Newport Rhode Island Port Guide

The 3.5-mile Cliff Walk is a National Recreation Trail
1) Walking tour maps Old Quarter historic district, Brick Marketplace, Long Wharf Mall, 2) Shops and restaurants, 3) Bus route/schedule to the Mansions, and 4) Maps for the Cliff Walk with GPS coordinates.

Crusie ships anchor and tender passengers to Perrotti Park in the Old Quarter. The main north-south street is America's Cup Way. It's a scenic area with sailboats, historic buildings, shops, cafes, and restaurants.

The Newport Gateway Transportation & Visitor Center is 850 feet north from the tender dock. Take Bus #67 to the mansions and cliff walk. A bus day pass is only $ 6.

Bowen's Wharf and Bannister's Wharf are 1000 feet south of the tender dock. This is an excellent area to visit shops, cafes, restaurants, photograph the boats, and schedule a short sail in the harbor.

The east side of America's Cup Ave is equally inviting with many shops, restaurants, historic buildings, etc.

Newport is ideal for self-guided touring. It is a clean, picturesque area with excellent walkways and no hills nor steps to climb. Plan ahead on how you are going to spend your time and which sites you will visit.

This guide includes GPS Coordinates for tourist sites and key locations. Open this port guide in one window on your computer and open Google Maps in a second window. Copy and paste the GPS coordinates into Google maps to find sites and get directions and time for travel by car, bus, walking, or bicycle. The coordinates can be used with any Google map format such as “map”, “satellite”, “earth”, and “terrain” views at any map scale.

These coordinates can also be used in hand-held or vehicle GPS devices. Note that these devices can accept different formats. It's important to set your device to accept data in this format:

Degrees, Minutes, and Seconds shown as N ddd° mm' ss.ss",  E ddd° mm' ss.ss"

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Tom Sheridan
Cruise ships anchor and tender passengers to the dock at Perrotti Park. The Harbormaster building is next to the dock. You can get a map there, but the main visitor center and bus station are 850 feet north on America's Cup Ave. The harbormaster building has public restrooms.

Newport is very clean with attractive, colorful, and well-maintained old buildings, and new buildings designed to look old.

The walkways are flat with no hills nor steps to climb.

Be sure to visit Bowen's Wharf (photo at right) and Bannister's Wharf. You can walk near the sailboats and schedule a boat ride in the harbor. There are many shops, cafes, and restaurants.

The tough decision is where you are going to have seafood. There are many excellent restaurants near the harbor, including a half-dozen restaurants near these wharfs.

We had lunch on Bannister's Wharf at the Black Pearl, famous for the “best chowder.” It was fantastic.
### Black Pearl Restaurant Menu

#### Soups
- Clam Chowder Cup 5.75
- Chili Cup 5.75
- Onions and/or Cheese 1.00
- Rolls (3) and Butter 1.00

#### Eggs – Etc.
- Omelettes 9.00
  - Ham ~ Onions ~ Swiss ~ Jack Cheese ~ Mushrooms
  - Tomatoes ~ Herbs ~ Peppers 1.00 per item
- Omelette ~ Salmon, Sour Cream and Dill 13.00
- Omelette ~ Apple, Ham and Jack Cheese 12.00
- Eggs Benedict 14.75
- Crab Benedict ~ waith Maryland Jumbo Lump 17.00
- Eggs Copenhagen ~ with smoked salmon 17.00
- Crepe of Seafood, Mushrooms and Cream 12.50

#### Appetizers
- Country Pate’ 10.50
- Shrimp Cocktail 12.50 (3 Pieces)
- Smoked Salmon with Toast Points and Horseradish Whipped Cream 15.00
- Clams Casino 11.50
- Fried Brie 9.50
- Mussels Black Pearl 17.00

