

# HISTORIC BETHABARA PARK WALK

## 10 KM LOWER TRAIL

### ON THE RIGHT REVEREND BURTON RIGHTS TRAILS

**Trail Markings** are 3” discs with a silver arrow inside a light green border

**START WALK** from front (street side) of Visitor Center

1. Angle **LEFT** to pass in front of the Log Cabin (ca. 1816)
2. **LEFT** to the front of the 1765 Calf Barn.
3. Angle **RIGHT** across the field to the corner by the street.
4. Cross the parking area to the front of the 1803 Distiller’s House
5. **RIGHT** across the street (Bethabara Road-no sign) then
6. **LEFT** to pass the front of the 1782 Dyer’s and Potter’s House.
7. Circle to the **RIGHT** around the Potter’s house and diagonally across the back yard to enter the edge of the field behind.
8. Follow along the right edge of the field to cross a small footbridge to the 1788 Gemeinhaus
9. **LEFT** past the well and building sites to the lower site, the Doctor’s Laboratory.
10. **RIGHT** toward the French and Indian War Pallisade (fort) entering at the upper entry .
11. Inside the fort, pass the 1756 Gemeinhaus site, the bell tower and on to the 1755 Brothers House site. At the Brothers House site turn **LEFT** toward the lower point of the fort. Pass among the building sites near the point then **SHARP LEFT** along the fort wall to lower exit **RIGHT** from the fort.
12. Outside the fort turn **RIGHT** a short distance to the paved greenway trail.
13. **RIGHT** on the greenway to the “Wagon Road Trail” at the entrance to the 1754 Village area.
14. **RIGHT** into the village area bearing to the **left** of the cabin then slightly **right** toward the street. (1 km)
15. Cross the street at left end of small parking area and cross cable to continue ahead on the “Wagon Road Trail” past the butterfly garden, across an abandoned paved roadway and past the maintenance bldg.
16. Continue on the “Wagon Road Trail” passing under Bethabara Blvd and the railroad trestle and on to Hines Park (soccer fields)
17. As trail enters the park continue ahead, with the drainage area to your left. **Circle clockwise** around the soccer fields to return to the “Wagon Road Trail” where you entered the park. (3 km)
18. **LEFT** on the “Wagon Road Trail” and retrace the route back to just past the Bethabara Park maintenance building to the abandoned paved roadway.
19. **RIGHT** on the paved roadway and across an abandoned parking

- area to the corner where Bethabara Road curves into Old Town Drive
20. Bear **LEFT** along Old Town Drive to the paved greenway entry on the right adjacent to a small gravel parking area.
  21. **RIGHT** on the trail following it across a steel bridge. A short distance after crossing the bridge, watch for the “Mill Creek Walking Trail” to the left. (5 km)
  22. **LEFT** on the “Mill Creek Trail” following it to cross a wooden footbridge and to a “T” trail (the 1755 Mill Site Trail – but no sign).
  23. **LEFT**, following trail into 1755 Mill Site, staying on trail nearest the creek, (part of the 1755 Mill Site Trail) returning to the greenway trail (now gravel) at the end of another steel bridge.
  24. **LEFT** across bridge and **IMMEDIATELY LEFT** from the bridge on a dirt trail along the creek bank.  
*(Or LEFT on the paved greenway trail if you prefer.)*
  25. Follow the trail as it curves to the right to join the paved trail leading uphill and out of the park onto Midkiff Street and past Linda Circle (to the left).  
Just before the first house on the right on Midkiff St and next to a fire hydrant, there is a section of rail fence adjacent to a trail to the right
  26. **TURN RIGHT** onto this trail
  27. Follow trail as it passes outside a rail-fenced area (on the right).  
*This is the 1759 Strangers cemetery. Work is underway to identify and mark the gravesites. Information will be available in the mailbox mounted at the entry to the cemetery.*
  28. From the cemetery continue to follow this trail until it Tees with the “Woodland Walking Trail”
  29. **LEFT** on the “Woodland Walking Trail” following as it emerges from the woods adjacent to Reynolda Rd and turns down the hill toward the greenway and creek .
  30. At the paved greenway trail **TURN LEFT** passing under Reynolda Rd. and curving to the left and up steps leading up to Reynolda Rd.
  31. At top of steps **TURN LEFT** and follow sidewalk to the end of the guardrail, then left into shopping center and supermarket at the near end of the shopping center. (7 km)  
*Restrooms, water and refreshments available in supermarket.*
  32. Retrace the route back under Reynolda Rd following the Greenway to a steel bridge to the left.
  33. **LEFT** across the steel bridge then immediately right on dirt trail for a short distance to the “Marsh Boardwalk” to the left, a wood planked trail skirting the wetland..
  34. **LEFT** on the “Marsh Boardwalk”,
  35. At the end of the “Marsh Boardwalk” turn **LEFT** to the boardwalk and walk out to the end of the open portion of the boardwalk.
  36. Return from the boardwalk and **follow along the edge** of the park area (Bethabara Park Blvd is to the left).

37. Pass the first trail to the right then after a short distance angle **RIGHT** on next trail. (This will take you past the mill wheel adjacent to the trail on the left.)
38. Follow this trail until it rejoins the “1755 Mill Site Trail”
39. **LEFT** on “Mill Site Trail” then quickly **RIGHT** as it rejoins the greenway and crosses a wooden bridge.
40. Follow the greenway back to Old Town Drive
41. **LEFT** a very short distance along Old Town Drive then **RIGHT** across Old Town Drive to continue on the greenway to reenter the fort and continue straight across the fort to finish at the Park Visitor Center.

#### Optional 1 km Colonial Arboretum addition

- A. At the street, bear to the **LEFT** to the driveway passing the Visitor Center and parking to the railroad crossing
- B. After crossing the railroad **TURN RIGHT** following the path as it winds through the arboretum (with sections on both sides of the driveway) and back to the railroad crossing.
- C. Cross the railroad and **TURN RIGHT** along the inside of the rail fence above the pavilion toward the picnic tables bearing counterclockwise around the pavilion area
- D. **RIGHT** across entry to graveled parking area toward tree marked “3” then **LEFT** across driveway and return to finish at the front of the Visitor Center.