

## **Bust the Banks Half Marathon Re-Routed Course Description**

Start in the Belle Isle parking lot and turn onto Tredegar Street heading east. Make a right turn onto Brown's Island and stay on the path on the river side of the island. Go in front of the band stage and make a right to continue on the path down the canal walk. At the end of the canal walk go straight through the large opening of floodwall. This is 12<sup>th</sup> Street. Stay to the right side of the road. As the road turns left it turns into Virginia Street and you cross the canal. Make a right turn onto the sidewalk and follow the sidewalk to the handicap ramp down to the turning basin of the canal. Do a u-turn at the bottom of the ramp and continue east on the canal walk. Stay next to the canal and eventually go through the openings in the floodwall and go onto the Virginia Capital Trail. Follow the Virginia Capital Trail until just before 26<sup>th</sup> street. Turn around and go back the way you came. After going back through the floodwall go left the way you came. But, at the fork in the trail, stay to the right and go over the footbridge to the south side of the canal. Take the handicap ramp to the canal walk. Turn right under the bridge you just crossed and take an immediate right up the maintenance access ramp. Go 20 yards and make a right turn toward 14<sup>th</sup> street on the paved road. Make a left turn when you get to 14<sup>th</sup> Street and stay on the sidewalk—you will be on the east side of the 14<sup>th</sup> Street bridge.

After crossing to the south side of the river make a left turn and go through a parking lot next to the Southern States grain silos and lots of street art including the witch on the corner of a building. Follow the gravel road as it loops around and under railroad tracks. You will come to Branders Road and make a left turn and go under I-95. Stay on the left side of Branders Road until you make a left into Anacarrow's Landing. Stay left and follow a gravel path next to the river that eventually leads to the slave trail. Follow this trail back to the Branders Road under I-95. Make a right turn up the steep gravel road on the right that goes up the hill to the top of the floodwall. Follow this trail back to 14<sup>th</sup> Street. Make a right on 14<sup>th</sup> Street (now on the west side) and then right onto the floodwall paved trail just after the driveway.

At the end of the floodwall go to the right up the new switch back paved trail to the bridge back over the railroad tracks. Go over the bridge and make a right turn on the sidewalk and come out on the Railroad Avenue behind SunTrust. Continue straight on this road until it joins the on ramp for the Lee Bridge. Turn right going against traffic and stay on the shoulder. Make a right onto a trail just before the Riverside Drive exit ramp. Go under the Lee Bridge and make a left when the trail gets near the grassy area and come out next to Riverside Drive. Make a right and go on the sidewalk to the 22<sup>nd</sup> Street Stairs. Go down the stairs. Make a left and u-turn onto the gravel road heading west to the Visitors Center. Just past the visitors Center make a left to the Reedy Creek Parking lot. Make a left after crossing over Riverside Drive and an immediate right onto the gravel road leading into Forest Hill Park. Stay on the gravel road until the paved trail at the lake. Make a right turn and

go around the lake and then make the next right turn on the paved road heading up the long hill. At the top of the hill make a left turn on a paved road. Make a left at the next paved road and the next left turn (it says do not enter) will lead you towards the maintenance area. Make a right on the paved road by the maintenance shed just past the tennis courts. Continue on the paved road until you are by Forest Hill Avenue. Make a left on what is the normal dirt trail. Take the next left on the dirt trail that goes by some old bricks and paving stones. Make a right turn down a dirt trail that turns into a cobble stone trail. At the bottom of the cobblestone path make a right on the paved road. Follow the paved road up to by Forest Hill Avenue just before where you turned off earlier. Make a left across the grass to the Sidewalk next to Forest Hill Avenue. Go left and stay on the sidewalk. Just after Patrick Henry school make a left turn on w. 34<sup>th</sup> Street. Stay straight past the school onto a trail by a little ball field and stay straight onto the road behind it (w. 34<sup>th</sup> street continued). About 100 yards ahead make a left turn down a cobble stone staircase. Stay on the cobble stone trail and make a right turn on the paved road at the bottom of the stone steps.

Stay on the paved road around the lake and go back on the gravel road to where you first came into Forest Hill Park. Cross back over Riverside Drive, through the Reedy Creek Parking lot and make a right back on the gravel road. Stay on the gravel road to the 22<sup>nd</sup> street stairs and stay right along the fence line to the Emergency Access Bridge. Go over the bridge. At the split in the gravel road go left and proceed around the base of Belle Isle. At the split in the road go right passed the visitors center. Make a left toward the bike skills course. Go left on the trail under the Lee Bridge past the construction site. Go onto the footbridge under the Lee Bridge. Make a hard left turn off the bridge and go along Tredegar Street to a left into the Belle Isle Parking lot to the finish.