#### Salads
- Choice of Russian, Blue Cheese, Creamy Poppy Seed, Italian or Honey Mustard Dressing
- Mixed Green Salad 6.75
- Mesclun Salad Grilled Goat Cheese, Sun Dried Tomatoes, with Vinaigrette 9.00
- Classic Spinach, Mushroom & Bacon Salad 10.00
- Tarragon Chicken Salad 11.00
- Tuna Salad Bowl 10.75
- Boston and Raddichio ~ Apples and Walnuts With Blue Cheese Dressing 8.50
- Lobster Salad 20.00
- Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad 13.75

#### Hamburger
- Served with French Fries
  - Pearlburger 11.50
  - On Syrian with Mint Salad
  - Hamburgers 11.00
  - On Onion Roll or Syrian
  - Swiss Cheese ~ American Cheese ~ Blue Cheese Bacon ~ Fried Onions ~ Jack Cheese Mushrooms ~ Chili ~ Lettuce and Tomato 1.00 per item 2.00

#### Grilled Sandwiches
- Served with French Fries
  - Classic Corned Beef Reuben on Rye 11.50
  - Tuna Melt on English Muffin 11.00
  - Grilled Bacon, Tomato and Cheese 9.00
  - Black Pearl Chowder For Take Out: Hot or Frozen Qts: 15.00; ½ Gal: 26.00

#### Sandwiches
- Served with Potato Salad; on White, Wheat, Rye, Pumpernickel, Syrian or Onion Roll
  - Roast Beef with Russian Dressing 11.00
  - Corned Beef with Russian Dressing & Cole Slaw on Rye 11.00
  - Virginia Ham and Swiss 10.50
  - Tarragon Chicken Salad 11.00
  - With Lettuce, Tomato and Bacon
  - Roast Turkey – Cranberry Sauce, Sprouts and Herb Mayonnaise on Croissant 10.50
  - Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato 9.00
  - Tuna Salad 10.00
  - Lobster Salad on Croissant 20.00
- All sandwiches served with mayonnaise unless otherwise specified.

#### From the Grill
- Served with French Fries and Vegetable
  - Tuna Steak Dutch Pepper Butter 24.50
  - Salmon Filet Mustard Dill Hollandaise 22.50
  - Swordfish Tomato Basil Beurre Blanc 24.50
  - Brochette of Shrimp and Sea Scallops 23.00
  - Lime & Tequila Marinade, Beurre Blanc
  - Barbecued Shrimp 22.00
  - Pepper Chicken in Hot Pepper Marinade 17.75
  - Filet Mignon Bearnaise 29.50

#### Entrees
- Served with Rice and Vegetable
  - Boneless Breast of Chicken 17.75
  - Lemon Butter or Tomato Basil Beurre Blanc
  - Nantucket Bay Scallops 25.00
  - Lemon Butter or Tartar Sauce
  - Grey Sole Panetiere 25.00
  - Baked Cod 18.50
  - With Pepper Jack Cheese and Cajun Seasonings
  - Chicken Pot Pie 14.00
  - Sea Scallops 24.50
  - With Bacon, Mushrooms and Cream
  - New England Lobster market price
  - 1 ½ lb. Steamed served with Drawn Butter
  - Calf's Liver 19.50
  - Grilled Onions and Bacon

#### Desserts
- Apple Raisin Bread Pudding 8.50
- Chocolate Mousse 8.50
- Hot Fudge Sundae 8.50
- Fresh Fruit and Cheese 10.00
- French Vanilla Cheesecake 9.00
- Assorted Ice Creams and Sherbet 7.50
- Fudge Sauce or Berry Sauce 1.00 extra
- Key Lime Pie 8.50
- Chocolate Pecan Pie 9.50

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On the east side of America's Cup Ave, you'll find several restaurants, the Brick Market Place, and many important, historic buildings in the “Old Quarter”.

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Brick Market Place (see the map on page 2)
The Brick Market Place is a year round destination nestled in the heart of Newport, Rhode Island. Containing over 25 unique shops and eateries, Brick Market Place is a must for visitors and locals alike. Open Daily.

