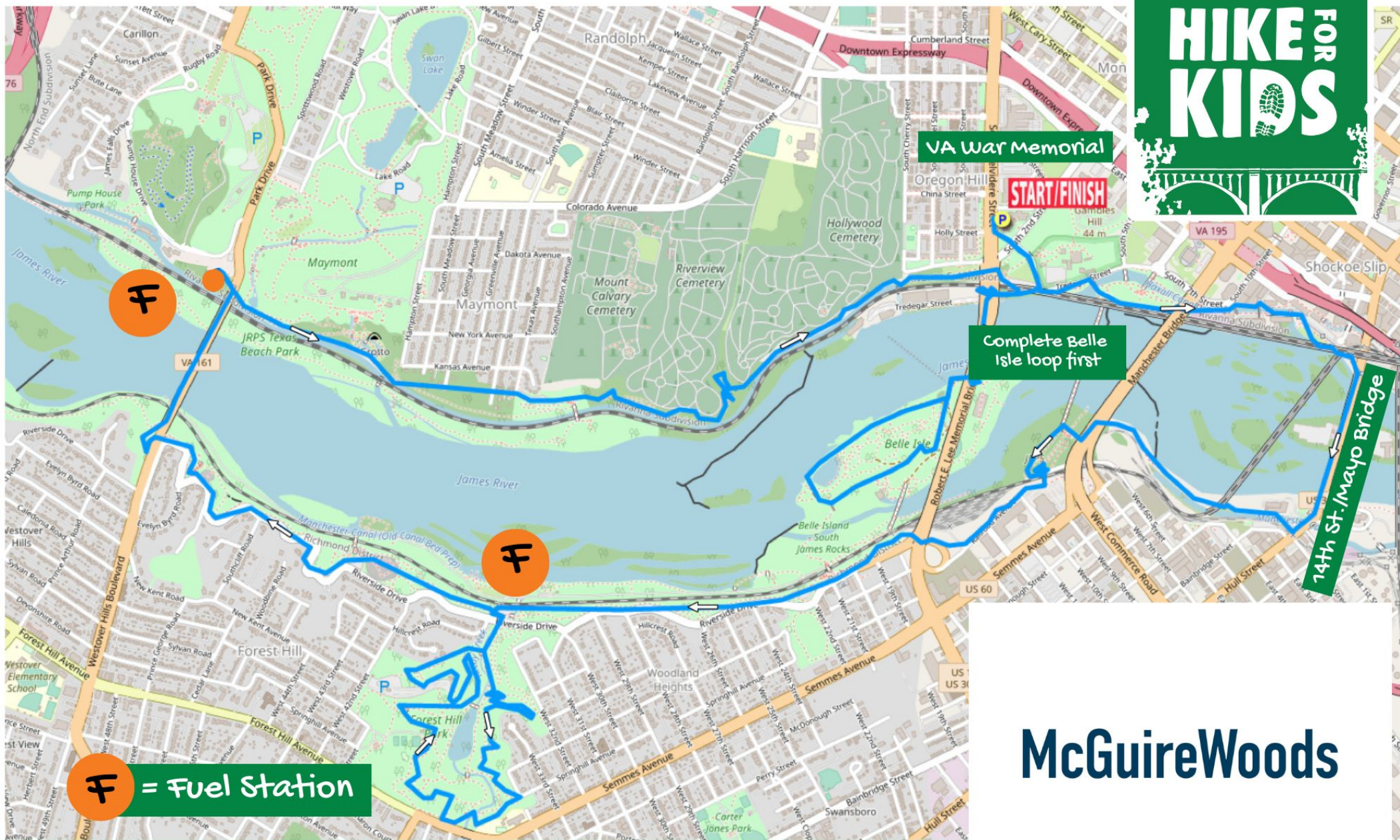


# Map & Directions - 14 Mile Loop



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## **14-Mile Hike - Turn by Turn Directions**

**Start and Finish:** Virginia War Memorial (621 South Belvidere Street, RVA 23220)

**Overview:** Belle Isle, Browns Island, Canal Walk, Mayo (14th St.) Bridge, Floodwall Walk, Buttermilk Trail, Forest Hill Park, North Bank Trail for an approximate total of 14 miles

