

# The Liberty Bell Wanderers Welcomes You to the Year Round Walk of Milford, PA

This 10km walk located in Pike County, PA with a 6km option begins at an historic mill complex dating back to the 19th Century, then goes into downtown Milford with its many interesting and unique historic buildings, and onto the Pinchot Greenway Trail. The trail winds through residential areas and the business district and finally to the Grey Towers, Milford's famous National Historic Site and ancestral home of Gifford Pinchot, the first Chief of the U.S Forestry Service and twice Governor of Pennsylvania.

Grey Towers is open daily Memorial Day through October and weekends in May and November. However, pedestrians are welcome to tour the grounds any time during the year.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grey\\_Towers\\_National\\_Historic\\_Site](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grey_Towers_National_Historic_Site)

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/greytowers>

**Start Point:** Water Wheel Café & Bakery, 150 Water Street, Milford PA 18337 (570) 296-2383

The Water Wheel Café & Bakery is located in the Upper Mill Historic District which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The café is part of a fully restored 19th century water-powered grist mill – the Jervis Gordon Grist Mill (1882). The mill's 24-foot water wheel operates from May through October. Self-guided tours of the building are available year-round — walk to the back of the café, go through the exit door to start the tour. In addition to touring the grist mill, there are various shops and art galleries at the Upper Mill to visit.

### Walk Registration:

Registration takes place online using the Online Start Box. Follow the instructions provided to create a user account and sign the AVA waiver (one time). Instructions for payments are also included. Download the directions and print as needed. **The POC does not provide event directions or accept alternate payment methods.**

### Walk Completion and Walk Credit:

Once you have physically completed the walk, please login to your Online Start Box account and click on the "MyStart Box" tab, then the "Finish Table" tab, then click on the "Go to Finish Table" button for the event you have completed. Use the displayed entry form to submit the date and distance of your walk as well as select applicable AVA Special Programs to generate stamped "virtual" insert cards that you may later choose to print out.

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# 10km and 6km Walking Directions for the Year Round Walk of Milford, PA

### Driving Directions to the Start Point:

Water Wheel Café & Bakery, 150 Water St, Milford PA 18337 (570) 296-2383

(Lat: 41.324129, Lng: -74.810363)

*From the South:* Take Rte. 209 North (Federal Rd.) from East Stroudsburg into Milford. Turn left on Broad St. at the light (there is only stoplight in Milford). Follow Broad St. as it curves to the right and becomes Sawkill Ave. Continue to the Water Wheel Cafe parking lot on the left.

*From the West:* Take I-84 East to Exit 46 for Milford. Turn right on Rte. 6. Go about 2 miles then turn right on Mill St. which becomes Water St. The Water Wheel Cafe will be on the left.


*From the East:* Take I-84 West to Exit 46 for Milford. Turn left on Rte. 6. Follow directions from Rte. 6 above.

*From the North:* Take your best route to I-84 and follow directions for West or East above.

### Restrooms:

Public Restrooms are available inside the Water Wheel Café. The management is use to visitors walking past the counter on the right to the back of the cafe to see the historic waterwheel. Restrooms are located on the way to the waterwheel.

### Emergency Numbers:



In case of Emergency: Dial 911  
Event related assistance:  
Mike Green: 845-781-6801

### Walking Instructions:

Maps are included for both the 10 and 6 km walks.

Typically, "Alleys" in Milford are not marked with a street sign. Walk directions will note when an Alley is not marked by a street sign.

### Abbreviations used:

ns – No Sign. There is no street sign.

C&P – Cross and/or Pass.

Usage – {C&P: 1st St and 2nd St.}

These walk directions and maps may only be used in conjunction with a signed American Volkssport Association athletic waiver. All other uses are prohibited.