Swinburne Row
Hatley of Newport  Get "clothes to nature" with their cotton pajamas and loungewear.
Oriental Arts  Asian tableware, gifts, and more.
Satori  An impressive collection of sterling silver jewelry.
Tourist Trap  T-shirts, sweatshirts, and souvenirs.
Newport Sunglass Shop  Sunglasses, accessories, and more.
Army Navy Surplus  Everything military: from flags to clothing. Dog tags Engraved Camouflage
P.S. GEAR  Uniquely interesting gifts & gear to give or wear for all.
Souvenir Stop  Souvenir Stop Newport souvenirs, gifts, and collectibles.
Smoky Topaz  Women's jewelry, clothing, and accessories.
Bermuda Bay  Classic fashion and accessories for women and men.
Pleasant Surprise  Always an eclectic mix of fun gifts, home accessories, quirky books, cards, and toys.
Ireland Calls  Irish jewelry, porcelain, clothing and more.
JD's Souvenirs & Gifts  Memorable gifts, knick knacks, and fine jewelry.
JD's Newport Sweats& Tees  Newport apparel at amazing prices. 3 sweatshirts for $29 - 3 t-shirts for $27
Sole Desire  Brand names shoes, boots, and accessories

Goddard Row
House of Windsor  Take a step into the past with our fine European antique & estate jewelry, ranging from Victorian, Edwardian, Art Deco, Art Nouveau, classical and modern. Jewelry repair and Graduate Gemologist on site.
Del Sol  Everything changes color in the sun.
Shambala Treasures  Handicrafts from Tibet, Nepal and neighboring countries.
Portobello Jewelers  An eclectic selection of Antique, Estate, and contemporary jewelry, and innovative custom designs.
Adornment Fine Jewelry  Fine jewelry, watches, and gifts. Specializing in extraordinarily beautiful pieces of jewelry.
Sushi-Go!  Award winning concept sushi bar: fresh, fast, affordable.
Beluga FroYo  RI's first and finest self serve yogurt boutique.
P.S. Too  ICU readers, Lolita drinkware, cards, unique finds.
Be Dazzled  Fashion driven retailer of high quality, affordable costume jewelry and accessories. All jewelry is $24 or less! All Jewelry: $4.00 - $24.00

Swan's Wharf Row
Ritrex Camera Shop  Digital and non-digital cameras, accessories, and film.

Long Wharf Mall shops
J. Crew, Jos. A Bank Clothiers, Coldwater Creek, Mole Hole, Yankee Candle, Only in Rhode Island (a gift shop), Panera Bread, Goodies by the Sea, Gap Kids, Cuffy's, Hibachi Garden, and The General Store.

Gateway Transportation Bus Station and Visitor Center
It is located 850 feet north from the tender dock on America's Cup Ave. Be sure to stop here. This is the place to get maps, travel tips, and suggestions on what to do and where to visit in Newport. This is the major bus station. Take bus #67 to the Mansions and for a walk along the cliff. I'll discuss this in detail on page 7 of this port guide.

Newport “Old Quarter” Historic Area
This is the Arts and Culture area with many historic buildings, sites, and museums. The “Old Quarter” is directly across the street from the cruise ship tender dock. I've created a map on the next page showing the major historic sites in this area.
Below is a list of the tourist sites with the relevant websites and GPS coordinates

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You can make your own walking tour maps with these GPS coordinates. Open this port guide in one window on a COMPUTER and Google Maps in a second window. Copy and past the GPS coordinates into Google Maps “Get Directions.” Then click on the walking man icon to determine walking route, time, and distance.

NOTE: It may be very difficult to “copy and paste text” using tablets, phones, and many of the small, portable devices because these devices do not have a mouse nor the software that makes it easy to select, copy, and paste text. If you are using a computer with internet access, it is very easy to copy and paste GPS coordinates from my port guides into Google Maps.
Here's an example of a walking route map from the Tender Dock to the Newport Art Museum. Copy the coordinates for these two locations into “Get Directions,” check the walking man icon, then click on “Get Directions.” It's a half-mile, 12-minute walk along America's Cup Ave to Mill St to Old Beach Rd.