### **Directions:**

1. Head down the hill from the War Memorial on Brown's Island Way
2. After passing the Belle Isle parking lot, turn Right on Tredegar Street and head towards the pedestrian footbridge
3. Climb ramp to pedestrian foot bridge to Belle Isle (under Belvidere bridge)
4. Stay straight as you come off the foot bridge and then take a right onto the main loop that circumnavigates the west side of Belle Isle.
5. This loop puts you back out near the bicycle skills park, head back left to the same foot bridge and cross back over the river (north) towards the Belle Isle parking lot / Tredegar St.
6. From the parking lot, head east on Tredegar St. to Browns Island. Follow path to the east side of Browns Island and continue east on the Canal Walk.
7. When the Canal Walk meets up with the Floodwall (across the canal from Casa Del Barco, after the murals), follow the outside (south side) of the Floodwall past the Pipeline overlook, the Pipeline walk entrance, over the train tracks to 14th St.
8. Turn Right (south) onto 14th St. and cross the James River on the Mayo Bridge
9. After crossing the River, keep walking on Hull St. until you reach a small parking lot that is currently under construction (do not go up the concrete ramp tower as it is just an overlook)
10. At the end of the construction fence, turn Right at the James River Park System sign onto a small sidewalk, and stay on that until you reach a footbridge over a marsh
11. Cross the small bridge over the marshy area, and follow the asphalt path to the cement stairs
12. Climb the stairs, and continue along the top of the floodwall (with the River on your right) for about a mile until you pass under the 9th Street Bridge
13. Continue on gravel path, keeping the large rings on your right hand side. At fork, veer Right and follow asphalt trail switchback up to the footbridge.
14. Continue straight on the footbridge going towards the Truist building. Turn right onto sidewalk at end of footbridge.
15. Follow sidewalk alongside the Truist parking lot, and continue on sidewalk alongside Riverview Pkwy and the Truist buildings
16. At about 12th St, sidewalk turns into dirt trail (look for brown trail marker), continue on trail approx. 1 more block and then trail veers right (north) to go under the Belvidere bridge and connect with the main Buttermilk Trail



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17. Follow the Buttermilk Trail until fork near 21st St. At fork, follow signs and veer left to continue on Buttermilk trail
18. Continue on the Buttermilk Trail to the Reedy Creek Entrance. Just prior to this parking lot, there will be a **Fuel Station** next to the tunnels that go under Riverside Drive.
19. Head south through tunnel under Riverside Drive and climb up left side of creek to wide path.
20. Turn left on wide path and walk towards Riverside Dr. Look for single track heading uphill on right side (before you reach James River Park System Information sign on Riverside Drive).
21. Turn right onto single track. You're now in the Forest Hill Park loop. It is approximately 3 miles long. The trail switchbacks and twists frequently, but as long as you follow the signs and flagging tape, you won't get lost. You'll know the trail is almost over when you cross Reedy Creek on a concrete bridge.
22. Once you've crossed the creek, turn left onto the wide path you first started in Forest Hill Park on. Follow that back to the tunnels under Riverside Drive.
23. Go back through tunnel under Riverside Drive (stop at **Fuel Station** if needed) and continue left (west) on the Buttermilk Trail to the Boulevard Bridge
24. Go under the Boulevard bridge, and stay on the path until the top of hill, then turn left to follow the sign "Buttermilk Trail to Boulevard Bridge." At road (Westover Hills Blvd), take a left onto the Boulevard Bridge walkway.
25. Turn Left after bridge and follow path to enter the Pump House parking lot where there will be another **Fuel Station**
26. Follow signs towards the "North Bank Trail and Lee Bridge", the trail begins near the James River Park Information sign.
27. The next 0.6 miles of the trail will have the Maymont property on the left and the Kanawha Canal on the right. After Maymont, there will be an inclined wooden walkway.
28. When the wooden walkway Ts, turn Right and follow the signs to stay on the North Bank Trail East. There will be a section of bamboo forest, and then you will follow the trail keeping the canal on your right and the chain link fence on your left.
29. Follow the sign for the North Bank Trail to pass by the Texas Beach pedestrian bridge, you'll pass a set of wooden stairs on your left, and then head straight through a section of chain link fence to stay on the North Bank Trail
30. Once through the fence it is about 1.5 miles to the Belle Isle parking area. You will pass 3 separate cemeteries: Calvary, Riverview and Hollywood. Keep heading towards the Belvidere (Lee) Bridge. Veer left on the path that connects the North Bank Trail to 2nd St.
31. Turn right on 2nd St., *carefully* cross road & climb hill back to the Virginia War Memorial
32. **Congrats! You did it! Take a minute to celebrate, get your SWAG, and enjoy the after-party!**