

Water Walk Frequently Asked Questions

When should I arrive?

We encourage participants to arrive at least **30 minutes before the event start time** to allow plenty of time for parking, check-in, and gathering with fellow walkers. **Light breakfast refreshments are available at 9 AM. The symbolic walk will officially start at 10AM**

Where do I check in?

Check-in will be located at the event registration area to the right of the Eli Whitney Museum building. Look for Water Walk signage and volunteers in yellow shirts who will be available to assist you upon arrival. **Shirts are available at the check-in table.**

Is parking available?

Yes. Designated event parking will be available near the event site. Please follow event signage and parking attendants upon arrival. We encourage carpooling when possible. Sponsors will be directed to park in the Preferred Parking area at Eli Whitney Museum. Event attendee parking is located along Whitney Avenue, Armory St, and across from the museum in the Regional Water Authority recreation area parking across the street. **Note: ADA parking is available, please ask the attendant on arrival for assistance.**

What is the walk route?

The walk route will be clearly marked and led by Walk Group Leaders. A walk route map is available to view at the registration check-in table and attached. The event map and will also be posted at check-in.

How long is the walk?

The route is approximately 2 miles and designed to be accessible for participants of a variety of ages and abilities. Most participants can expect to complete the walk in approximately less than an hour.

What should I wear?

We recommend:

- Comfortable walking shoes
- Weather-appropriate clothing
- A hat and sunscreen if sunny
- A rain jacket if rain is in the forecast – **Rain or shine event, the forecast looks great!**

Should I bring water?

Yes. Bringing a reusable water bottle is encouraged. A water station and refill opportunities are available throughout the event.

Is the event family-friendly?

Absolutely! Participants of all ages are welcome. Families, children, community groups, and individuals are encouraged to join us. Craft activities and games are available for youth in and around the museum. "Pumpkin fishing" and painting, build-a-boat and other crafts kids can make and take home, along with outdoor water table activities. Age verification at Check-in is required to receive a 21+ wristband for beer garden access.

Can I bring a stroller or wagon?

Yes. Strollers and wagons are welcome at the event, however some wooded trail terrain along the walk route may be challenging.

What happens if it rains?

The event will proceed rain or shine unless severe weather creates unsafe conditions. Any schedule changes will be communicated via email, social media and posted to burtprocess.com/water-walk. **There is no rain date. The museum is open during rain conditions and outdoor tents are available for cover.**

Are pets allowed?

Well-behaved, leashed pets are welcome unless otherwise noted by venue regulations. Please remember to clean up after your pet. Pets are not permitted inside buildings or the museum.

Are restrooms available?

Yes. Restroom facilities are available in the museum.

Will food and refreshments be available?

Light morning food and refreshments provided by **Whitney Donut** and **Stop & Shop** will be available for participants. Additional food options include local food trucks, ice cream, and the beer garden. La Cucina de Sandra, Wright Way Burgers & BBQ, Longobardi's Pizza, Moovin' Scoops Ice Cream

How can I support the mission beyond the walk?

You can continue making an impact by donating, volunteering, sharing the event to invite friends to join us, and following our organization on social media to stay involved year-round.

Can I register on the day of the event? What if I am not already registered?

Yes of course! Participants are welcome to register at the event check-in table to the right of the Eli Whitney Museum building.

How will the beer garden work?

Event specific cups are available for purchase at the check-in table (with age verification) for \$20 cash or card to gain access to the beer garden. **All beer in the beer garden is free of charge using the event cup. Please keep alcoholic beverages in the designated areas and enjoy responsibly!**

Thank You to Our Sponsors

This event would not be possible without the generous support of our sponsors and community partners. We encourage participants to visit sponsors at the event and online and learn more about the organizations helping make the Water Walk possible.

We look forward to walking with you and raising awareness for global water access together. If you have additional questions, please reply to this email and a member of our team will be happy to assist you.

See you at the Water Walk!

The Burt Water Walk Committee







EVENT PARKING MAP

Eli Whitney Museum & Workshop
915 Whitney Ave, Hamden, CT 06517
October 10th 9 AM - 1 PM

PARKING LEGEND

- P** **Primary Event Parking**
Water Authority Recreational Area
(across from Eli Whitney Museum)
- P** **Additional Parking**
Whitney Ave, Armory St &
Whitney Ave (Cliff St. to
East Rock Park Rd intersection)
(street parking)
- P** **Overflow Parking**
Edgehill Rd & Cliff St
(west of Whitney Ave)
(street parking)
- Walk to Event**
Follow signs to
Eli Whitney Museum
- Event Location**
Eli Whitney Museum & Workshop



FOLLOW SIGNS TO EVENT CHECK-IN

Please respect residential driveways and posted parking restrictions.



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WATER WALK ROUTE MAP

EAST ROCK PARK, NEW HAVEN



Explore the Mill River and historic sites on this scenic route.



Approx. 2 Miles
Easy • Mostly flat

ROUTE DIRECTIONS



START & FINISH

Eli Whitney Museum & Workshop
915 Whitney Ave, Hamden, CT

- Begin at Eli Whitney Museum & Workshop.
- Follow the Water Walk Route south along the Mill River.
- Continue on East Rock Park Road beside the river.
- Turn onto Livingston St. Trail.
- Stay on Livingston St. Trail, keeping left at the fork.
- Continue south on Livingston St. Trail.
- Turn left toward Orange Street.
- Proceed to the bridge crossing.
- Cross the Mill River bridge.
- Continue north along the east side of the river via Farnam Drive.
- Follow the riverside route back toward Eli Whitney Museum.

Bucket Filling Station

• Cross the Mill River bridge.

• Continue north along the east side of the river via Farnam Drive.

• Follow the riverside route back toward Eli Whitney Museum.

Water Return

FINISH
Eli Whitney Museum & Workshop

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LEGEND

- Water Walk Route
- Regional Water Tour Option
- Start
- Bucket Filling Station
- Finish
- Water Return



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