

The Liberty Bell Wanderers
Welcomes You to
Lansdale Borough
An AVA Sanctioned Year Round Event



This 10/6K AVA rated 1A walk is in Montgomery County PA. The 10 km walk passes through Stony Creek and Whites Road parks and some of the well-established neighborhoods of Lansdale, then proceeds through downtown Lansdale passing by numerous historic buildings, the municipal hall, the Jenkins homestead (earliest known homestead of Lansdale) and Memorial Park.

OSB or PSB Walk Registration (not both):

Please use either the Online Start Box (OSB) or Physical Start Box (PSB) to register and complete the event. Do NOT mix and match. For example, do not register using the OSB, then complete your event using the PSB (nor sign the PSB log sheet). The sponsoring club only receives credit for an OSB participation when an OSB registration has been completed online by entering your participation date, distances, and any special programs using the OSB.

OSB Walk Completion and Walk Credit:

When using OSB registration, upon physically completing the walk, please login to your Online Start Box account, click on the "My Start Box" tab, then the "Finish Table" tab, then click on "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 choose to print out.

Restrooms:

Location	Route	Type	Distance	Hours - Season
Starting Point	10/6km	Restroom	0km	Varies - Sometimes closed for no reason
Stony Creek Park	10/6km	Porta-Potty	2km	24/7 - Year Round
Whites Road Park	10km	Porta-Potty	4km	24/7 - Year Round
Lansdale Police Station (1 Vine St)	10/6km	Single room, unisex	8km/4.5	24/7 - Year Round

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Starting Point Address:

North Penn Commons, 608 E. Main Street Lansdale, PA 19446 (215-368- 1601).

GPS Coordinates: 40.234, -75.27358

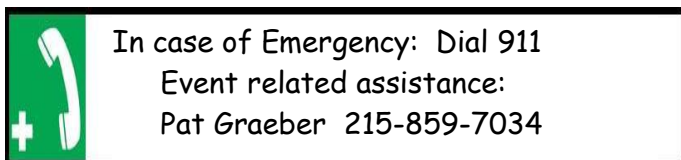
Parking is at REAR of building.

PSB Location:

The start box is at the curved desk near the entrance to the Y in the lobby of the North Penn Commons building at the above address. The desk (usually unstaffed) is about 100 feet from the entrance, on the right, just after the swimming pool viewing windows.

Driving Directions:

From the PA Turnpike I-276, take Exit 339/Fort Washington onto PA-309 N toward Ambler. Go approx. 6 miles to Welsh Rd/PA-63 and turn left. (Note: A left turn cannot be made directly from PA-309 to PA-63. Just before the intersection, turn right on Lower State Rd. then left on PA-63/Welsh Rd.) Continue on PA-63 approx. 3 miles. Turn left on Highland Ave., then left on Forest Ave into the parking lot of the Lansdale Area Family YMCA in the North Penn Commons building on the left. (From the parking lot you may only see North Penn Commons on the side of the marquee.) If the parking lot is full, park in the shopping center lot on Main St next to the Y.

Emergency Numbers:**Walking Instructions:**

Maps are included for both the 10km & 6km walks (and optional 1.3 km detour).

Abbreviations used:

ns – No Sign. There is no street sign.

C&P – Cross and/or Pass.

Usage – {C&P: 1st St and 2nd St.}

[SP] – Special Program

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. **Exit** the North Penn Commons entrance, **veer LEFT** to stay on sidewalk. **RIGHT** at end of sidewalk to Forest Ave (ns, the first road).
2. **CONTINUE STRAIGHT** to stay on Forest Ave {C&P: 1 stop sign} to Highland Ave.

3. **LEFT** on Highland Ave to Wissahickon Ave.
4. **RIGHT** on Wissahickon Ave to Church Rd.
5. **LEFT** on Church Rd {C&P: Crescent Ave} to E. Hancock St.
6. **CROSS** E. Hancock then **RIGHT** on E. Hancock St {C&P: Line St and RR tracks} to 1st park entrance of Stony Creek Park (across from Almond Dr & Andale Green townhomes).
7. **LEFT** to enter **Stony Creek Park** (just after black chain link fence).

