

Bellerive & Marie Charles Parks on the Ten Toes Express

TOTAL WALK DISTANCE: *1 mile or less*

Two tiny parks in the Carondelet neighborhood offer spectacular views of the Mississippi River, with no traffic and no tourists! Bellerive is on a bluff half-way between the Poplar St. Bridge and the JB Bridge. Marie Charles Park is a promenade alongside the river, right next to barges. Both are reached from MetroBus #40 Broadway, a streetcar route abandoned in 1950.

Directions:

- Take MetroLink to Civic Center Station, then transfer to #40 southbound.
- -Exit the bus at Broadway and Fassen (near St Louis Altenheim).
- Cross Broadway and turn right. Bellerive is ahead, uphill on your left.
- Walk into the park to enjoy the vista and read the plaques (restrooms are not open).
- The old city of Carondelet is below you to your right. James Eads built the first iron-clad gunboats at a boatyard here, giving an advantage to the Union in the Civil War.
- Marie Charles Park is below the bluff. Return to Broadway by walking past the playground to the steep stone steps OR by circling through the park to the Broadway overpass.
- When you are back on Broadway walk south to Elwood St and turn left.
- Walk downhill toward the river, crossing railroad tracks, then turn left into the park alongside the river.
- Retrace your steps to Broadway to board a northbound bus.



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