

2009 New England Championship Cross-Country Course
at The Roxbury Latin School
November 14, 2009

The course consists primarily of a repeated loop on the campus. The **START** is near the baseball backstop on the upper playing fields (Rappaport Field). It proceeds across the fields and makes a wide U-turn near the perimeter of the fields then proceeds along the base of a small hill to a hairpin right turn up that hill and through a narrow fence gate to a path through some woods. From the start to the hairpin turn is about 500 yards. After going through the woods, the course emerges onto a macadam road near tennis courts and proceeds down the road to make a left turn onto Quail Street (a short street on campus). The **0.5-mile-point** is on Quail Street soon after the course joins it. About 200 yards down Quail Street the course turns right then left to pass by the Headmaster's house and down hill along a path to the Bogendale soccer field. After going diagonally across the soccer field, the path follows a service road behind the Gymnasium, crosses diagonally a small practice field, goes down hill along a short path to the lower playing fields. The cross-country course travels directly to the edge of the baseball backstop on the lower fields then turns right to go up hill. The **1.0-mile-point** is about 15 yards uphill after rounding the backstop. The course continues uphill to a right turn where it follows about half the perimeter of a group of three tennis courts. Emerging from the trees that surround the courts, the course travels behind the goal posts on the football field, then crosses the adjacent practice field diagonally to the corner of the Gymnasium. After going up hill along a service road, the course turns right to make a short downhill to the Bogendale soccer field again. After crossing the field diagonally, the course goes through a fence gate and up a steep hill to the wide gate in the fence around the Rappaport Field at the top of the hill. The course then joins the path the runners took after the start. The **1.5-mile-point** occurs about 25 yards before going around the soccer goal. The whole loop around the upper and lower parts of campus is then repeated. The **2.0-mile-point** is at the end of Quail Street near the yellow mark for the right turn. After climbing the steep hill to Rappaport Field for the second time and making the final (third) time around the perimeter of Rappaport Field, the course ends at the **FINISH** line and the chute near the start of the course.

The course has lots of hills that are run twice. It is a challenging and relatively slow course as a result.