INSTRUCTIONS THROUGH STONY CREEK PARK:

- a) **Enter the park** and go **straight** to the paved trail. Note sign on right for the Liberty Bell Trail [SP 2022] . Cross wide footbridge to continue on the paved trail.
- b) **LEFT** at the first fork (bench on the right) then cross another wide footbridge to gravel path on the right.
- c) **RIGHT** onto a fine gravel path. The trail leads to a long narrow boardwalk.
- d) **LEFT** at the “T” after crossing the long boardwalk.
- e) **LEFT** at the next fork (do not go towards the gazebo) onto a macadam path.
- f) **RIGHT** at the split rail fence surrounding the playground.
- g) **Bear RIGHT** on path (noting Little Free Library [SP] on left) to go to the Pavilion and Water Bottle Refill Station. Note labyrinth [SP] on the right, across from pavilion.
- h) **Continue** on path around the pond, keeping the pond on the left {C&P: Sculpture of children fishing} to park entrance drive (just before parking lot)
- i) **RIGHT** on crosswalk just past entrance driveway to E. Hancock St.

Note: Porta-Potty is located near the shed in the parking lot.

8. **LEFT** on E. Hancock St. {C&P: Gnomes [SP] at 474 Hancock St, RR tracks, Franklin St, High St, Jefferson St} to Broad St.

10K WALKERS go to Instruction #9.**6K WALKERS ONLY:**

- **CROSS Broad St.** using pedestrian crossing. **(CAREFUL – watch for cars behind you turning left from Hancock onto Broad Street!)** and then turn **RIGHT** continuing on Broad St {C&P: Hancock and Blaine St} to W. Mt Vernon St.
 - **LEFT** on W. Mt. Vernon St {C&P: Green St, Susquehanna Ave, Gnome [SP] 321 Mt Vernon St, and Richardson Ave} to Richardson Ave.
 - **RIGHT** on Richardson Ave {C&P: York Ave, Columbia Ave, Derstine Ave, and Courtland St} to W. Main St.
 - **RIGHT** on W. Main St, **CROSS** Wood then **Rejoin** the 10K at **Instruction #24**
9. **10K WALKERS ONLY: LEFT** on Broad St to Whites Rd. Note **Building Clock (SP)** on left at Pavilion Shopping Center.
10. **RIGHT** on Whites Rd. (crossing Broad St) {C&P: Lansdale Cemetery, Green St and Susquehanna Ave} to Richardson Ave.
11. At Richardson Ave, **LEFT** (crossing Whites Rd) using the pedestrian crosswalk. Turn **LEFT**, then **RIGHT** and enter **Whites Road Park**.
- INSTRUCTIONS THROUGH WHITES ROAD PARK:**
- Follow the concrete sidewalk to the asphalt trail and turn **LEFT**.
 - Cross the footbridge and continue **LEFT**. Go past the playground (port-a-potty in playground).
 - Stay on the asphalt trail when it bears right and goes into the woods after passing a gravel road (on left). Cross another small footbridge.
 - Follow the trail past the pool, then **LEFT** to return to the street.
12. Exit the park and cross Whites Rd. at the pedestrian crosswalk.
13. **LEFT** on Whites Rd {C&P: Richardson Ave} to Towamencin Ave.
14. **RIGHT** on Towamencin Ave {C&P: Pennsylvania Ave} to Perkiomen Ave.
15. **LEFT** on Perkiomen Ave {C&P: Cannon Ave and Mitchell Ave} to Salford Ave.
16. **RIGHT** on Salford Ave to Delaware Ave
17. **RIGHT** on Delaware Ave {C&P: Mitchell Ave} to Cannon Ave.
18. **LEFT** on Cannon Ave to W Mt Vernon St.
19. **LEFT** on W Mt. Vernon St {C&P: Mitchell Ave} to Salford Ave.
20. **RIGHT** on Salford Ave then **CROSS** York Ave.
21. **CONTINUE** on Salford Ave {C&P: **Little Free Library [SP]** on the left} to Columbia Ave.
22. **RIGHT** on Columbia Ave {C&P: Mitchell Ave and Cannon Ave} to Towamencin Ave.
23. **LEFT** on Towamencin Ave {C&P: Derstine Ave and Courtland St} to W. Main St.
24. **RIGHT** on W. Main St {C&P: Labyrinth [SP] on right next to St. John’s United Church of Christ, Richardson Ave, Wood St, mural, historic buildings} to Susquehanna Ave.

