

HISTORIC BETHABARA PARK

WALK

10 KM UPPER TRAIL

ON THE RIGHT REVEREND BURTON RIGHTS TRAILS

Trail Markings are 3” discs with a silver arrow inside a RED border

START WALK from front (street side) of Visitor Center

1. **CROSS** street (Bethabara Road) and turn **LEFT** to pass by the front of the Gemeinhaus
2. **RIGHT** along the edge of the cleared area **to** and **straight across** the paved greenway trail and continue **straight** across the footbridge
3. **LEFT** from the end of the footbridge following the trail to the next passable footbridge to the right.
4. **RIGHT** across the bridge then immediately **LEFT** continuing on the trail as it parallels the creek (now on your left) to a trail intersection with a small wooden footbridge crossing to the left and a trail leading to the right up hill into the woods.
5. **RIGHT** a short distance until this trail “Tees” (ignoring the first trail to the left.
6. **RIGHT** at the “T” following the trail along the edge of the hill to a point where it makes a sharp left turn.
7. Make the **sharp LEFT** turn and (ignoring the trail to the right going down hill) continue as the trail makes a second **left** turn going up hill and **curves** to the **right** to intersect a paved trail.
8. **CROSS** the paved trail and continue ahead as trail winds through the woods (passing one trail intersecting to the left) and intersects a wider “groomed” dirt surfaced trail.
9. **CROSS** this wider trail and continue ahead to the next intersection with a paved road. (Cemetery is to the right at the end of this road.)
10. **CROSS** the paved road and continue as trail winds around to come to another “T” intersection.
11. **LEFT** at the “T” and continue to a “stepped” trail coming down from the Cemetery (uphill to the right)
12. **CROSS** this trail and continue to yet another “T” intersection.
13. **LEFT** at the “T” for a very short distance to intersect a paved trail.
14. **LEFT** (down hill) on the paved trail, following as it turns to a “groomed” surface and later back to a paved surface. (Ignore all intersecting trails until after the paving resumes.)
15. After the paving resumes and with the trail curving to the right, **TURN RIGHT** at the next intersection. (The playground area is to the left.) (2.5 km)
16. At the next intersection with Health Trail station #10 to the right,

turn **sharply LEFT**. This leads to the picnic/playground area.

Porta-johns are located just to the right at the edge of the parking area

17. **Continue ahead** on this trail as it passes Health Trail Station # 7 and winds toward and away from an apartment complex.

CHECKPOINT: What is the exercise that is to be done at Health Trail Station #7?

18. After numerous turns and **shortly before** Health Trail Station #9 **TURN RIGHT** on a trail down hill and leading up to the apartments.

CAUTION: If you get to Health Trail Station # 9 you have just missed the turn. Go back a few paces to the trail down the hill

19. Follow this trail across a footbridge and up the steps and between apartment buildings to the sidewalk. (Ignore the trail to the left just before the footbridge.
20. **RIGHT** on the sidewalk to the mail boxes then **LEFT** to exit the apartments to the street (Woods Road, but no street sign here.)
21. **LEFT** on the street to its end at Old Town Road (4 km)

The next section of this trail is a 2.6 km out-and-back. It has two sets of stairs, one very steep, and some hills. Trail surface ranges from unimproved dirt trail to paved greenway. If you do not wish to walk this section you may **turn LEFT here**, following the sidewalk as it bears left to continue as the Bethabara Park Greenway Trail and resume at walk direction #29
If you choose this option you may take credit for **7 km**.

22. Carefully **CROSS** Old Town Road to the “Bethabara Park Trail”
23. Follow “Bethabara Park Trail” as it makes its way down the **steep steps**, across a wooden footbridge and up hill, coming out near the end of a dead end street. (Edgebrook - no street sign)
24. **RIGHT** to the end of the street and continue on the trail as it winds around through an area with private homes to the left and an apartment complex to the right
25. At the top of the hill, follow the trail **RIGHT** past steps going toward the apartments then turns **LEFT** down the hill.
26. Continue on the trail down a set of steps then through a tunnel (under Silas Creek Parkway – no signs) and on until it comes to another “Bethabara Park Trail” sign and nearby a “Private Property” sign. **THIS IS THE TURNAROUND POINT.**
27. **TURN AROUND** and retrace this trail back to Carefully **CROSS** Old Town Road. (7 km)
28. **RIGHT** on the sidewalk following as it bears left to continue as the Bethabara Park Greenway Trail.
29. Follow the greenway – ignoring all side trails – to the entry to the 1754 Village Area (and the Wagon Road Walking Trail.)
30. **RIGHT** into the Village area, bearing **LEFT** past the front of the reconstructed original cabin and further **LEFT** to the “double” cabin
31. From the “dog trot style” (double) cabin bear **RIGHT** to the first

entry into the gardens. (NOTE: private individuals maintain the gardens for their own use so “Please don’t eat the daisies” nor pick the veggies and herbs.) (8.5 km)

32. Proceed straight through the gardens and immediately upon exiting **TURN RIGHT** along the outside of the garden fence until you pass by the end of the rail fence.
33. **LEFT** across the grass to the lower building site, the locksmith and gunsmith house then **LEFT** passing by the Millwright’s house site to the Tailor shop site.
34. At the Tailor Shop site turn **RIGHT** toward the corner of the palisade and the Congregation Store Addition site.
35. **LEFT** across the street (Bethabara Road) to the driveway passing by the parking areas and on to the railroad crossing.

CAUTION this is an active railroad. Please use due care when crossing

36. Immediately after crossing the railroad **TURN RIGHT** to enter the Colonial Arboretum trail.
37. Follow the trail through the arboretum (with sections on both sides of the paved driveway) returning to the railroad crossing.
38. Cross the railroad and **TURN RIGHT** inside the rail fence, proceeding counterclockwise around the picnic area and between the pavilion and the parking area.
39. Approaching the driveway **TURN RIGHT** across the entry to the graveled parking area to the tree marked with #3.
40. **LEFT** across the driveway and reenter the Visitor Center grounds to the finish point.