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Yesterday, in between a slow morning and a lazy evening, we walk down to Old Town for the annual *Ramble and Ride*. Old Town is a nice walk from our house and I like events where we can take Abby along. We were a little unsure about the weather when we set off. There was a cool breeze and grey clouds passing overhead but when the sun hit you it felt hot. We took a chance and went without jackets, something I was very happy about when we were walking back and not having to carry them.



We perused the craft fair, got some good food and heard a bit of the live music that was going on at different spots along the road. The local stables had a horse and carriage making rounds. I'm always amazed how big horses really are; the barnyard smell that goes with them is kind of a novelty up here too. Abby didn't really notice the horses at first - too many people and cars around - but at some point she realized that they were animals and much bigger than her!



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My primary goal this year was to get ice cream from the Wildcat Cafe. I'd been wanting to all summer but we'd just never gotten around to it. We sat on the picnic table outside the restaurant where we could watch passers by and look out onto Back Bay. Abby got some ice cream too (we asked for a spoon): just for the record, pistachio is preferred over peaches and cream.



Owing to the heat, and her natural love of them, Abby walked through, and drank from, every puddle she could get to on our way to the Wildcat - including one that was really more like a pool of mud. On our way home we stopped at the SPCA Dog Wash (like a charity car wash but dogs instead) where my sister Claire was lending a hand and Abby got her very first bath.