1. With your back to the entrance door to the Water Wheel Café, turn **RIGHT** onto Sawkill Ave {C&P: "Do Not Enter" sign, Eagle Ct, Millcreek Woods, and Wycoff Ln} to Broad St (ns, first left after Wycoff Ln).
2. **LEFT** on Broad St to Harford St (the only stoplight in Milford). **10K Walkers proceed to Instruction #0.**

**6K WALKERS ONLY:** When you reach the stoplight, continue straight ahead on Broad St {C&P: W. Plum Alley) to George St. Rejoin the 10K route at **Instruction #19.**

3. **RIGHT** on E. Harford St {C&P: Blackberry Alley, Pike County Library, 4<sup>th</sup> St, Cranberry Alley, 3<sup>rd</sup> St, and Mott St} to the cross walk just before Mid-Atlantic Realty.

**Restrooms are available in the Pike County Library.**

*POI's along E. Harford St:*

*201 (c.1740): Oldest house in Milford, only one to survive the 18<sup>th</sup> century. Marquis de Lafayette stayed here during one of his tours of America.*

*209: Pike County Chamber of Commerce building. You are welcome to stop here to learn more about Milford. There are also restrooms available.*

4. Using the crosswalk, **CROSS** E. Harford then **RIGHT** to walk through the small park. Pass the memorial plaque dedicated to President John F. Kennedy.
5. Follow the path through the park to the fork. **Bear LEFT** at the fork and exit the park on 2<sup>nd</sup> St.

**Note:** As you continue the route, the instructions will lead to the Pinchot Greenway Trail, a natural trail along the Delaware River. At the end of the trail, there is a long and steep hill to return to the street. To avoid this hill, turn Left on 2<sup>nd</sup> St. as you exit the small park. Continue on 2<sup>nd</sup> St. to the end. Then turn Right to enter the Ethel Borckley Memorial Park and enjoy the views. Continue on the route at **Instruction #15.**

6. Bear **RIGHT** on E. Harford St. between the Second St. Salon & Spa and Belle Reve Sr. Living Center. At Front St. turn **RIGHT** and go downhill as it curves right then left to the Metz Icehouse (white building) and River Rd (aka Log Rd).  
*POI: Metz Ice House (c.1869), National Register of Historic Places. The plaque on the Metz Ice House identifies it as a former grist mill. It operated as a refrigerated warehouse and ice plant running on water power until 1979.*
7. **Option:** Walk an extra 0.2 km and see the Callahan House.  
*The Callahan House that served as an inn, is believed to have been a station on the Underground Railroad, and on 3/13/2009 added to the register of National Register of Historic Places.*
  - **Continue uphill** on Front St passing River Rd to the intersection with Milford Beach Rd (ns, stop sign facing the other way).
  - Very sharp **RIGHT** for a short distance on Milford Beach Rd to a T-intersection with E. Hartford St (aka Rte 209).
  - Directly across the E. Hartford St is the Callahan House (white house with dark green trim)
  - After viewing the Callahan House, **retrace** your steps back on Milford Beach Rd to Front St.
  - Very sharp **LEFT** on Front St to River Rd (across from the Metz Icehouse).
  - **RIGHT** onto River Rd to entrance of the Pinchot Greenway Trail, then skip to instruction #0.
8. **LEFT** on River Rd to entrance of the Pinchot Greenway Trail.
9. Look for a map of the trail on the left. Continue straight on the trail keeping the river on the right to the house with a large stone chimney and prominent deck.
10. **LEFT** on E Catherine St (ns) and go up the hill {C&P: the green Pinchot Greenway sign, Strawberry Alley} to Third St (at the stop sign).
11. **LEFT** on Third St. to Apple Alley. *Milford Skatepark & ball field on right (SP).*
12. **LEFT** on Apple Alley to Strawberry Alley (ns, 1 block)
13. **RIGHT** on Strawberry Alley to E Ann St. (ns, 1 block).
14. **LEFT** on E. Ann St. Follow E. Ann into the Ethel Borckley Memorial Park. Walk through the park and enjoy the views of the river below.
15. **Exit** the park and continue straight on E. Ann. {C&P: 3<sup>rd</sup> St, and Cranberry Alley} to Fourth St. Many lovely homes all along E. Ann St.  
*POI: Milford Methodist Church (1864). Note the beautiful stained-glass windows which take their theme from Matthew, 6:28: "Consider the lilies how they grow..."*
16. **RIGHT** on Fourth St {C&P: Apple Alley and E. Catherine} to E High St.  
*POI: Milford Theater (1911) on Fourth & Catherine Streets. Each October the Black Bear Film Festival is held here to support and promote innovative, independent films. The festival also celebrates Milford's rich heritage as a filmmaking location during the silent film era and features silent and historical films. Legends such as Zane Grey, D.W. Griffith, Mary Pickford, Lillian Gish and John Barrymore have either lived in or visited Milford. The Milford Theater is also a Performing Arts Theater (SP)*
17. **LEFT** on E. High St {C&P: Blackberry Alley} to Broad St (stop sign)  
*POI: 110 E. High St., "The Judge School" (c. 1890). In the 1920's this was a fashionable hotel called "The Winsor". From 1941-1966 it was a school for exceptional children. It is said to be an overwhelming visual experience with nothing left to*

