

## Downtown Charleston/Mt. Pleasant

**Description :** A slow paced city ride through both Downtown Charleston and the “Old Village” in Mt. Pleasant. You’ll cross the Ravenel bridge with spectacular views of Charleston harbor. The Charleston portion goes primarily around the periphery of the peninsula. The many beautiful streets that are not included in this route may be best seen by walking. The Visitors Center (see map) has maps, tour books, slide show, etc.

**Directions to ride :** Start on the battery on Murray Blvd. near the intersection of Lenwood. There is usually adequate parking along Murray. This is also a good place to begin wandering on foot among the old houses south of Broad St.

Mileage	Turn Direction	Street	Notes
<b>Start</b>	<b>Straight</b>	<b>Murray Blvd.</b>	Begin heading east (harbor on your right)
0.4	L	East Bay	Street forces you to turn left
1.1	R	Vendue Range	Vendue Inn on your right
1.2	L	Concord St.	Street forces you to turn left. Waterfront Park on your right at the turn is worth exploring.
<b>Watch for railroad tracks!</b>			
1.4	L	Pritchard St.	Street forces you to turn left
1.5	R	Washington St.	Street forces you to turn right
2.1	L	Chapel St.	Street forces you to turn left
2.2	R	East Bay	
2.8	Bear R	bike lane	The bike lane across the Cooper River starts at a traffic light just across from Cooper St. and just after passing the Cigar Factory on the left.
5.4	R	Darby Blvd	When the bike trail ends turn right into Patriots Point. You'll pass the Yorktown on your right which can be toured for a fee (\$11 on 9/05).
6.5	<b>Straight</b>	<b>Traffic circle</b>	
6.6	<b>Straight</b>	<b>Hilton Hotel</b>	Go into Hilton grounds and continue straight past the right side of the hotel to the end of the pier for great views of the harbor. There are restrooms and water here.
6.8	<b>U-turn</b>	<b>Darby Blvd</b>	Return back to Coleman Blvd (where the bike trail ended)
8.2	R	Coleman Blvd	
8.3	R	Bay View	
8.8	L	Harborgate	
9.1	R	Coleman Blvd	Bike lane starts here
9.8	Bear R	Whilden	No sign – just after crossing Shem Creek bridge
9.8	R	Live Oak	Most street signs in the “Old Village” are on white concrete pillars on the corners
10.0	L	Bennett	
10.3	L	Morrison	Street forces you to turn left
10.4	R	Pitt St	
10.4	R	McCants	Sign to Alhambra Hall
10.9	L	Middle St	Street forces you to turn left
11.2	L	Center St	
11.3	R	Pitt St	Stay on Pitt to the end of the pier. Good view of the Intracoastal Waterway and Sullivans Island.

