

Rye 'Round The Rocks—Self Guided Tour Map and Legend

Map and Legend design by Library Director Andy Richmond and Alex Herlihy; President, Rye Historical Society

Start and Finish at the Rye Public Library parking lot [all distances in miles]

From start: **>R** on Old Parrish Rd to Washington Rd. [.1]

>L on Washington Rd. [.36]

Slight R. on Washington Rd. Cont. to Long John Rd. [.86]

Continue on Washington Rd. to site 4 [.82] then to junction w Rte. 1a [.1]

>R on Rte. 1a. Continue to Harbor Rd. [1.24] **>R** on Harbor Rd. to site 9 [.08]

Return to Rte. 1a and continue to Locke Rd. **>L** [.4]

Continue on Locke Rd. to junction with Old Beach Rd. [.2]

>R on Old Beach Rd. Continue to junction with Rte. 1a [.34]

>L on Rte. 1a and continue to Myrica Rd. [.23]

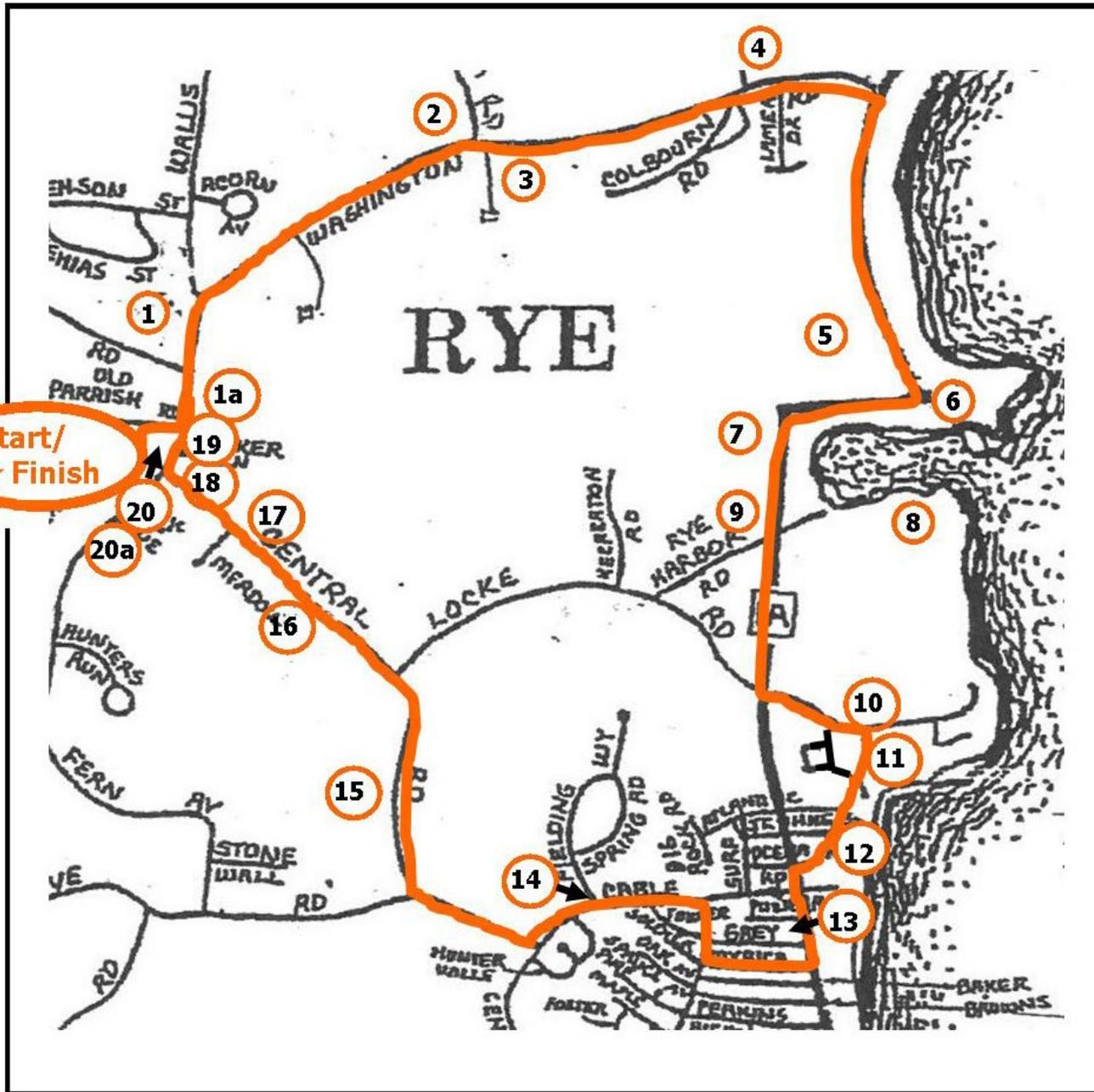
>R on Myrica Rd. and continue to junction with Big Rock Rd. [.22]