Some historic buildings along Main St.:

St. John’s United Church of Christ is one of the oldest churches in Lansdale. The congregation dates back to 1875. The church was built in 1876. A new sanctuary was built in 1953. The stained-glass windows were commissioned from P.J. Reeves Co. of Philadelphia.

Just past Wood St. on the left is the Hager & Schultz Building. The building was constructed in the 1920’s to house Hager’s Men’s Store (now Stove and Tap).

After crossing Wood St. turnaround to see a mural.

The property next to the Hager & Schultz Building was originally the Shiloh Lodge Masonic Hall.

215 W. Main was originally Geller’s Grand Emporium started in the 1880’s by Jacob C. Geller. Geller sold everything from food to caskets. Now the building houses the Lansdale School of Cosmetology.

317 W. Main used to be the Drescher Motor Co.

25. **CROSS** Susquehanna and turn **RIGHT** {C&P: Cortland St, Derstine Ave, and the library} following Susquehanna as it curves to the left to Vine St.

Restrooms available in library (when open).

We recommend waiting to use the restrooms at the Police Station/Municipal Building.

26. **LEFT** on Vine St {C&P: Green St, Montgomery Ave, US Post Office on the right, St Elmo St, and Lansdale Borough Hall [SP 2022]} to Broad St.

Inside the borough building is the Museum Room (on the right) which opened in February 2016. There are artifacts and photographs depicting Lansdale's heritage over the years.

Restrooms are available in the borough building, next to the Museum (usually 8am-4pm M-F).

Restrooms are always available in the Police Station whose entrance is adjacent to the borough hall entrance in same building.

27. **CROSS** Broad St. and turn **LEFT** {C&P: RR tracks} to Jenkins Ave.

Look ahead to the Freestanding clock [SP] at Koehler Jewelers on Broad Street, just past Main St – short detour if you want to see it up close.

28. **RIGHT** on Jenkins Ave {C&P: Chestnut St and Jenkins Homestead} to Line St.

Note the mural on the building as you make the turn onto Jenkins.

After crossing Chestnut St, note the Jenkins Homestead on the left about mid-block. The Jenkins Homestead was first settled in 1743. Members of the Jenkins family were the earliest known settlers in Lansdale. The current building dates back to about 1790 when it replaced the original log cabin. Back then the property occupied 120 acres of land which covered all of Lansdale and much of the surrounding townships. During the second half of the 19th century, the property had a number of

owners and much of the original homestead was sold and subdivided. Today the Lansdale Historical Society operates the building as the Jenkins Homestead and Historical Research Center (by appointment). Jenkins Homestead is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

29. **LEFT** on Line St to E. Main St.

30. **RIGHT** on E. Main St. **Memorial Park** is on the right. Go up the step to enter the park. Take the first trail on the left and proceed towards the memorial. Walk in front of the memorial noting lives lost (from Lansdale) in WWI, WWII, Korean and Vietnam Wars. **(SP)**

31. Return to E. Main St. and turn **RIGHT** to Park Dr.

32. **RIGHT** on Park Dr to Penn St.