be desired in 19<sup>th</sup> Century architecture. Note the partial wagon wheels that decorate the front and side entrance stairs.

18. **RIGHT** on Broad St {C&P: W. Plum Alley} to George St.

19. **LEFT** and **CROSS** Broad St at George then **RIGHT** to continue on Broad St {C&P: W. Cherry Alley}.

POI: Columns Museum (1904-07). Among the many exhibits is the "bloody Lincoln flag" which is believed to have cushioned the dying president's head after he was shot at Ford's Theater. The flag was kept by the theater manager who passed it down to his daughter who eventually moved to Milford. After her death, the flag was donated to the museum.

Also notice the "Hiawatha Stagecoach" exhibited in the porte-cochere.

20. **Stay to the left** on Broad to Sarah St. Do not take the highway.

21. **LEFT** on W. Sarah St to Fifth St (sign is on the right side of the street).

22. **LEFT** on Fifth St {C&P: W John St and W Cherry Alley} to W. George St.

23. **LEFT** on W. George St {C&P: Gooseberry Alley} to Broad St.

24. **RIGHT** on Broad St {C&P: W Plum Alley, High St, Peach Alley, Catherine St, Apple Alley, Ann St, and Pear Alley} to Harford St. There are many shops and restaurants along Broad St.

POI's along Broad St.:

500-2 - "Old Jail House", (1814). Was originally the courthouse until 1874. For many years it served as the County Jail. Look closely as the five windows that were filled-in with stone to prevent prisoners from escaping.

412-14 - "Pike County Court House", (1874). It is listed individually on the National Register of Historic Buildings.

401 - "Hotel Fauchiere", (c. 1850). This hotel was built by Louis Fauchiere, a former chef of Delmonico's Restaurant in New York City. It has hosted many prominent guests over the years such as William Tecumseh Sherman, Rudolph Valentino,

Sarah Bernhardt, Mae West, Babe Ruth, and Presidents Theodore and Franklin Roosevelt, and John F. Kennedy.

320-322 - "Bloomgarden Building", (1888). This commercial building once housed the local bank and a succession of department stores.

300 - "First Presbyterian Church", (1874). The bell tower and "town clock" were donated in 1887 by Illinois Lt. Governor William Bross. He was the first signer of the constitutional amendment abolishing slavery.

25. **RIGHT** on Harford St to Gooseberry Alley.

26. **RIGHT** on Gooseberry Alley {C&P: Pear Alley (ns) to W. Ann St (ns)}.

27. **LEFT** on W. Ann St to Fifth St.

