

<u>AT</u>	<u>GO ON</u>	<u>FOR</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
0	↑ Finance Way toward Francis St N	0.0	0.0
0.0	↑ Straight under Providence Place Mall	0.1	0.1
0.1	↑ Straight onto Promenade St Bike Lane (A)	0.6	0.7
0.7	← Left onto Acorn St Bike Lane	0.0	0.7
0.7	→ Right onto Kinsley Ave Bike Lane	0.4	1.1
1.1	↑ Straight onto Bike Path/Eagle Square	0.2	1.3
1.3	↑ Straight onto Tuxedo Ave	0.1	1.4
1.4	→ Right onto Amherst St	0.0	1.4
1.4	← Left onto Valley St	0.3	1.7
1.7	→ Right onto Delaine St	0.3	2.0
2.0	→ Right onto Manton Ave (B)	0.1	2.1
2.1	← Left onto Aleppo St	0.1	2.3
2.3	← Left onto Woonasquatucket Greenway (C)	0.4	2.7
2.7	→ Right onto Sheridan St	0.1	2.8
2.8	← Left onto Manton Ave	0.5	3.2
3.2	← Left onto Woonasquatucket Greenway	1.4	4.8
4.8	↑ Straight onto Lyman Ave	0.2	5.0
5.0	→ Right onto Greenville Ave	0.0	5.0

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Woono River Ride 2012 27 Mile

<u>AT</u>	<u>GO ON</u>	<u>FOR</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
5.0	← Immediate Left to Stay on Greenville Ave	3.1	8.1
8.1	← Left to Stay on Greenville Ave	0.4	8.5
8.5	← Left onto Winsor Ave (D)	1.4	9.9
9.9	→ Right onto Orchard Ave	0.9	10.8
10.8	→ Right onto Smith Ave	0.6	11.4
11.4	← Left onto Putnam Pike (Route 44)	0.1	11.5
11.1	→ Right onto Austin Ave	0.2	11.7
11.7	→ Right onto River St W	0.1	11.8
11.8	↑ Continue Candlewood Dr	0.2	12.0
12.0	→ Right onto Lisa Ann Circle	0.6	12.6
12.6	→ Right onto Black Hawk Trail	0.1	12.7
12.7	→ Right onto Wampum Trail	0.1	12.8
12.8	↑ Continue onto Indian Run Trail	0.4	13.2
13.2	← Left onto Pleasant View Ave	1.1	14.3
14.3	→ Right onto Waterview Dr	0.1	14.4
14.4	→ <i>Rest Stop 1: Smithfield Conservation Center</i> (E)		

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14.4	← Left onto Waterview Dr	0.1	14.5
14.5	→ Right onto Pleasant View Ave	0.4	14.9
14.9	→ Right onto Farnum Pike/RI-104	0.1	15.0
15.0	← Left onto Capron Rd	0.9	15.9
15.9	→ Right onto Stillwater Rd (G)	0.7	16.5
16.5	→ Right to stay on Stillwater Rd	0.7	17.2
17.2	→ Right onto Whipple Ave	0.1	17.3
17.3	→ Right onto Higgins St	0.1	17.4
17.4	← <i>Rest Stop 2: Georgiaville Pond</i> (H)		
17.4	← Left onto Higgins St	0.1	17.5
17.5	← Left onto Whipple Ave	0.1	17.6
17.6	→ Right onto Fenwood Ave	0.1	17.7
17.7	← Left onto Whipple Rd	0.5	18.2
18.2	→ Right onto Ridge Rd	1.5	19.7
19.7	↑ Becomes Smithfield Rd	1.1	20.8
20.8	↑ Straight for Fruit Hill Ave	0.0	20.8
20.8	→ Slight Right to stay on Fruit Hill Ave	0.6	21.4
21.4	← Left onto Smith Street	0.0	21.4

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Medical Emergency: call 911

<u>AT</u>	<u>GO ON</u>	<u>FOR</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
21.4	→ Immediate Right onto Fruit Hill Ave	1.2	22.6
22.6	→ Right onto Westcott Ave	0.2	22.8
22.8	→ Right onto Manton Ave	0.1	22.9
22.9	← Left onto Woonasquatucket Greenway	0.8	23.7
23.7	→ Right onto Manton Ave	0.5	24.2
24.2	→ Right onto Sheridan St	0.1	24.3
24.3	← Left onto Woonasquatucket Greenway	0.4	24.7
24.7	→ Right onto Aleppo St	0.1	24.8
24.8	→ Right onto Manton Ave	0.1	24.9
24.9	← Left onto Valley St	0.3	25.2
25.2	→ Right onto Amherst St	0.0	25.2
25.2	← Left onto Tuxedo Ave	0.1	25.3
25.3	↑ Straight onto Bike Path/Eagle Square	0.2	25.5
25.5	↑ Straight onto Kinsley Ave Bike Lane	1.0	26.5
26.5	→ Right under Providence Place	0.1	26.6
26.7	↑ Straight onto Finance Way	0.1	26.7
26.7	<i>Finish!</i>		

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Ride Support/SAG: 401-523-5321

Trivia Questions:

How many times does the route cross the Woonasquatucket River?