33. **LEFT** on Penn St to Church St. {C&P Woodland Drive, Penndale Middle School [SP], A Donsy of miniature Gnomes [SP] located next to the side door (on Penn St) at house located on corner of Penn St and Church St, War Memorial [SP] on right corner of Church & Penn.}

This memorial commemorates North Penn high school graduates who lost their lives in Vietnam and other conflicts.

34. **LEFT** on Church St to Main St (traffic light).

35. **RIGHT** on E. Main St to Highland Ave.

36. **RIGHT** on Highland Ave to Forest Ave.

37. **LEFT** on Forest Ave. and return to the Start Point at the Y.

Liberty Bell Wanderers hope you enjoyed our Lansdale Walk and hope you will return to enjoy it again.



WALK NAME: Lansdale Borough				
NUMBER: Y0293				
KSPA SPECIAL CHALLENGES				
67 Counties (no end date)	Montgomery			
AT Thru Hike (2017 -2020)	N/A			
AVA SPECIAL PROGRAMS 2021 & 2022				
Program Name	Years	10K	6K	Information
Airports – Celebrating American Flight	(2020 - 2022)			
A-MAZE-ing Labyrinths	(2024 - 2026)	X	X	Stony Creek Park 10k: Next to St John's United Church of Christ on Main St
Amphitheaters	(2015 - 2017)	X		Whites Road Park
Boardwalks	(2015 - 2017)	X	X	Stony Creek Park
Bridges – Spanning the USA	(2016 - 2018)	X	X	Foot bridges in Stony Creek (6 & 10k) and Whites Road Parks (10k)
Great Lakes, Great Fun, Great Fitness, Great Friendships	(2021 - 2023)	X		Erie Dr, Optional 1.3km Detour
Little Free Libraries	(2019 - 2021)	X	X	Corner of Salford Ave. & Columbia Ave (10k) and Stony Creek Park (6 & 10k)
Mayflower – 400 th Anniversary Walk	(2020 - 2022)	X		Wissahickon Ave, Whites Rd, Susquehanna Ave, Towamencin Ave, Perkiomen Ave, and Delaware Ave.
Rails-to-Trails	(2022 - 2025)	X	X	Liberty Bell Trail – (Former Trolley Line) in Stony Creek Park
Rockin' Around the Clock	(2020 - 2022)	X	X	10K: Pavilion Shopping Center (Broad St) 6K: Koehler Jewelers (Broad St past Main)
Step to the Beat	(2024 - 2026)	X	X	Penndale Middle School, Penn St 10K: Whites Road Park
Town Halls / City Halls	(2022 - 2024)	X	X	Lansdale Borough Hall, 1 Vine St.
Take A Walk in a City Park	(2016 - 2018)	X	X	Memorial Park (6K) Whites Road Park (10K)
Treasure Hunt	(2016 - 2018)	X	X	Keystone
United States Post Office	(2016 - 2018)	X	X	20 Vine St.
Walk Like an Olympian	(2018 - 2022)			
Walking with America's Veterans	(2021 - 2023)	X	X	Veteran monuments in Memorial Park North Penn Veterans War Memorial at Penndale Middle School
Walking with the Wild Things	(2025 - 2027)	X	X	10k & 6k – Gnomes at 474 East Hancock (after turning on to Hancock but before dentist office. A Donsy of miniature Gnomes next to side door (on Penn St) of house located at the corner of Penn St and Church St. 6k – Gnomes in near 3 different houses located on Mt Vernon St.
Walk the USA – Street by Street	(2016 - 2018)	X	X	Hancock St – AR, CO, CT Delaware Ave. – IN, IA, OK Jenkins Ave. – AL, GA, TX
AVA NATIONAL PROGRAMS				
Program Name	Years	10K	6K	Information
50 States / 51 Capitals	(No end date)	X	X	Pennsylvania
Walk the USA (A To Z)	(No end date)	X	X	L