Walking Route from Tender Dock to Newport Art Museum (below)

Taking Bus #67 to the Mansions and Cliff Walk
The mansions and cliff walk are miles from the Tender Dock. There are no cabs, but fortunately, there is an excellent public bus system run by Rhode Island Public Transit Authority.

The website is www.RIPTA.com
Click on Schedules/Maps then click on 67 Bellevue/Mansions.
Buses run frequently, stop almost everywhere near the mansions, and the drivers are very friendly and helpful. A day pass on Bus #67 is $6. Cost of a single ride is $2.

Here's the layout for the bus station (illustration at right)
Bus #67 departs next to the sidewalk on America's Cup Ave.
NOTE: The Gateway Center Building is large and there are many, many places you can stand in line to buy different types of tickets for buses and tours. Rather than wasting a lot of time standing in the wrong line, go to the counter area in the center of the building and ask where to buy tickets for Bus #67.
Bus Route from Gateway Center to the Mansions

This route is 3.8 miles one way. Buses run about every 20 minutes, 7 days a week.

There are “six official bus stops” (image above). In addition, buses stop wherever people are waiting at a sign (image at right above). These signs must be everywhere along the route because our bus made many stops to pick people up. Our bus driver was very accommodating giving advice and directions on where to walk from the stop. It's a great bus service.

I entered these GPS coordinates in Google Map “Get Directions” to plot the route for bus #67

A) Start Bus Route at Gateway Center  
N 41° 29' 27.69", W 71° 19' 2.72"

B) Turn right on Thames St from W. Marlborough St.  
N 41° 29' 23.68", W 71° 18' 54.63"

C) Bus Stop Bellevue & Memorial  
N 41° 29' 1.51", W 71° 18' 30.72"

D) Turn left on Narragansett Ave  
N 41° 28' 32.32", W 71° 18' 0.40"

E) Bus Stop Salve Ruggles & Ochre Point  
N 41° 28' 11.46", W 71° 17' 58.60"

F) Bus Stop Bellevue & Ruggles  
N 41° 28' 4.59", W 71° 18' 25.16"

G) Bus Stop Marble House End of bus route  
N 41° 27' 45.13", W 71° 18' 23.92"

Note: I would like to thank David Addison for his update on the changed bus route in 2015.

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For more guides, see www.TomsPortGuides.com
This map shows the bus route as “A” to “G”, the Cliff Walk, and several tourist sites.

**NOTE:**

There are several places the bus will pick you up and, from my experience, the bus driver will stop at many places to minimize walking distance to tourist sites. Check with your bus driver.
NOTE:
The bus route is 3.8 miles, one way.
The Cliff Walk is 3.5 miles long.
There are 10 mansions managed by Newport Mansions Organization
These mansions are open daily for tours.
In addition to these 10 mansions, there are several other tourist sites and mansions along the bus route.

PLAN AHEAD:
Which mansions/sites to see or tour? Will you walk part of the Cliff Walk?
If you plan to tour the mansions and museums, you'll need to check the schedule and ticket prices.

Mansions and museums have different owners. Some are privately owned and not available for tours. Some have very limited open hours. Some are used for conventions, weddings, and events are are not generally open to the public. Two organizations managing multiple historic properties are:

- **Newport Restoration Organization** [http://www.newportrestoration.org/](http://www.newportrestoration.org/)
  Manages Rough Point, Whitehorne House, Prescott Farm

- **Newport Mansions Organization** [http://www.newportmansions.org/](http://www.newportmansions.org/)
  It manages the ten most important mansions/sites available for tours = The Breakers, Chateau-sur-Mer, The Elms, Marble House, Rosecliff, Green Animals, Kingscote, Hunter House, Isaac Bell House and Chepstow

You can't use tickets from the Restoration Organization to enter properties managed by the Mansions Organization and vice-versa. Check the website for the relevant organizations for ticket prices and hours.