28. **RIGHT** on Fifth St {C&P: Apple Alley, Milford Park} to W. Catherine St. Basketball Court/ice rink in Milford Park (SP).

29. **LEFT** on W. Catherine St {C&P: Raspberry Alley, 6<sup>th</sup> St, Currant Alley, and 7<sup>th</sup> St} to Elderberry Alley.

30. **LEFT** on Elderberry Alley {C&P: Apple Alley} to W. Ann St (ns, first paved street). (SK)

31. **LEFT** on W. Ann St {C&P: 7<sup>th</sup> St, Currant Alley, 6<sup>th</sup> St, Raspberry Alley} to Fifth St.

POI's on W. Ann St:

209 - (1875). Decorative details such as double-hooded window crown groupings with keystones, bracketed cornices, and porch details are key features of this house.

208 - (c.1870). In the alley abutting the house is a carriage house which once was used as a viewing parlor for mortuary services. The local Indian Lenni Lenape, known as Chief Indian Cloud was laid to rest here.

32. **RIGHT** on Fifth St {C&P: Pear Alley} to W. Harford St.

33. **RIGHT** on W. Harford St {C&P: Raspberry Alley, 6<sup>th</sup> St, Currant Alley, 7<sup>th</sup> St, Elderberry Alley, 8<sup>th</sup> St, and Huckleberry Alley} to Ninth St.

34. At Ninth St., turn **LEFT** and **use the crosswalk** to carefully cross W. Harford St. to Old Owego Turnpike.
35. **Bear left** to continue on Old Owego Turnpike {C&P: Pine Alley, Grey Towers National Historic Site sign} to Pine Acres. **10K Walkers proceed to Instruction #36.**
- 6K WALKERS:** Continue on Owego Turnpike to the entrance of Grey Towers. Continue with **Instruction #38.**
36. **RIGHT** on Pine Acres. At the fork, keep to the right. **LEFT** at the stop sign. Follow the road as it loops around to the left, then right to return to Owego Turnpike.
37. **RIGHT** on Owego Turnpike to the gate to Grey Towers.
38. **Enter the gate** to Grey Towers on the left. If the main gate to the Grey Towers is closed, enter through the pedestrian gate located to the left at the sign "Pedestrians Welcome".
39. Go past the Grey Towers sign (and gravel drive) and turn **RIGHT** on the next path -- Pinchot Greenway Trail (look for the green marker with walker and cyclist on the right with doggie waste and bag station).
40. Follow the serpentine trail as it goes up the hill toward the amphitheater (large open meadow; *SP: Step to the Beat*). Before reaching the amphitheater, you will see the historic Laurel Hill Cemetery on the right (worth walking through) to the large gazebo on the left. (Good views from the gazebo. **Restrooms** on the lower level of the gazebo via stairs.)
41. Continue past the large gazebo. Follow the paved trail on the right as it goes up to the tower.
42. You are welcome to check out the trails around and in the back of the Grey Towers. Follow the path to the back of

