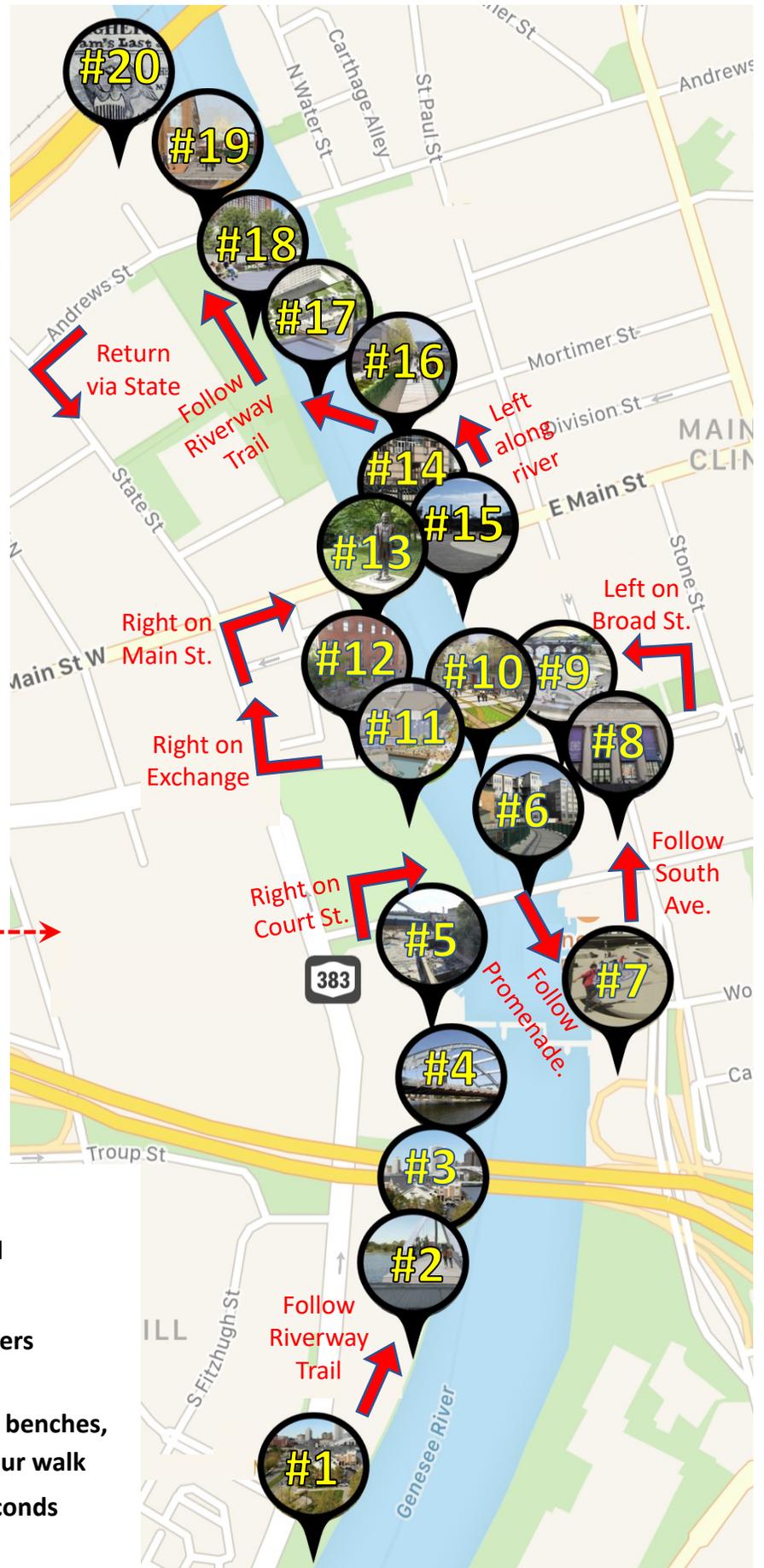
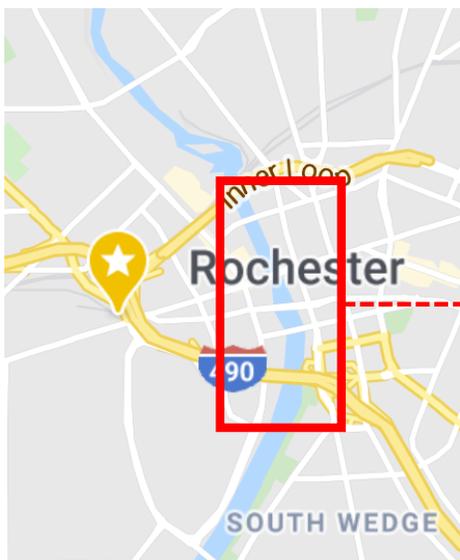


Downtown Riverfront Walking Tour

This tour begins at Corn Hill Landing Park and heads north along the river trail. You'll cross several bridges, including the historic aqueduct which once carried the Erie Canal over the Genesee River. Along the way, you'll see several new projects being developed by "ROC the Riverway", including a skate park and a terrace which will offer close-up views of the waterfalls used to cool the Rundel Library.



