

Walks in Broome County compiled by Don Powell

Broome County offers 27 locations where there is an outdoor quarter mile or more paved surface for all-weather walking or jogging. Thirteen of these are school tracks. All tracks are standard 400 meter oval. (To relate this distance in miles; 402 meters is one-quarter of a mile). All school tracks have been, or are being converted to, a “joint-friendly” surface for the budding athlete by adding rubber compounds to the asphalt. Because this surface is more expensive, please read the posted school requirements. Typically they state that only walkers or joggers are welcome, no wheels, no animals; shoes must be sneakers, no spikes. Walking in lanes outside of numbers one and two is recommended. All parks offer toilet facilities. Few of the schools do...

For hiking down the woods trails, refer to the hiking book, *Recreational Trails of Broome and Tioga Counties*, available in many stores or the libraries in our area. This includes more than 55 miles of woodland trails in our county.

Binghamton Area:

1. **Alumni Stadium Track** – This track is behind the East Middle School, 167 Frederick Street.
It is open only 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. for community walkers and joggers.
2. **MacArthur Park** – This track at Vestal Ave. and Chadwick Rd. is operated by the City of Binghamton. Lighting extends walking time into the evening.
3. **Otsiningo Park** – This county park is on Bevier Street at Front Street on the western shore of the Chenango River. It offers 2 level loop trails. The pond loop is 0.7 miles and the ballfield loop is 0.9 miles. The extension trail is 0.5 miles and an additional mile connecting the north park will be completed in 2004.
4. **Port Dickinson Park** – This village park is on Chenango Street on the eastern shore of the Chenango River where interstate 88 crosses. It has a level loop trail. The paved surface totals one mile.
5. **Recreation Park** – This city park at Beethoven Street and Seminary Ave. has a paved loop walk 0.2 miles around the magnificent oaks and maples in the wooded section.
6. **Confluence Park** – This city park is accessed from the north end of the South Washington St. Bridge, and is located at the confluence of the Susquehanna and Chenango Rivers. The park contains a paved loop trail. Upon completion of the Memorial Bridge reconstruction project, late 2004, a trail under the bridge and along the Chenango River’s banks will connect Confluence Park to the City’s promenade walkway.

Chenango Area:

7. **Chenango Forks High School** – This track is at One Gordon Drive, Binghamton.

648-7544.

8. **Chenango Valley High School** – This track is at 221 Chenango Bridge Road, but will not be ready for use until 2004. 779-4743.
9. **Chenango Valley State Park** – This park is on State Park Road off route 369 in Fenton, has a loop road of 2.8 miles which walkers and bikers must share with motor vehicles. This elevation change is 60 feet so be prepared for some good up-hill stretches. Refer to the trails book for more than 10 miles of woodland trails. There is a summer entrance fee.

Conklin:

10. **Susquehanna Valley High School** – This track is located at the south end of the athletic fields, 1040 Conklin Road. They request that on odd days you walk counter-clockwise and on even days, clockwise. 775-0304.

Deposit Area:

11. **Oquaga Creek State Park** – This park is at the north-east corner of Broome County and can be reached by following Route 17 east for 29 miles to mile post 269, exit 82 McClure. Travel north four miles on Route 41 to Sanford, and turn east on Route 241. Follow it about six miles to the 90 degree right turn at the Delaware County line. The park entrance is on your right. There is a paved park road of about two miles which walkers and bikers must share with motor vehicles. There is a summer entrance fee.

Endicott:

12. **Chugnut River Walk** – This paved path, starting under the McKinley Avenue Bridge beside the Susquehanna River, follows the flood wall west for 0.7 miles then rises to the levee at Bridge Street.
13. **Union Endicott High School** – This track is located at 1200 East Main Street, Endicott. It is within a few yards of the Chugnut trail. 757-2811.

Endwell:

14. **The Glen** – The Glen is located at Watson Boulevard above the Heritage Country Club. These four miles of black-topped roads constructed by IBM Corporation 50 years ago form five contiguous loops ranging in length from 0.7 miles to 1.5 miles. The altitude change is more than 100 feet. These roads have not been seriously maintained for 20 years and vegetation is slowly reclaiming them.

15. **Maine-Endwell High School** – This track is located at 750 Farm to Market Road, Endwell. 754-1400.

Harpursville:

16. **Harpursville High School** – This track is located at Routes 79 and 52 in Harpursville. 693-8105.

Johnson City:

17. **Johnson City High School** – This track is located at 666 Reynolds Road, Johnson City.

Kirkwood:

18. **Grange Hall Park** – This park is located on Grange Hall Road within 0.2 miles of Route 11. This one-quarter mile loop track is well lit until early evening.
19. **Valley Park** – This park is on Francis Street and Crescent Drive. This one-quarter mile loop track is also well lit and arrangements may be made to keep lights on into the late evening.
20. **Veteran's River Park** – This park is off Main Street in Kirkwood by the south Susquehanna River Bridge. This park includes a 0.3 mile loop trail.

Maine:

21. **Town of Maine Park** – This park is located beyond the Maine Memorial School off Route 26. It includes a loop picnic access road of about 0.2 miles.

Nanticoke Area:

22. **Greenwood Park** – This county park is at Greenwood Road off of Route 21. There is about 1 mile of paved access road to the camp ground which walkers and bikers share with motor vehicles. Refer to the hiking guide for more than six miles of woodland trails. There is a summer entrance fee.

Vestal:

23. **Binghamton University** – The university is on the Vestal Parkway at the southern end of Route 201. This superior track is located just east of Bartle Drive, the east entrance road. To park at the track site without being issued a ticket, you must have a university pass. Summer passes are also available at the reduced rate of \$31.
24. **Vestal High School** – This track is located at 205 Woodlawn Drive, Vestal.
25. **Vestal Rail Trail** – This twelve-foot wide paved abandoned railway extends two miles

from the Shoppes of Vestal on African Road west to Stage Road off Bridge Street.
Parking is available at both ends.

Whitney Point:

26. **Dorchester Park** – This county park is located on the east side of Whitney Point Lake on Route 26 about 1.5 miles north of Whitney Point. The shore-side road extends through the park and continues south about one mile to the lake overflow structure. Vegetation is reclaiming the southern half of this old paved road. There is a summer entrance fee.
27. **Whitney Point High School** – This track is located on Keible Road at Route 11. 692-8205. You must request permission from the athletic director at 692-8245 before using their track.

Windsor:

28. **Windsor High School** – This track is located at 215 Main Street, Windsor. 655-8250.