

Ride at your own pace!

Explore the Shore Parks, Coney Island and Much More!

Bike Safe!

Wear your helmet and comfortable clothing. Don't forget water and sunscreen. This bike tour follows a multi-use path; please yield to others and keep your speed under 10mph. Bicycles must remain on the paved trail. Obey all laws and enjoy!

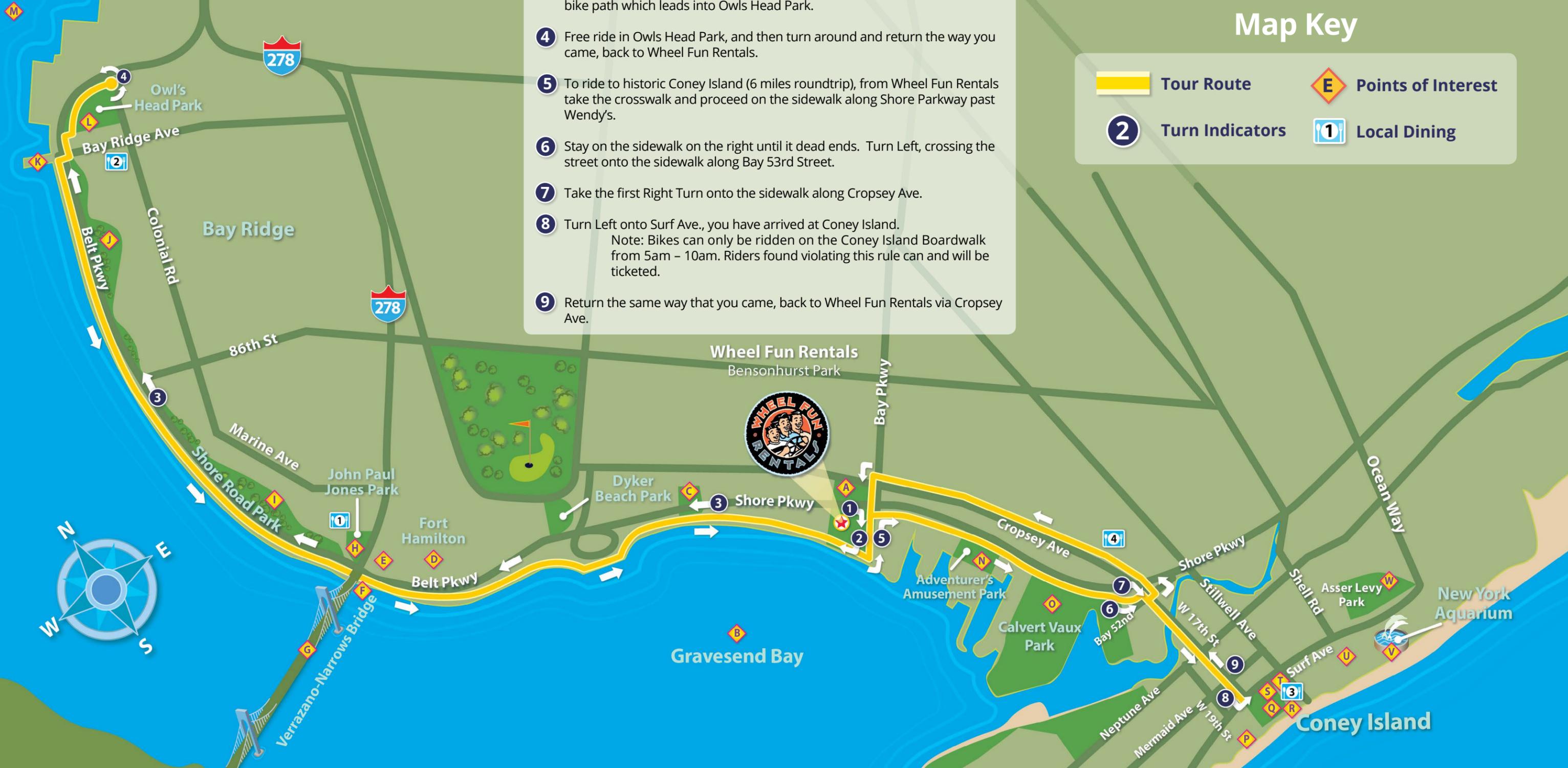
Turn-by-Turn Directions

- 1 Exit Wheel Fun Rentals and head toward the water.
- 2 Turn Right onto the waterfront pathway.
- 3 Continue on the pathway Under the Verrazano Narrows Bridge to American Veterans Memorial Pier & turn Right under the Belt Pkwy bridge onto Bay Ridge Ave. After passing under the bridge, take an immediate left onto the bike path which leads into Owl's Head Park.
- 4 Free ride in Owl's Head Park, and then turn around and return the way you came, back to Wheel Fun Rentals.
- 5 To ride to historic Coney Island (6 miles roundtrip), from Wheel Fun Rentals take the crosswalk and proceed on the sidewalk along Shore Parkway past Wendy's.
- 6 Stay on the sidewalk on the right until it dead ends. Turn Left, crossing the street onto the sidewalk along Bay 53rd Street.
- 7 Take the first Right Turn onto the sidewalk along Cropsey Ave.
- 8 Turn Left onto Surf Ave., you have arrived at Coney Island.
Note: Bikes can only be ridden on the Coney Island Boardwalk from 5am - 10am. Riders found violating this rule can and will be ticketed.
- 9 Return the same way that you came, back to Wheel Fun Rentals via Cropsey Ave.

Roundtrip distance to Owl's Head Park is 10 miles. Feel free to turn around at any point on this part of the ride. Please be mindful of pedestrians and other cyclists on the pathway.

Map Key

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|  Tour Route |  Points of Interest |
|  Turn Indicators |  Local Dining |



A POINTS OF INTEREST

(see map for location)

- A. Bensonhurst Park** 17.5 acres of open space and a variety of amenities like basketball courts, tennis courts, picnic areas, and more are all located within this community park.
- B. Gravesend Bay** Founded by a woman, Lady Deborah Moody, in 1645, Gravesend was one of the six original towns of colonial New York
- C. Bath Beach Park** Locals flock to this park on hot days to frolic and splash in spray showers to beat the heat.
- D. Fort Hamilton** Opening in 1831, this historic building is now home to numerous military support organizations and provides reinforcements to many Army Reserve and New York Army National Guard units.
- E. Harbor Defense Museum** Located within Fort Hamilton, the Harbor Defense Museum's exhibits detail the history of New York City's waterfront defenses. Artifacts span from the Revolutionary War to WWII.
- F. Denyse Wharf** Named after an early settler, this area and surrounding beach was invaded by the British during the Revolutionary War in 1776.