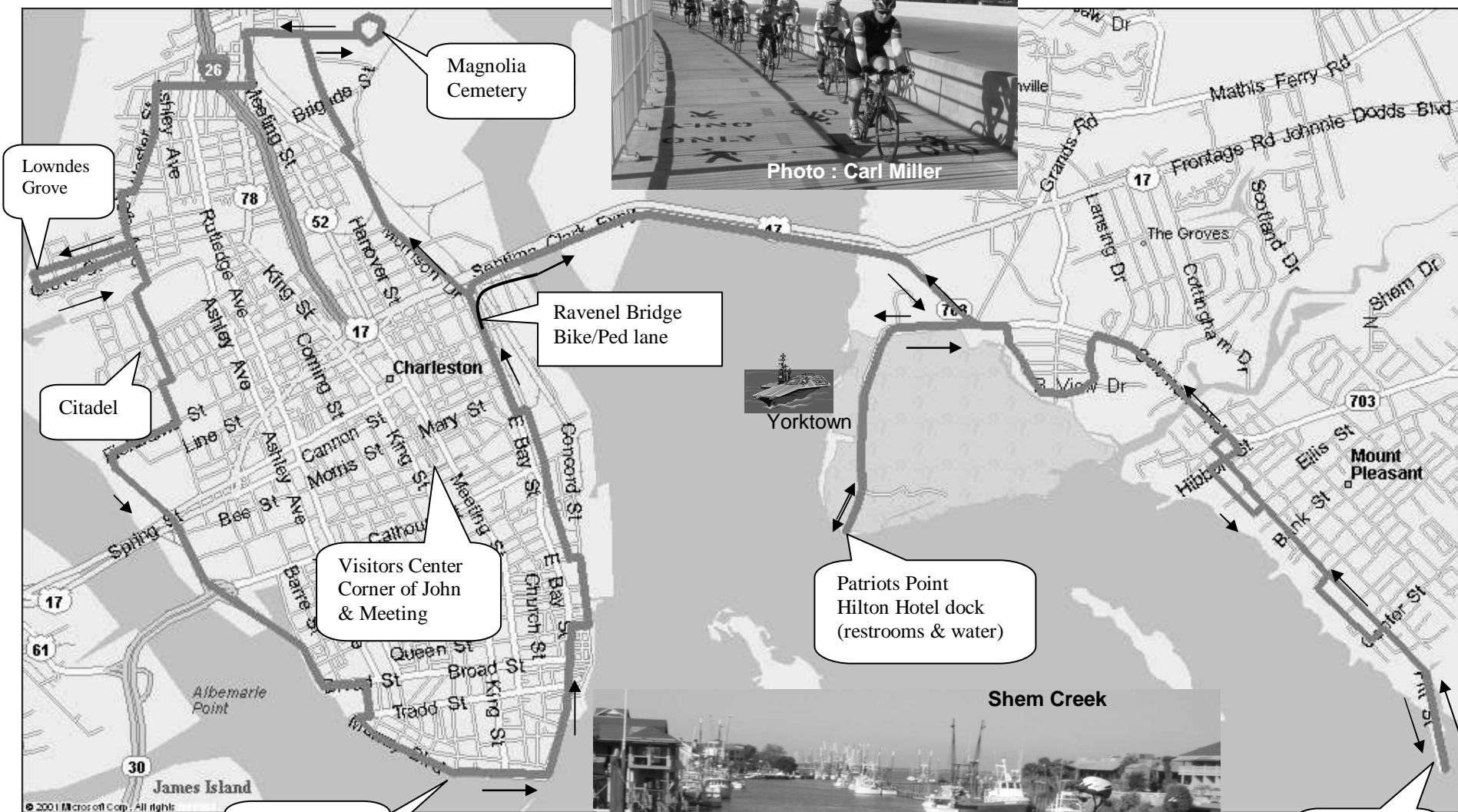
12.3	<b>U-turn</b>	<b>Pitt St</b>	Return on Pitt – don't turn until Church St.
14.0	<b>Jog R/L</b>	<b>Church St</b>	
14.3	R	Mills St	No sign – last turn before Shem Creek
14.4	L	Coleman	Traffic light
15.5	R	McGrath/Darby	Return on the <b>bike lane</b> you came over on. It's on the left side of Coleman, but it's safest to turn right on McGrath/Darby, then u-turn, wait for the light, cross Coleman and go right on the <b>bike path</b> over the bridge.
18.2	R	East Bay	At the end of the bike trail – don't do a hard right – that goes back onto the bridge. East Bay turns into Morrison.
19.4	R	Brigade	
19.5	L	Huguenin	no sign
19.8	R	Cunnington	Enter Magnolia Cemetery. Bear right past mausoleum sales. Confederate soldier section on the right. Watch for signs to Hunley crew burial site. The Hunley was a confederate submarine – the first ever used in battle. Explore the cemetery and then return back out to gate.
20.6	<b>Straight</b>	<b>Cunnington</b>	Leave the cemetery straight on Cunnington
20.8	L	Meeting St.	Get into far right lane
21.0	R	Mt Pleasant St	At traffic light – no sign
21.5	L	Hester	
21.9	R	Alberta	
22.0	L	Tenth	
22.4	R	St. Margaret	Lowndes Grove B&B on right just before next turn
22.7	L	Fifth	
23.2	L	Grove	
23.2	R	Tenth	
23.3	R	Mary Murphy	This is the road around Hampton Park. Nice place to stop and smell the magnolias.
23.5	R	Citadel	Go through the Citadel gate, turn right and do a lap around the parade grounds.
24.1	R	Elmwood	Right out of the Citadel gate
24.2	R	Huger	
24.3	L	Hagood	
24.6	R	Fishburne	
24.9	L	Lockwood	Street forces you to turn left
25.3	<b>Straight</b>	<b>Cross Hwy 17</b>	Stay on Lockwood under Hwy 17 bridge
26.3	L	Broad	Street forces you to turn left
26.5	R	Chisolm	
26.6	R	Tradd	
26.7	L	Murray Blvd	Street forces you to turn.
27.2	<b>End</b>		

Road surface : Paved

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Traffic : Downtown Charleston and parts of Mt. Pleasant are typical urban riding with lots of traffic. **Be Careful!**

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