and education programs on the Bronx. The fieldston house was built in 1758. **3266 Bainbridge Avenue; 718-881-8900**

**40 Williamsbridge Oval Park:** 20-acre recreational facility & park built on the former site of a reservoir. **3309 Bainbridge Avenue; 718-881-8900**

**41 Williamsbridge Reservoir Keeper's House:** House built in 1889, reservoir drained in 1925. **3400 Reservoir Oval; 718-324-4461**

**42 Woodlawn Cemetery:** Founded in 1863 during the Civil War, there are 400 acres of rolling lawns and monumental memorials. Some notable people interred here include Herman Melville, Duke Ellington, Robert Moses, Miles Davis. **Enter at 501 East 233rd St. or Jerome Ave entrance; 718-920-0500**

**43 Bronx Victory Memorial:** Dramatic bronze sculpture commemorates area servicemen who perished in WWI. **Mosholu Parkway median at Hull Avenue**

**44 52nd Street Police Precinct:** Red brick station with gabled roof, clock tower, modeled on the Italian Renaissance villas of Tuscany. Take steps from pathway down to Webster Ave. **3016 Webster Ave; 718-718-7181**

**45 New York Botanical Garden:** A NYC gem with spectacular seasonal exhibitions, hands-on activities, dozens of gardens, and a cafe. Visit the magnificent domed glasshouse **Haupt Conservatory**. **Mosholu Parkway & Kazimiroff Blvd; 718-817-8700**

**46 Bronx Zoo and Wildlife Conservation Park:** Founded in 1895, this 250-acre site has amazing exhibits, rides, carousel, animal feedings, cafe. Fun for all ages. Bike parking at Southern Blvd/E. 185th St, Fordham Rd Gate, & Boston Rd/Bronx Park East entrance. Call for info & special events. **718-367-1010**

**47 Belmont & Arthur Avenue:** Often referred to as the real Little Italy of NYC, this neighborhood is famous for the generations of Italian families that have given it a special character. Excellent Italian food & stores.

**48 Full Moon Pizzeria:** The best slice in the Bronx. **Corner of Arthur Ave and East 187th St (718-584-3451)**

**49 Arthur Avenue Retail Market:** Enclosed market with fresh produce and Italian specialties. Open Mon-Sat 6am-6pm. **2344 Arthur Ave; 718-295-5033**

**50 Madonia Brothers Bakery:** The place for prosciutto bread, olive bread, cannoli, & cookies. **2348 Arthur Ave; 718-295-5573**

**51 Dominick's:** Delicious family-style Italian restaurant. No menu and no credit cards. **2335 Arthur Avenue; 718-733-2807**

**52 Roberto Restaurant:** No reservations and there might be a crowd. **603 Crescent Ave; 718-733-9503**

**53 United Workers Cooperative Colony:** Founded by left-wing, secular Jewish garment workers who bought land across from Bronx Park to build non-profit, quality housing for 700+ families in 1927. **2700-2744 Bronx Park East betw Allerton & Arnow**

**54 Dukagjini Burek:** Savory pastries filled with meat and spices from Albania and Kosovo. **758 Lydig Avenue; 718-822-8955**

**55 NY Institute for Special Education:** Campus setting with 14 buildings on 17 acres, the main building (1924) was designed by McKim Meade and White in the new-Giorgian style. **999 Pelham Parkway; 718-519-7000**

**56 Fratelli's Restaurant:** Great Italian food, dress casual. **2507 Eastchester Road; 718-547-2489**

**57 Garabedian Residence aka Christmas House:** A house and yard covered in figures and illuminated seasonal decorations year-round? Ride by this jaw-dropping site. **1601 Pelham Parkway @ Westervelt Ave**

**58 Bronx Victory Column & Memorial Grove:** A landscaped plaza and raised paved terrace with a massive limestone pedestal and sculptural reliefs. The Corinthian column is topped by a gilded bronze figure. Dedicated in 1933 & commemorates the 947 soldiers from the Bronx who gave their lives during WWI.

**59 Bronx Equestrian Center:** Full service facility with pony rides, lessons, and trail rides for all levels. Open everyday, all year. **9 Shore Road; 718-885-0551**

**60 Pelham Bay & Split Rock Golf Courses:** NYC's only 36 hole facility. The Pelham Bay Course was built in 1901 with expansive fairways and forgiving layout. Split Rock is a championship caliber John Van Kleeck classic design. Call for tee times and fees. **870 Shore Road north of Bartow Circle; 718-885-1258**

**61 Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum:** Built by Robert Bartow by 1842, this neo-classic stone mansion is an architectural masterpiece. **895 Shore Road in Pelham Bay Park; 718-885-1461**

**62 Orchard Beach, Boardwalk and Promenade:** The only beach in the Bronx covers more than a mile and is lined with over two dozen sports courts, picnic areas, playgrounds, sand, and trails.

**63 Samuel Pell House:** Built for oysterman Samuel Pell, it is a reminder of the wealth the oyster trade brought to the island. This freestanding Second Empire style frame house is now a private residence. **586 City Island Ave**

**64 Jack's Bait & Tackle:** Rent a motor boat and fishing gear or go out on one of the daily group fishing boats and enjoy angling in the Long Island Sound. **551 City Island Avenue; 718-885-2042**

**65 21 Tier Street:** This three-story structure at the end of the street is a rare example of Single-style architecture with Colonial Revival detailing and a curved, two story tower capped with a conical roof. Private residence.

**66 City Island Historical Society & Nautical Museum:** Small nonprofit operates a museum and library dedicated to the history of City Island in a Georgian Revival style building. Call for hours. **190 Fordham St; 718-885-0008**

**67 City Island Diner:** Great food and casual atmosphere. **304 City Island Ave; 718-885-0362**

**68 Likely Split:** Enjoy some ice cream and eat in the small park next door. **295 City Island Ave; 718-885-9654**

**69 The Black Whale:** Enjoy seafood, pasta, desserts & the outdoor seating area. **279 City Island Ave; 718-885-3657**

**70** At the end of the Avenue, you will find **Johnny's Reef** (2 City Island Ave; 718-885-2090) and **Tony's Pier** (1 City Island Ave; 718-885-1424). Sit outside, eat fried seafood, and watch the seagulls and boats in the water.



The Administration Building at Mt. St. Vincent College



Daniel Wills NYC Parks & Recreation



Samuel Pell House



Jack's Bait & Tackle



21 Tier Street



City Island Diner



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