Since the Newport Mansions Organization manages the most popular tourist sites, I have included some information from their website [https://tix.newportmansions.org/ecommerce/default.aspx](https://tix.newportmansions.org/ecommerce/default.aspx):

**Typical admission prices:** Breakers = $20, Hunter House = $28, Any Five properties = $49

**Typical hours of operation:** June 29 – October 14th Open daily
Through September 2, The Breakers opens at 9 a.m., with last tour admission at 6 p.m., house and grounds close at 7 p.m. Beginning September 3, the last tour admission is at 5 p.m., house and grounds close at 6 p.m.
All other houses open at 10 a.m., with last tour admission at 5 p.m. Houses and grounds close at 6 p.m.
Guided tours of Hunter House, Isaac Bell House and Chepstow at 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m., 4 p.m. and 5 p.m.
Through September 2, Servant Life Tour at The Elms offered every 1/2 hour from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Starting September 3, Servant Life Tour at The Elms offered hourly from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Lunch available daily at the Chinese Tea House and The Elms Carriage House

Check the website for specific information for the day your ship will be in port.

**Tourist Sites near Bellevue & Memorial Bus Stop**

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The Newport Art Museum’s collections and exhibitions reflect Newport and Rhode Island’s rich cultural heritage and lively contemporary art scene. The permanent collection of more than 2,300 works of American art concentrates on art and artistic activity from the late 19th century to the present day, and on those contemporary and historic works emphasizing the role played by Newport and New England artists, established and emerging, in the development of American art.

Kingscote Mansion
Kingscote is a landmark of the Gothic Revival style in American architecture. Its appearance in Newport marked the beginning of the "cottage boom" that would distinguish the town as a veritable laboratory for the design of picturesque houses throughout the 19th century.
See http://www.newportmansions.org/

Tennis Hall of Fame
Established in 1954, the International Tennis Hall of Fame & Museum is a non-profit institution dedicated to preserving the history of tennis, inspiring and encouraging junior tennis development, providing a landmark for tennis enthusiasts worldwide, and enshrining tennis heroes and heroines with the highest honor in the sport of tennis - induction into the International Tennis Hall of Fame. In 1986, the International Tennis Federation, the governing body of tennis, officially recognized the International Tennis Hall of Fame & Museum as the sport's official Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame is located in Newport, Rhode Island, USA, on a six-acre property that features an extensive museum chronicling the history of the sport and honoring the 235 Hall of Famers; 13 grass tennis courts and an indoor tennis facility that are open to the public and to a club membership; a rare Court Tennis facility; and an historic 295-seat theatre. Annually in July, the venue hosts the Hall of Fame Tennis Championships for the Van Alen Cup, an ATP World Tour event.
See http://www.tennisfame.com

The Isaac Bell House
The Isaac Bell House is one of the best surviving examples of shingle style architecture in the country.
See http://www.newportmansions.org/

The Elms
The Elms was the summer residence of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Julius Berwind of Philadelphia and New York. Mr. Berwind made his fortune in the Pennsylvania coal industry. In 1898, the Berwinds engaged Philadelphia architect Horace Trumbauer to design a house modeled after the mid-18th century French chateau d'Asnieres (c.1750) outside Paris.
There are many interesting statues on the house and grounds.
See http://www.newportmansions.org/
Chepstow Mansion        120 Narragansett Avenue
An Italianate-style villa, Chepstow was built in 1860 by resident Newport architect George Champlin Mason as the summer residence of Edmund Schermerhorn. See http://www.newportmansions.org/

Tourist Sites near Salve Ruggles & Ochre Point Bus Stop

Forty Steps
The 40 Steps used to be one of the most popular recreation spots for the servants who worked at the Newport mansions during the Gilded Age. The new granite steps are courtesy of the “Forty Steps Restoration Fund” and bear the names of donors who spent $3000 each for their step. This is one of many great locations in Newport for swimming and fishing from the cliffs.

