

"RYE 'ROUND THE ROCKS" A SELF-GUIDED TOUR

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Approximately 7 miles

Facilities are available at the Library during open hours.

From the Front of the Library take a LEFT onto Washington Rd. (.36mi)

Go RIGHT to stay on Washington Rd. Continue on Washington Rd. Until Long John Rd. is on your left (.86mi)

FOLLOW Washington Rd, past site **4** (.82mi) to the junction with Route 1A (.1mi)

Turn RIGHT onto Route 1A and continue to Rye Harbor Rd. (1.24mi). Site **9** is located .08mi on Rye Harbor Rd.

Return to Route 1A and continue to Locke Rd. (.4mi) Take a LEFT.

Continue on Locke Rd to the junction with Old Beach Rd. (.2mi)

Take a RIGHT onto Old Beach Rd. Continue until the junction with Route 1A (.34mi).

Take a LEFT onto Route 1A and continue to Myrica Rd. (.23mi)

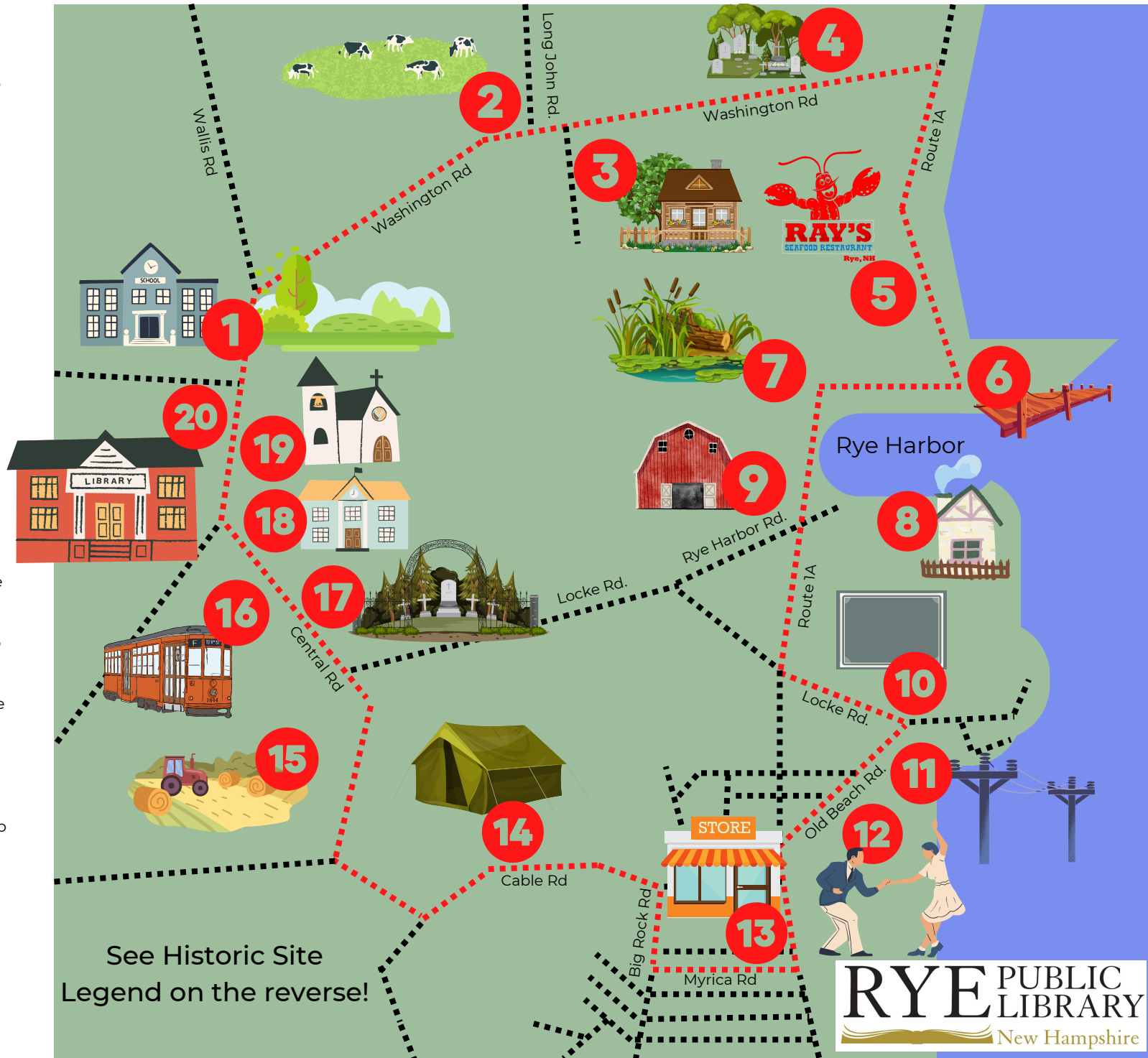
Take a RIGHT onto Myrica Rd. and continue to the junction with Big Rock Rd. (.22mi)

Take a RIGHT onto Big Rock Rd. And continue to junction with Cable Rd. (.21mi)

Take a LEFT onto Cable Rd. and continue to the junction with Central Rd. (.40mi)

Take a RIGHT onto Central Rd. and continue to the junction with Washington Rd. (1.51mi)

Take a RIGHT onto Washington Rd and return to the front of the Library.



- 1** Rye Consolidated School (Now Rye Jr. High) is the third school on this site and opened in 1934.
1A. Located across the street, Parson's field is 50 acres saved in the 1970's for the town's recreation.
- 2** Home of Long John Marden (a 1700's Cape). A 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 it's current site at the outbreak of the Revolutionary War.
- 4** Foss Graveyard. One of the founding families of Rye. Foss Beach appears below you from this point. (Look for a gap in the stone wall between new buildings.)
- 5** Ray's Seafood Restaurant, established in 1945. Rye's last "Oceanside" dining.
- 6** The harbor jetties were built in 1939 to protect Rye Harbor. The State Pier was established in 1962.
- 7** Restored salt marsh project. Conservation was enacted in the 1990's to retain and preserve estuary land. Salt marshes are important bastions of wildlife diversity, prevent erosion, and help protect from coastal flooding.
- 8** The "Battle" of Rye Harbor, in 1814, started from the old cape home on the south side of the harbor and drove off a British warship barge.
- 9** Goss Farm. Saved from development by the Town of Rye Conservation Commission in 2000.
- 10** A stone plaque marks the site where John Locke was killed by native tribes in the 1690's in his private "war" with them.

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- 11** The site of the original shed that housed the Eastern end of an early trans-Atlantic telegraph cable established in 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) from 1919-1949. The hottest spot in Rye!
- 13** Rye General Store. Originally Carberry's Store in the 1920s, it became Herb Philbrick's Store in the late 1950s.
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!
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- 15** The extent of Cable Road to Locke Road could easily have been called Philbrick Road. The historic farm on this site is still active and has been since the 1600s.
- 16** Central Road, Rye. Established in 1729, this was the route of the trolley to Portsmouth from 1899 - 1925.
- 17** Central Cemetery. Founded in 1894. At least 60 families chose NOT to combine here and kept their private family plots all of which have been documented by the Rye Historical Society.
- 18** The Rye Town Hall building has been used for town offices since 1873. It was originally a Methodist Church established in 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 was established in 1911 as a gift to the Town of Rye by Mary Tuck Rand. It was first listed in the NH Historic Register in 2015.
20A The building housing the Rye Town Museum was preserved and moved to this site during library renovations in 1999.

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