

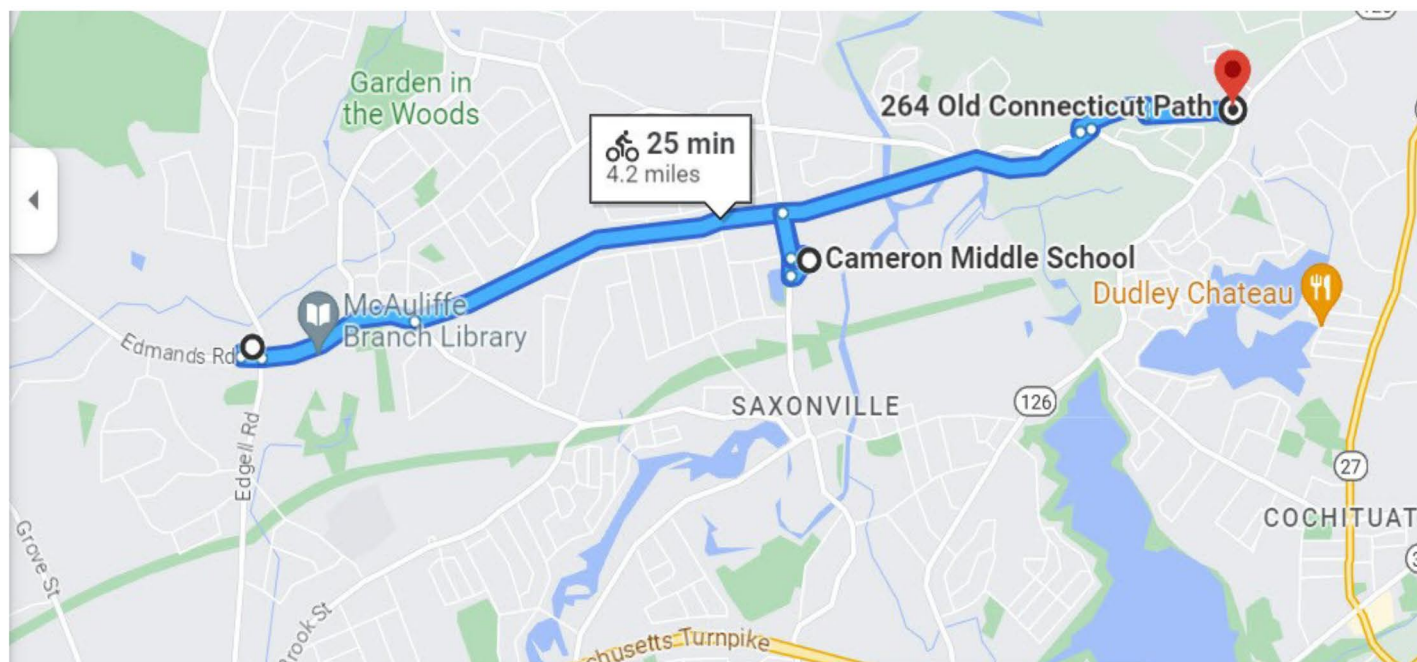
TOUR 1 The Weston Aqueduct Trail.

A Biking tour led by George Eckert of Natick.

SHORT TOUR LAYOUT. Start location: Cameron Middle School, 215 Elm St, Framingham, MA 01701. Total time: 2 hours ± 4 miles ± . Hybrid bike is fine.

Between 1901 and 1903, the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board constructed the Weston aqueduct, 13.5 miles long from Sudbury Reservoir in Southborough to the Town of Weston including Weston Reservoir. including Weston Reservoir. The aqueduct is a brick and mortar horseshoe shaped conduit.

Although the aqueduct corridors have been informally used as trails for many years, official MWRA policy did not historically allow public access on their property except in limited locations. In 2013, under the leadership of EOEEA Secretary Richard Sullivan, new MWRA policy on access changed all of this. (This narrative is a snippet from a longer report by David Loutzenheiser of MAPC about the network of aqueduct trails in eastern Massachusetts for a conference at UMass Amherst. The report in its entirety can be seen here. <https://tinyurl.com/Weston-Aqueduct>)



Tour leader bio.

George and his family live in Natick adjacent to former Saxonville Branch--now the Cochituate Rail Trail. He's been a longtime advocate and volunteer on several Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committees. He and his wife Gretchen have travelled the country extensively, biking on many of the most iconic rail trails and canal trails around the U.S. He is also a Norwottuck Network Board member.



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