

Map & Directions - 3 Mile Loop



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3-Mile Hike - Turn by Turn Directions

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

Overview: Out via the Potterfield Bridge and return through Belle Isle (~3.6 miles with a 3 Mile optional)

Directions:

1. Head down the hill from the War Memorial on Brown's Island Way
2. Turn Left on Tredegar St.
3. Turn Right (through the bollards) to get onto Brown's Island
4. Take the Potterfield Bridge (on your Right) across the James River
5. Once you are across the river, continue past Manchester Climbing Wall and take the second set of stairs on your Left
6. At top of stairs, continue straight on the footbridge going towards the Truist building.
7. Turn right onto sidewalk at end of footbridge.
8. Follow sidewalk alongside the Truist parking lot, and continue on sidewalk alongside Riverview Pkwy and the Truist building
9. At about 12th St, sidewalk turns into dirt trail, 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
10. Follow the Buttermilk Trail until fork near 21st St. At fork, follow signs to veer right down to the covered bridge.
11. Cross the bridge over the railroad tracks and climb down the stairs. At the bottom of stairs, take the right fork and follow the trail along the chain link fence towards Belle Isle
12. Follow the trail as it turns Left to cross a footbridge onto the south side of Belle Isle
13. Once across the bridge, take your second Left by a set of ruins and follow the main trail around the island until it meets back up with the ramp tower and then pedestrian footbridge under the Belvidere Bridge
Alternative Path: Stay straight and head to pedestrian footbridge to leave Belle Isle for just under 3 miles
14. After crossing the River and coming down the ramp, stay to the Left and walk along Tredegar St. as if going towards Brown's Island
15. Turn Left to follow Brown's Island Way back up the hill to the Virginia War Memorial
- 16. Congrats! You did it! Take a minute to celebrate, get your SWAG, and enjoy the after-party!**