>R on Big Rock Rd. and continue to junction with Cable Rd. [.21]

>L on Cable Rd. and continue to junction with Central Rd. [.40]

>R on Central Rd and continue to junction with Washington Rd. [1.51]

>R on Washington Rd. and return to *Start/ Finish* **>L** on Old Parrish Rd.



Distance:
approx. 7
miles

Facilities
available
at
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during
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hours

See
historic
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Historic Points Legend—*Rye 'Round The Rocks*—Self Guided Tour Map

1 Rye consolidated school open 1934-3rd school on this site. **1a.** Parsons Field--50 acres saved in 1970's.

2 Home of Long John Marden (1700's Cape) Rye dairy farmer and cattle drover who used the "path" now bearing his name. "Long Johns" as a term for thermal underwear was not coined until the '40s, so no double entendre there...

3 The cape home in the hollow to your right was moved from the Isles of Shoals to its current site at the outbreak of the Revolutionary War.

4 Foss Graveyard. A founding family of Rye. Foss Beach appears below you from this point. (Look for a gap in the stone wall between new buildings)

5 Rays Seafood Restaurant est. 1945. Rye's last "Oceanside" dining.

6 Harbor jetties: Built in 1939 to protect Rye Harbor. The State Pier was established in 1962.

7 Restored salt marsh project. Conservation enacted in the 1990s to retain and preserve estuary land.

8 The "Battle" of Rye Harbor, 1814, started from the old cape home on the S. side of the harbor and drove off a British warship barge.

9 Goss Farm—saved from development by the Town of Rye Conservation Commission c. 2000.

10 A stone plaque marks the site where John Locke was killed by native tribes in 1690's in his private "war" with them.

11 The site of an original shed that housed the Eastern end of an early trans-Atlantic telegraph cable est. 1874. The Mansard style building was a later improvement. Off shore at this site is the "sunken forest" visible in favorable conditions only.

12 Site of the Pagoda Dance Hall (BYOB) 1919-1949. The Hotest spot in Rye!

13 Rye General Store—originally Carberry's Store in the 1920's, it became Herb Philbrick's Store in the late 50s

14 The current Rand Springs development was the site of a 2 week long N.H. National Guard camp each August between WWI and WWII. Artillery practice off Ragged Neck targeted dummy planes towed by very brave pilots!

15 The extent of Cable Road to Locke Road could easily be called Philbrick Road. The historic farm on this site is still active and has been since the 1600's.

16 Central Road, Rye. Established in 1729, this was the route of the trolley to Portsmouth 1899-1925.

17 Central Cemetery 1894. At least 60 families chose not to combine here and kept their private family plots all of which have been documented by the RHS.

18 The Rye Town Hall building has been used for town offices since 1873. It was originally a Methodist Church est. 1839

19 The Rye Congregational Church has stood as is since 1961. It is the fourth church on this site since an original construction in 1726.

20 The Rye Public Library est. 1911 as a gift to the Town of Rye by Mary Tuck Rand. Recently included on the NH Historic Register. **20a.** The building housing the Rye Town Museum was preserved and moved to this site during library renovations c. 1999.