

■ BRANDON PARKS WALK

Description: Approximately 1.5-mile loop through the downtown on sidewalks to the five parks. **Seminary Hill Park** is a great spot to stop for a picnic lunch, with a playground, picnic tables, and shade trees.

Route: Park at the Stephen Douglas House and walk toward town to **Crescent Park**. *(.1 mile)*

Use the crosswalk to cross Rt. 7 and walk to the Town Hall. *(.2 mile)*

Turn left at the Town Hall and continue up the hill to **Seminary Hill Park**. *(.1 mile)*

Return back down the hill passing the old Brandon High School on your left.

Turn left on Center St. and continue past the shops to **Kennedy Park**. Here you will see a beautiful view of the upper falls and the Brandon mill-working buildings, established in 1918. *(.1 mile)*

Return to Center St. and continue left up the street to **Central Park** where you can view the Civil War memorial. *(.1 mile)*

At the north end of the park, cross to the other side of Rt. 7 to the historic Congregational Church and back toward the Stephen Douglas House. Pass the cemetery and continue to **Green Park**, where you can see the lower falls. *(.1 mile)*
Continue across the bridge and back to the Stephen Douglas House. *(.3 mile)*

■ MT. PLEASANT WALK

Description: Approximately 2.5-mile uphill loop on sidewalks and residential streets with scenic views of the Green and Taconic Mountains.

Route: Park at the Stephen Douglas House and walk toward town to Crescent Park. *(.1 mile)*

Use the crosswalk to cross Rt. 7 and walk toward the Town Hall. *(.2 mile)*

Turn left at the Town Hall and continue up Seminary St. *(.1 mile)*

Keep right at the old Brandon High School to River St. *(.1 mile)*

Turn left at the bend to continue uphill on E. Prospect St. *(.1 mile)*

Turn left on Case St., then right on Dyer St., looping around on Highland Ave. You will see the Green Mountains to your right and the top of a Victorian house called “The Birdcage.” Ask a local how it got there! *(.1 mile)*

Turn right on Walnut St. and follow it to Prospect St. *(.3 mile)*

Turn right on Prospect St. and then left on Mt. Pleasant Dr., looping clockwise onto Sunset Dr. (dirt road). *(.6 mile)*

Turn left onto N. Conant Dr. (paved) and walk back down the hill, then turn left on Mt. Pleasant Dr. *(.1 mile)*

Turn right onto Prospect St. and continue down the hill. *(.5 mile)*

At the Episcopal Church at the bottom of the hill, turn right to return to the Stephen Douglas House. *(.1 mile)*

■ COMPASS CENTER/HOLLOW ROAD LOOP

Description: Approximately 4.5 miles along scenic paved and dirt roads with a short stretch on Route 7. Park at the Compass Center at Park Village, 2 miles north of the Stephen Douglas House. To get there, drive north on Route 7, turn left on Arnold District Rd, and then left on Mulcahy Dr. Follow the signs for Compass Center.

Route: Walk starts by returning along Jones Dr. to Mulcahy Dr. *(.1 mile)*

Turn left on Mulcahy Dr. back to New Rd. *(.2 mile)*

Next, turn left on New Rd. (looks like a driveway) to Arnold District Rd. *(.5 mile)*

Take a left on Arnold District Rd. to Hollow Rd. *(.7 mile)*

Turn left on Hollow Rd. to Steinberg Rd., a dirt road marked by a road sign saying “Road not maintained past this point during winter months.” Look for a herd of yaks in a pasture down the road on your left! *(1.5 miles)*

Left on Steinberg Rd. to Rt. 7 *(.8 mile)*

Turn left on Rt. 7 to Estabrook Field. *(.4 mile)*

Continue straight on closed off road beside Estabrook Field north toward McKernon Building (red barn) and immediately turn left on Jones Dr. *(.1 mile)*

Walk along Jones Dr. to Compass Center. Before leaving, be sure to check out the art and music at the Compass Center! *(.3 mile)*



■ RICHMOND ROAD WALK

Description: Approximately 6.5 miles along paved and dirt roads that pass farms, woods, and wetlands with frogs and birds, as well as emus at the Neshobe Farm.

Route: Park in the lot between the Brandon Inn and Central Park.

Walk up Park St. away from downtown and continue straight on Park St.

Extension to Country Club Rd. *(1 mile)*

Turn left on Country Club Rd. to the intersection with Rt. 73 at the Neshobe Golf Course. *(.5 mile)*

Cross Rt. 73 onto Town Farm Rd. to Richmond Rd. *(1.6 miles)*

Turn left on Richmond Rd. to Wheeler Rd. *(1.2 miles)*

Turn left onto Wheeler Rd. and continue straight to the intersection of Rt. 73 (Marble St.), then stay to the right to Park St. *(1.7 miles)*

Turn right onto Park St. and continue to Central Park. *(.4 mile)*

■ FERSON ROAD WALK

Description: Approximately 9.6 miles along scenic paved and dirt roads.

Route: Same directions as Richmond Road Walk, but continue past Richmond Rd. on Town Farm Rd. for another 1.6 miles.

Turn left on Ferson Rd. to Wheeler Rd. *(.5 miles)*

Turn left onto Wheeler Rd. and return 1.1 miles back to Richmond Rd.

Continue past Richmond Rd. to head back into town. *(2.1 miles)*

■ IRON FURNACE LOOP

Description: Approximately 7 miles along paved roads and a short trail to the 19th century iron furnace in Forestdale.

Route: Park in the lot between the Brandon Inn and Central Park.

Walk up Park St. away from downtown and continue straight on Park St.

Extension to Country Club Rd. *(1 mile)*

Turn left on Country Club Rd. to the intersection with Rt. 73 at the Neshobe Golf Course. *(.5 mile)*

Cross Rt. 73 onto Town Farm Rd. to Newton Rd. *(1.1 miles)*

Turn right on Newton Rd. to Rt. 53 (Forest Dale Post Office is diagonally left). *(.7 mile)*

Cross Rt. 53 and turn right on Furnace Rd. (at Post Office) to Forest Dale Ironworks. *(.3 mile)*

Follow the path beside the leftmost trail marker for a very short woods walk to a clearing with the iron furnace.

Return via the same route, or turn left on Furnace Rd. when coming off the path, and loop uphill to Middle Rd. and back to Route 53 at Newton Rd. (same distance)

■ SANDERSON COVERED BRIDGE/BARN OPERA LOOP

Description: Approximately 7.7 miles along paved and dirt roads, passing through an historic covered bridge and past the Barn Opera.

Route: Park at the Stephen Douglas House and begin walking toward town to Crescent Park.

Take the second right onto Pearl St. and continue to Barn Opera. *(1.2 miles)*

Continue past the Barn Opera house to Short Swamp Rd. *(.4 miles)*

Turn left on Short Swamp Rd. to Marshall Phillips Rd. *(1 mile)*

Turn left on Hacksaw Rd. to High Pond Rd. *(.6 miles)*

Turn left on High Pond Rd. to Union St. *(1.3 miles)*

Turn left on Union St. to Maple St. *(2.5 miles)*

Turn left on Maple St. to Pearl St. *(.4 miles)*

Turn right on Pearl St. to return the Stephen Douglas House. *(.3 miles)*