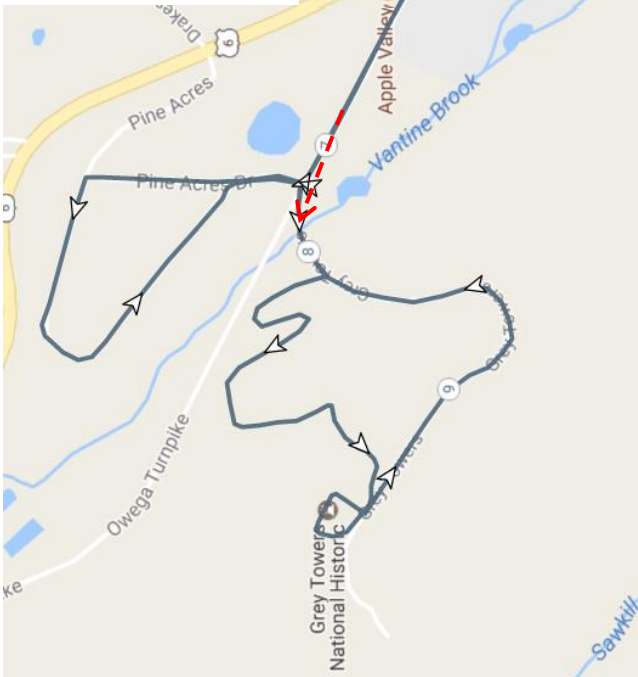
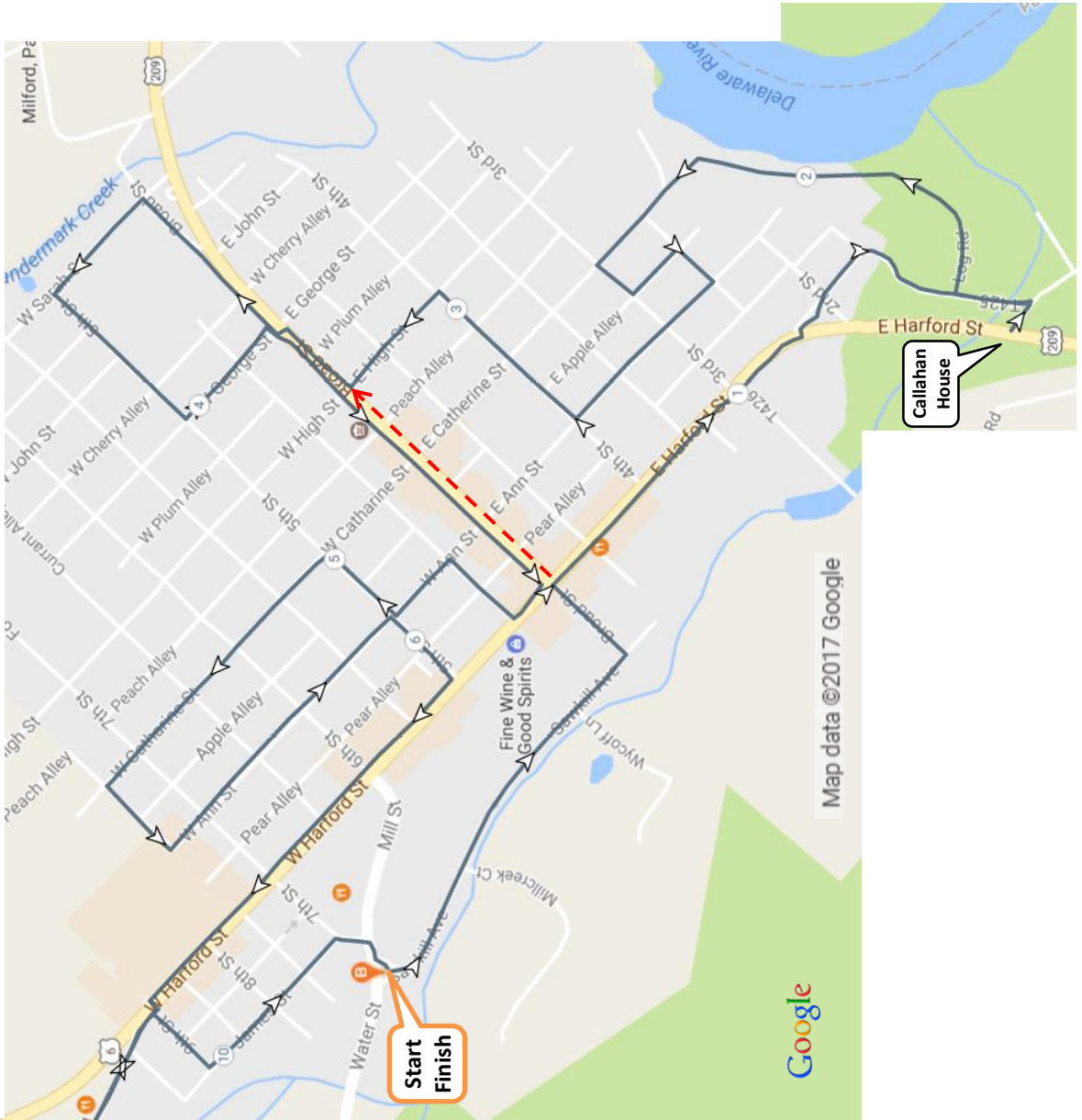
the mansion and up the steps. Continue around the mansion and pass by the "Fingerbowl", the outdoor dining table which served as the Pinchot's dining room. Admission fees are required for tours through the mansion. **{Restrooms behind Grey Towers}**