What does Woonasquatucket mean?

From which road can you see a small waterfall?

Points of Interest:

A. *Brown and Sharpe* - Just up river from the Providence Place Mall off Promenade Street is a large red brick manufacturing complex which was the home of Brown and Sharpe Manufacturing, the company that built the tools that made tools and machinery of industry. Built in 1872, the site was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2003. Along this portion of the Woonasquatucket, walls of stone that serve to restrict and channel the water bound the river. This provided some flood protection for the adjacent properties (at least in the late 1800's/early 1900's before the up-stream wetland areas were developed).

B. *Atlantic Mills and Riverside Park* - The Atlantic Mills complex was once the largest worsted mill in Providence, with over 2000 employees. Portions of the complex are still in use today as a space for retail, manufacturing, and studios – including a Saturday Flea Market. **C.** The entrance to the off-road bike path is at the site of the old Riverside Mills complex, now Riverside Mills Park. In 1989, after a fire burned much of the 11 building complex to the ground, the WRWC levied millions to remediate the site from a Brownfield to a Greenfield.

D. *Slack Reservoir* - Slack Reservoir is also a manmade pond, which was completed in 1885. It produces a maximum drainage of 100 feet per second and receives the rainfall from the smaller southwesterly portion of the watershed.

E. *Stillwater Reservoir* – The largest water body in the watershed, Stillwater Reservoir is also known as Woonasquatucket Reservoir and locally known as Stump Pond. It is among the newest man-made reservoirs in the watershed, having been completed in 1910. It was built by a coalition of mill owners to store water that could be released in the drier summer months to allow the mills down river to run year-round. The local name “stump pond” comes from the stumps of dead trees that stood for many decades in the pond after it was built, because the trees in the area that was flooded by the dam were not cut down before the dam was built. The reservoir is now popular with fisherman, canoeists and kayakers.

F. *Primrose Village & Pond* - The Village of Primrose began as an isolated settlement with wetlands to the east and northwest with a stream draining the wet areas. The early settlers built an impoundment/dam and saw mill. The village was without a name until 1873 when the Providence and Springfield Railroad built a station at the Greenville Road, which they named Primrose. Primrose represents the most northern headwaters of the Woonasquatucket watershed, at 300 feet above sea level.

G. *Smith-Appleby House* - Elisha Smith built the original part of this house. He was a grandson of one of Rhode Island's co-founders, John Smith, "The Miller," who had built and operated the original mill in Providence for Roger Williams. As the early settlers moved out of the original colony, they followed the existing Native American trading trails, which were located along the river. Elisha's house was a small stone-ender consisting of one room and was built prior to 1730. The original farm grounds contained mills and a blacksmith shop and used the water power to saw lumber and grind grain. The Smith-Appleby House is a great example of what life in the pre-industrial era along the Woonasquatucket may have been like - the Museum is open for tours during scheduled events, or tours may be arranged on request.

H. *Georgiaville Mill/dam and pond, Smithfield*- As early as 1772 an iron forge and furnace was built near the village and in 1813 a small cotton mill was constructed. The "new" dam was finished in 1882 with a head of 35 feet and with a maximum discharge of 3,773 cf/s. It was in the 1800's that significant dam construction took place on the Woonasquatucket. Many of the ponds and reservoirs found in the northern part of the state were built to provide waterpower for the industrial activity, and around these sites new communities were formed.

I. *Hanton City* - The history of this village is speculative. It consist of several stone foundations, a burial site, a defunct dam apparently used for irrigation, and a dilapidated scattering of stone walls, typifying it as a standard small New England farming community. Some believe that the village was founded by a small band of runaway slaves or that colonists who remained loyal to the king of England during the American Revolution settled it. It is uncertain whether these Loyalists were forced to live in exile, or if this was a free black community, but it is a colonial era "ghost town". These upland wooded areas surrounding the Woonasquatucket are valuable ecologically, and are at risk of being lost to development.