

TWO BRIDGES NOT TOO FAR

Do This Ride with
T.A. members and staff.
Meet Sunday, September 20th at
10 AM, Grand Army entrance to
Prospect Park. Bring/buy lunch.
Leisurely pace.
Rain cancels.

By Governor Clarence Eckerson, Jr

At forty miles, Joyride #26 is a derivation of the Brooklyn to Rockaway staple. You'll see the largest boro at its finest including the Midwood and Howard Beach areas which abound with exquisite homes and overhead tree canopies. And you'll use dedicated bike lanes, greenways, and low-traffic streets (including a few speed humps!) to get there.

The start is at the Grand Army Plaza entrance to Prospect Park which is easily accessible by a half-dozen subway lines including the Grand Army stop on the 2 and 3 trains.

START: Grand Army Plaza/Prospect Park.

- 0.8** R on Bedford Avenue Bike Lane. Some moderate traffic at the beginning.
- 6.9** L on Emmonds Avenue
- 7.5** Enter the Shore Parkway Greenway at Brigham Street
- 13.7** L over bridge to Pennsylvania Ave
- 14.6** R on Cozine
- 15.7** L on Crescent Avenue
- 16.0** R on Loring, ride through apparent dead end - road becomes 149th Ave on other side.
- 17.1** R on 84th Street
- 17.6** R on Shore Parkway then immediate L to go under expressway - 84th continues on other side.
- 18.5** L on 164th Avenue
- 19.0** R on Cross Bay Blvd. At Veterans Memorial Bridge cross to other side to use ped/bike path over bridge.
- 23.7** Upon descending bridge, circle left, go beneath overpasses, and make a R on Beach Channel Road.
- 25.0** L on 16th Street, then immediate R on Newport Avenue.
- 26.2** R on 140th Street
- 26.4** L on Beach Channel Road. A sidewalk/greenway will eventually run parallel. It's in bad shape, but rideable.
- 27.8** Go over Marine Parkway Bridge.
- 28.9** Cross to right side of road and take Greenway North.
- 30.0** Cross back and continue on Greenway.
- 32.0** L on Emmonds Ave
- 32.7** R on Bedford Ave
- 36.5** L on Foster
- 37.1** R on Marlborough
- 38.2** L on Caton Avenue
- 38.5** R on Stratford Avenue (doesn't look like a road, go between ball fields)
- 38.7** R into Prospect Park. Ride half lap to arrive back at start.