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preposition

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1 from one place on something such as a line, road, or edge towards the other end of it:

We were driving along Follyfoot Road.

She glanced anxiously along the line of faces.

He slid his hand along her arm.

2 NEXT TO forming a line beside something long:

The palm trees along the shore swayed in the wind.

the toolbar along the top of your screen

*There were cheering crowds **all along** Pennsylvania Avenue.*

3 NEXT TO a particular distance away, on or beside something long such as a line, road, edge etc:

Hugo's house was about two hundred yards away along the main street.

*The bathroom is **just along** (= a short distance along) the corridor.*

4 along the way/line

during a process or experience, or during someone's life:

I've been lucky, but I've had my share of heartbreak along the way.

Word origin

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