Healthy precautions:

- Stay home if you're not feeling well
- Wear a mask if people are nearby
- Stay at least six feet away from others during your walk
- Don't touch, sit on, or lean against, benches, fences, and other objects during your walk
- Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds when returning home



#1 Corn Hill Landing Park – This park is nestled in the heart of Corn Hill, one of Rochester's most historic and diverse neighborhoods. The promenade along the Genesee River provides a wonderful view of downtown Rochester.



#2 Bridge the River - One idea for reclaiming the river is to build a pedestrian bridge at this spot. The bridge would connect Corn Hill and the South Wedge, making it easy to walk or bike between these two vibrant neighborhoods.



#3 Corn Hill Landing – This mixed-use complex, completed in 2007, includes apartments which feature river views. Corn Hill Landing was designed to provide public access, along with private housing, retail spaces, and public parks.



#4 Freddie-Sue Bridge - The Frederick Douglass – Susan B. Anthony Memorial Bridge was completed in 2007. This triple steel arch bridge carries about 75,000 vehicles per day over the Genesee River.



#5 Hydro Station 26 – Along the bank of the river, you can see RG&E Hydroelectric Power Station 26. This hydro station generates 3 megawatts of electricity, enough to power about 2,500 homes.



#6 Court St. Bridge and Promenade - The pedestrian walkway on the south side of the Court Street bridge leads to the new Genesee Riverway Promenade. This walkway takes you behind the popular Dinosaur Bar-B-Que restaurant, and along The Nathaniel apartments.



#7 Skate Park – The land beneath the Freddie – Sue Bridge is being developed into a skateboard park. The park, scheduled to open in the fall of 2020, will feature a skate promenade, mini-ramps, ledges, and competition bowls.



#8 Rundel Library – The library, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, was designed by the Rochester firm of Gordon & Kaelber and completed in 1936. The building, framed in reinforced concrete and faced with Indiana limestone, sits on stilts above the Johnson & Seymour Raceway, which was built in 1817.



#9 Library Terrace - The North Terrace of the Rundel Library had structural issues and is being redeveloped. Water diverted from the Genesee River, which is used to heat the library in winter and cool it in summer, flows over many waterfalls below the building. The new terrace will provide views of these water falls.



#10 Erie Canal Aqueduct - This historic aqueduct was completed in 1842 and carried the Erie Canal over the Genesee River until 1918. Today, there are many ideas for how to repurpose this historic structure as the centerpiece of a revitalized riverfront. These include removing the upper roadbed and creating a re-watered replica of the Erie Canal or a flexible greenspace, or converting the upper level to a flexible greenspace and using the lower level to provide a climate-controlled connection between the Rochester Convention Center and the Blue Cross Arena.



#11 Blue Cross Arena - The arena is home to the Rochester Americans hockey team and the Rochester Knighthawks indoor lacrosse team. The Kimball Tobacco Factory was built here in 1882 on a man-made island, with the Genesee River to its east and the Rochester-Fitzhugh-Carroll raceway to its west.



#12 Child's Basin - After the Erie Canal was completed, a small inlet located at this spot, and named for Rochester's first mayor, was the busiest point on the canal in Rochester. The brick Aqueduct Building was erected in 1880, and now features an iconic statue of Mercury, the Roman god of commerce.



#13 Aqueduct Park – This privately owned, publicly accessible green space was created in 1974. It features a statue of Fredrick Douglass, just steps from the Talman Building at 25 East Main Street, where he published the North Star abolitionist paper.



#14 Main Street Bridge - This historic stone arch bridge, built in 1857, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Until the mid-1960s, buildings completely filled both the north and south sides of the bridge. In 1988, Rochester artist Albert Paley created the two 30-foot long railings



#15 Convention Center Terrace - A new public terrace along the Genesee River was recently added to the Riverside Convention Center. In the future, the south end of the terrace will lead to a promenade along the RG&E Station 6 river front, providing a connection to the Genesee Riverway Trail.



#16 Riverside Trail - Once fully completed, the Genesee Riverway Trail will provide access to both sides of the river. On the east bank, this portion of the trail runs in front of the Rochester Riverside Hotel.



#17 Sister Cities Bridge - This pedestrian bridge was completed in 1970 and connects the public spaces on the east bank of the river with Charles Carrol Plaza on the west bank. The bridge features flags and plaques representing each of Rochester's Sister Cities around the world.



#18 Charles Carroll Plaza - This large greenspace along the Genesee River is named for one of Rochester's founding fathers. ROC the Riverway is planning to reinvigorate this public space by improving access, safety, and connectivity, and providing programs such as summer concerts. The project may include improved lighting, greenspaces, and river views.



#19 Front Street Promenade - This unused land along Front Street may become a mixed-use development. The proposals include a pedestrian walkway along the river which will connect with the Mill Street tunnel under the Inner Loop.



#20 Sam Patch Passage - Imagine building a passage here under the Inner Loop, allowing you to walk along the river to High Falls. The passage would connect two of the most impressive and historic sites along the Genesee River, the falls which powered Rochester's mills, and the Erie Canal Aqueduct, which was used to transport flour and other products to markets across America. This passage would also retrace the final steps of Sam Patch, one of Rochester's most legendary visitors. In 1829, he jumped High Falls from a 25' platform located near here on Brown's Island.



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