“If you're going to climb, fish or dive here, be very careful. The rocks can be very slippery, the waves a little rough, and people have lost their lives here. Have fun, but be safe!” Newport Discovery Guide

Forty Steps is at the East End of Narragansett Ave near Ochre Point Ave (map below)

Forty Steps is on the campus of Salve Regina University. See the map on the next page.
Enter N 41° 28′ 33.3″, W 71°17′50.1″ in Google Maps. Switch to Satellite View to see Forty Steps.

Google places a down-pointing green arrow at the GPS coordinates as shown at the edge of the steps in the map above. Google also places a red balloon at the closest street address. If the closest street address is the same as the GPS coordinates, the red balloon will be in front of the green arrow.

**Salve Regina University**  http://www.salve.edu/  N 41° 28′ 21.61″, W 71° 18′ 11.30″
The campus covers several blocks. Most of the east-west streets on the campus connect to the Cliff Walk. The university has several impressive buildings, including mansions. It's a scenic area to visit and take photos. Now that I'm retired and don't have to cram for exams, I enjoy visiting universities.

**The Breakers**  44 Ochre Point Avenue  N 41° 28′ 11.3″, W 71° 17′ 53.9″
This the most popular mansion to visit. It's unbelievable!

*The Breakers is the grandest of Newport's summer "cottages" and a symbol of the Vanderbilt family's social and financial preeminence in turn of the century America. See [http://www.newportmansions.org/](http://www.newportmansions.org/)*
Chateau Sur-Mer  474 Bellevue Avenue  N 41° 28' 10", W 71° 18' 20"

Chateau-sur-Mer is a landmark of High Victorian architecture, furniture, wallpapers, ceramics and stenciling. It was the most palatial residence in Newport from its completion in 1852 until the appearance of the Vanderbilt houses in the 1890s. It was the scene of memorable entertainments, from the "Fete Champetre", an elaborate country picnic for over two thousand guests held in 1857, to the debutante ball for Miss Edith Wetmore in 1889. See  [http://www.newportmansions.org/](http://www.newportmansions.org/)

Tourist Sites near Bellevue & Ruggles Bus Stop

Rosecliff  548 Bellevue Avenue  N 41° 27' 53.57", W 71° 18' 16.27"

It's modeled after the Grand Trianon, the garden retreat of French kings at Versailles. After the house was completed in 1902, at a reported cost of $2.5 million, Mrs. Oelrichs hosted fabulous entertainment, including a fairy tale dinner and a party featuring famed magician Harry Houdini. See  [http://www.newportmansions.org/](http://www.newportmansions.org/)

Tourist Sites near Marble House Bus Stop

Astor's Beechwood  580 Bellevue Ave  N 41° 27' 48.17", W 71° 18' 18.54"

This 39-room mansion was purchased by Larry Ellison of Oracle Corporation in 2010 for $10.5 million. It is no longer open to the public.
Marble House  596 Bellevue Avenue  

Marble House was built between 1888 and 1892 for Mr. and Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt. It was a summer house, or "cottage", as Newporters called them in remembrance of the modest houses of the early 19th century. But Marble House was much more; it was a social and architectural landmark that set the pace for Newport's subsequent transformation from a quiet summer colony of wooden houses to the legendary resort of opulent stone palaces.  See http://www.newportmansions.org/

Tourist Sites near Bellevue & Ledge Bus Stop – End of Route

Bellcourt Castle  657 Bellevue  
Used for weddings and events. The property was sold in 2012. I'm not sure if it's open for tours?
A magnificent oceanfront estate, still decorated as she left it, where you will see French furniture, European art, Chinese porcelains, and Turkish carpets collected from exotic locations around the world. Located on Newport’s exclusive Bellevue Avenue, Rough Point provides a sweeping ocean view and expansive grounds. See [http://www.newportrestoration.org/visit/rough_point/](http://www.newportrestoration.org/visit/rough_point/)

### Cliff Walk

I have not walked the cliff, but many of my friends have walked part of it. The advantage of walking the cliff is the scenic views of the rugged Atlantic Coast. Furthermore, you have great views of some of the mansions. From the street, it may be difficult to see the mansions because the view is blocked by trees and there are often driveways and walkways in your photos. However, views of the mansions from the Cliff Walk are usually unobstructed and the mansions are just as attractive from the back as from the front. That's why I included photos of many of the mansions from the Cliff Walk in this port guide. If you frame your photo with the rocks along the cliff, such as the photo above, you'll get postcard shots.