*POI: Grey Towers is the ancestral home of Gifford Pinchot, first chief of the U.S. Forest Service and twice governor of Pennsylvania. It was built in 1886 by his father, James Pinchot, a successful businessman and philanthropist. The mansion was 3 60-foot turrets, 23 fireplaces, 44 rooms and served as the Pinchot family's summer home. The Pinchot family's rich legacy consists of conservation, civil rights and social justice. Their contribution to society and fascinating history is more than can be written here and is worth exploring further.*

43. After touring the grounds at Grey Towers, take the **road down the hill**. **Bear right** at the main driveway and follow it back to Owego Turnpike.
44. **RIGHT** on Owego Turnpike {C&P: Pine Acres, Pine Alley} to W. Harford St (stop sign)
45. **RIGHT** on W. Harford St a short distance to Ninth St.
46. **RIGHT** on Ninth St {C&P: Chestnut St} to James St.
47. **LEFT** on James St {C&P: Huckleberry Alley, 8<sup>th</sup> St, and Cranberry Alley} to Seventh St.
48. **RIGHT** on Seventh St to Mill St.
49. **RIGHT** on Mill St. and return to Start/Finish at the Water Wheel Café

**Milford 10k Walk**  
 With 6K Shortcuts

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**2024 KSVa Special Challenges and AVA Special and National Programs**

<b>WALK NAME: MILFORD</b>					
<b>NUMBER: Y0168</b>					
67 Counties (no end date)				Pike	
AT Thru Hike (2017 -2023) in PA only				N/A	
<b>AVA SPECIAL PROGRAMS</b>					
Program Name	Years	10K	6K	K	Information
A-MAZE-ing Labyrinths	(2024-2027)				
Appalachian Trail in 14 States	(2018 - 2028)				
Border Crossings	(2014 - 2023)				
Great Lakes, Great Fun, Great Fitness, Great Friendships	(2021 - 2023)				
IVV-Americas	(2023 - No end)	X	X		
Lighthouses II	(2023-2025)				
Par For the Course	(2023-2025)	X	X		Basketball court/ice rink in Milford Park Skatepark on Apple Alley
Rails-to-Trails	(2022 - 2025)				
Step to the Beat	(2024 - 2027)	X	X		Amphitheater across from Gazebo on Grey Towers grounds.
Town Halls/City Halls	(2022 - 2024)	X	X		Milford Borough Building, 500 Broad St.
Walking with America’s Veterans	(2021 - 2023)	X	X		Soldiers and Sailors Monument on Broad St. WWI Plaque on courthouse
Washington-Rochambeau National Historic Trail	(2021 - 2031)				
<b>Closed Programs on Route</b>					
Airports – Celebrating American Flight	(2020 - 2022)				
Mayflower – 400 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Walk	(2020 - 2022)				
Rockin’ Around the Clock	(2020 - 2022)	X	X		On Broad St.
<b>AVA NATIONAL PROGRAMS</b>					
Program Name	Years	10K	6K	K	
50 States / 51 Capitals	(No end date)	X	X		Pennsylvania
Walk the USA (A To Z)	(No end date)	X	X		M