- G. Verrazano-Narrows Bridge** Originally planned as a tunnel, discussion for crossing the Narrows began in 1888. After a bridge was proposed and the design nixed, they went back to the tunnel idea, and began digging. The abandoned tunnels, which only went 150 feet but still remain, were nicknamed "Hylan's Holes" after then-Mayor John F. Hylan, who championed the failed project. (Note: There are no signs of tunnels on the Staten Island side). The project went back and forth between tunnel/bridge until talk about a bridge, under the recommendation of Robert Moses, became serious in 1946. The length of its central span, which made it the longest suspension bridge in the world when it opened, is 4,260 feet. It lost that title in 1981 and is currently the eleventh longest suspension bridge in the world, and still holds the title of the longest suspension bridge in the United States. The roadway of the bridge is 12 feet lower in the summer than in the winter because of thermal expansion.
- H. John Paul Jones Park/Dover Patrol Monument** Named after the Revolutionary War Commander, John Paul Jones Park is home to the Dover Patrol Naval War Memorial. This obelisk dedicates the Dover Patrol for its service during World War I.
- I. Shore Roads Parks Conservancy** This large park with a variety of amenities is the perfect spot to stop and see postcard-ready views of the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge, Statue of Liberty, Coney Island and more.
- J. Narrows Botanical Gardens** Run solely by volunteers for over 20 years, the Narrows Botanical Gardens features a Zen Garden, Lily Pond, Native Plant Sanctuary, and more.
- K. American Veterans Memorial Pier** A favorite with fishermen, the American Veterans Memorial Pier is not only a popular spot for fishing, but for great views of Manhattan and Verrazano-Narrows Bridge.
- L. Owls Head Park** There's something for everyone at Owl's Head Park. Sledding, picnic spots, sporting fields, and dog friendly areas can all be found in this Brooklyn park.
- M. Upper Bay** Often referred to as New York Harbor, Upper Bay is surrounded by Manhattan, Staten Island, Brooklyn, and parts of New Jersey. It's the home to a thriving population of marine life, notably bluefish and striped bass.
- N. Adventures Amusement Park** This traditional amusement park is open during the spring and summer. Visitors enjoy a myriad of rides and attractions, like bumper cars, merry-go-round, go karts, and more.
- O. Calvert Vaux Park** Named after an English architect who spent the bulk of his professional career designing New York City public spaces, Calvert Vaux Park features gorgeous views, playgrounds, bocce courts, soccer fields, and additional amenities.