#### Where to access the Cliff Walk? Which sections to walk?

Although I haven't walked it, I believe some of the best views of mansions along the Cliff Walk are from Rough Point to Bell Court Castle, Marble House, Rosecliff, to the Breakers. I have provided GPS coordinates for the Cliff Walk and created a map showing these sites plus Forty Steps and the access streets to the Cliff Walk.

- **A)** End of Cliff Walk near Bellevue Ave & Gogshall Ave  
  N 41° 27' 21.21", W 71° 18' 39.69"
- **B)** To stay on walkway  
  N 41° 27' 16.20", W 71° 18' 40.04"
- **C)** Access - Ledge Rd  
  N 41° 27' 5.20", W 71° 18' 39.48"
- **D)** Rough Point  
  N 41° 27' 18.54", W 71° 18' 16.08"
- **E)** Bellecourt Castle  
  N 41° 27' 26.66", W 71° 18' 15.25"
- **F)** Marble House  
  N 41° 27' 44.62", W 71° 18' 14.81"
- **G)** Astor's Beechwood  
  N 41° 27' 48.36", W 71° 18' 14.81"
- **H)** Rosecliff there is a fence at back  
  N 41° 27' 52.29", W 71° 18' 12.72"
- **I)** Access - Marine Ave  
  N 41° 28' 1.41", W 71° 18' 7.39"
- **J)** Access - Ruggles Ave  
  N 41° 28' 7.35", W 71° 17' 49.82"
- **K)** The Breakers  
  N 41° 28' 12.41", W 71° 17' 49.43"
- **L)** Access - Shepard Ave  
  N 41° 28' 16.25", W 71° 17' 50.32"
- **M)** Access - Webster St  
  N 41° 28' 27.89", W 71° 17' 53.43"
- **N)** Forty Steps Access – Narragansett Ave  
  N 41° 28' 33.3", W 71° 17' 50.1"
- **O)** Northern end of Cliff Walk at Memorial Blvd  
  N 41° 29' 6.61", W 71° 17' 51.13"

Some sections of the Cliff Walk are in poor condition and some of the access points might be closed. Check with the Visitor Center or your bus driver re how to access and where to walk along the cliff.
Cliff Walk, Mansions, and Access Roads to the Walkway (map below)
Google shows the full length of the Cliff Walk is 3.4 miles with one hour and ten minutes walking time. You can use the GPS coordinates with Google Maps to create your own street maps, plot the route, distance, and time. Google “Earth View” is helpful to preview your Cliff Walk because you can rotate the map to look at the cliff from the Atlantic Ocean.

Assume you are interested in walking from Forty Steps to the Breakers and exiting the Cliff Walk at Ruggles Ave.
Enter the GPS coordinates for
- Forty Steps N 41° 28′ 33.3″, W 71°17′50.1″ and
- Ruggles Ave N 41° 28′ 7.35″, W 71° 17′ 49.82″ in Google Maps Get Directions.
Click on the walking man icon for the walking route. Change to “Earth View” and rotate the map to look at the cliffs from the Atlantic Ocean.

The map below appears. This section of the Cliff Walk is 0.6 miles and an 11 minute walk.
You can enlarge the map on your computer to see more detail on the Forty Steps going down the cliff face.

I use GPS coordinates with Google Maps in my port guides because this is an excellent way to view and study an area BEFORE you arrive. This can help you plan your self-guided tour for your priorities.

I wish you a great cruise and enjoyable self-guided tour in Newport Rhode Island.

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