

JOYRIDE

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Queens Bike Lane Trek

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A relaxing spring afternoon ride to stretch those underused cycling muscles, this ride highlights the Queensboro Bridge battleground, most of the bike lanes in Queens, Flushing Meadows Park and the fabulous Vanderbilt Parkway greenway.

Starting at 2nd Avenue and 59th Street, cross the Queensboro Bridge on the South Outer Roadway (see page 13 for an update on QB bridge access)

Right on 23rd Street

Left on 45th Avenue

Cross Jackson Avenue (45th turns into Thompson)

Bear left onto Skillman

Road splits, **follow** 43rd Avenue

Left on 48th Street

Right on 39th Avenue

Left on Woodside Avenue

Right on 37th Avenue

Left on 60th Street

Cross Broadway

Right on 34th Avenue

Follow partially completed 34th Avenue bike lane

Right on 108th Street

Left on 70th Avenue

70th Avenue merges with Jewel Avenue, crosses through Flushing Meadows Park

(Optional) At the bottom of the hill there is an entrance to the park on the left side of the road. Cross over carefully,

then take a loop around Meadow Lake, home of the Dragon boats.

Go up hill, exercising caution when you cross the Van Wyck Expressway exits and entrances

Continue along Jewel Avenue bike lane

Right on 141st St

Left on 73rd Avenue

Cross Main Street, **follow** 73rd Avenue bike lane

Left onto Hollis Hills Terrace (After Clearview Expressway Overpass)

Left onto Vanderbilt Parkway greenway entrance (about 100 feet before bridge)

Follow greenway to the end (stop for water/bathrooms or a game of catch at Alley Pond Park)

To return, **reverse** directions to 48th Street

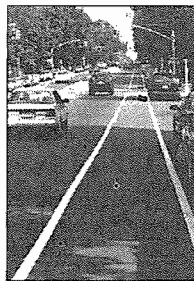
Right onto Skillman

Bear right onto Thompson

Right onto 21st Avenue

Right on Queens Plaza South (just before Queensboro Bridge underpass)

Bike path entrance is at 24th Street



34th Ave bike lane