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Bensonhurst Park



Verrazano-Narrows Bridge

- P. Coney Island** This expansive boardwalk transforms every summer into a large amusement center known around the world. Attendees can walk historic boardwalks and ride the famous Cyclone roller coaster and eat at Nathan's Famous Hotdog.
- Q. MCU Park** Home to the Minor League Baseball Brooklyn Cyclones, the NYU Violets, and the North American Soccer Team's New York Cosmos.
- R. B&B Carousel** Located within Luna Park, the historic B&B Carousel was first built in 1906. With decades of use, the carousel went into disrepair, but was carefully restored to reclaim its former glory. This carousel is the last of the great Coney Island carousel.
- S. Sideshows by the Seashore** This non-profit theatre group attempts to recreate the circus sideshows of old. Make sure to check their performance schedule to purchase tickets for your chance to see snake charmers, sword swallowers, and more.
- T. The Coney Island Museum** Visit this museum to become immersed in everything Coney Island. Featuring exhibits on circus sideshows, P.T. Barnum, vaudeville, and burlesque, this museum is not to be missed.
- U. Luna Park** Found within Coney Island, Luna Park is perhaps the most famous amusement parks within the area. Make sure to ride on the historic 90 year old Coney Island Cyclone.
- V. New York Aquarium** First opening in 1896, the New York Aquarium is the oldest continually operating aquarium in the United States. With 266 species of wildlife on 14 acres, the New York Aquarium is a popular stop on Coney Island.
- W. Asser Levy Park** With a large music stage, multiple amenities, and several art installations, this park can be found within the Coney Island Complex.



LOCAL DINING

(see map for location)

- 1. Philadelphia Grille** 10004 4th Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11209 - (718) 238-0747
Locals say this stop has the best Philly cheesesteak outside of Philadelphia.
- 2. Casa Pepe** 114 Bay Ridge Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11220 - (718) 833-8865
Small and intimate, this eatery specializes in Spanish tapas and Mexican dishes.
- 3. Nathan's Famous Hotdogs** 1310 Surf Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11224 - (718) 333-2202
Home to the famous hotdog eating contest, Nathan's Famous Hotdog is a must stop for those visiting Coney Island.
- 4. Cropsey Pizza** 2811 Cropsey Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11214 - (718) 714-6755
This authentic Italian eatery is known for Sicilian pizza and classic dishes like chicken Marsala.

Self-Guided BIKE TOUR



WITH TURN-BY-TURN DIRECTIONS & POINTS OF INTEREST

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