



The Asheville Amblers
 Welcome You to
Magnolia Plantation, SC Walk
 An AVA Sanctioned Year Round Event



Walk through a classic old Southern Plantation and gardens. Magnolia Plantation was first settled in 1676 and has survived through the Civil War. First opened to the public in 1870. Tour the 50-acre garden with over 900 Camellias and 250 Azaleas plus hundreds of other flowering species all year round. Walk through the Audubon Swamp Garden and see a typical black water cypress and tupelo swamp complete with gators. This is also a rookery for Egrets, Herons and Ibis among other species in the spring. Meander around the old rice patties along the banks of the Ashley River.

Rated 1A. Suitable for strollers but not for wheelchairs due to swamp area.

Walk Registration:

Registration takes place online using that AVA Online Start Box, on my.ava.org. Follow the instructions provided to create a user account and sign the AVA waiver (one time). Instructions for payment 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 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.

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, by registering using the OSB and then completing your event using the PSB nor signing 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.

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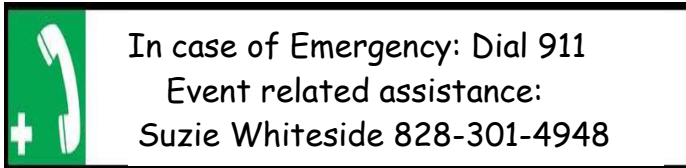
Starting Point Location:

From Charleston: Take US-17 heading south. Follow signs to Highway 61 (Ashley River Road). Go north on Highway 61 for 9 miles. Watch for the "Historical Plantation and Gardens" sign and the "Magnolia Plantation and Gardens" sign. The plantation is on the right; 3550 Ashley River Road, Charleston SC 29414. The walk begins at the Snack Bar which is just behind the Ticket Booths.

GPS: latitude is 32.871482 longitude -80.090760

Restrooms:

There are restrooms available on the grounds.

Emergency Numbers:**Walking Instructions:**

Tickets are required to enter Magnolia Plantation Grounds and do the walk.

Due to the swamps and extensive garden areas, accurate maps are not available. Included are the best approximations available. Please follow the instructions as best you can and if you get turned around in the gardens, just relax and enjoy the beauty until you can get back on track.

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

Walk Directions:

WELCOME TO MAGNOLIA PLANTATION AND ITS
GARDENS
5/10KM WALK© – ASHEVILLE AMBLERS

IMPORTANT NOTE: You may encounter alligators during the walk. They will normally avoid you. However, do not feed or bother them and do not run from them. In the unlikely event one stays on the trail as you approach, make loud noises.

1. Began in front of the Snack Bar. With the Snack Bar at your back, **go straight** to the main road. **Cross** the road. (Restrooms are in the building directly in front of you.). *If referring to map, start on "Garden Inset" S/F.*
2. Turn **right** on main road to concrete path just past train depot. Turn **left**, enter Conservatory building and proceed on gravel path
3. Exit building, return to main road and turn **left**.
4. At intersection with sign "Audubon Swamp Garden" and arrow, turn **right** and proceed down road (**Main Exit Road. Stay left**). *A on Garden Inset – go to Main Map.*
5. Just past "Private Residence" sign and across from a row of mailboxes, look left at huge oak with Spanish Moss and small white cabins which were slave quarters prior to Civil War. Continue on Exit Road
6. Just after sign "Slow 10 MPH" on left, turn **left** on gravel path to enter Audubon Swamp Garden. *B on Main Map – to Audubon Inset.*
7. At first intersection of paths, turn **right**.
8. Just pass Phone App Tour 12 sign at fork, go **up** wooden stairs and turn **left**. Stop at various overlooks along boardwalks for better views of swamp.
9. Follow path/boardwalk to path and boardwalk going off to left.
10. At Phone App Tour 14 sign, turn **left** and continue on boardwalk to "T" intersection.
11. At Phone App Tour 6 sign, turn **right**, circle grave yard and return to "T" intersection
12. **Go** straight ahead following the chain link fence.
13. At next intersection (look for Phone App Tour 9 sign), turn **right** and then **right** again onto paved road. *C on Audubon Inset – go to Main Map.* Road used by Nature Bus so be alert. Area to left is an old rice paddy.
14. At "T" intersection of roads, turn **left**.
15. At fork, take left branch and continue on paved road to Garden.
16. Continue on paved road to 4 way intersection.
17. At intersection, turn **right**, go approx. 50 yds, turn **left**, crossing grass to read the informational plate in front of the large Oak.
18. Retrace steps to 4 way intersection (Inst# 16). *A on Main Map – go to Garden Inset.*
19. Turn **right** and follow paved road past parking lots, Conservatory and restrooms to gravel path leading to right off paved road (Garden Entrance).
20. Turn **right** through wooden archway to sign with Number 1.
21. Turn **right**, following arrow to Biblical Garden and enter.

22. Tour Biblical Garden, return to gravel path and turn **right**.
23. Turn **left** into Relaxation and Contemplation area. Enjoy the views from the gazebo. Return to gravel path and turn **left**, following numbers and arrows to Number 4. Cross red wooden bridge.
24. Turn **left** and follow path along lake to barge display (Number 5).
25. Turn **left** to intersection (Number 6) and go **right** along river.
26. At first brick ramp, turn **left**, leaving river and go down path.
27. At intersection, turn **right** toward house to stairs.
28. At stairs of house, turn **right** and **cross** back to path along river.
29. At path, turn **left** and follow path along river.
30. **Left** down gravel path at sign 8.
31. At 5 way intersection past arbor, take first right gravel path to 9.
32. Passing tomb, continue to "T" intersection and turn **left** (11).
33. At next brick ramp (12), turn **left** and follow path to (13).

NOTE: 5KM Route – left at 13 and follow path between lakes to 15 and then to Inst #43.

34. Turn **right** at Number 13 (ignore arrow), passing Number 11 and tomb to intersection with sign "Waterfowl Refuge/Bike Trail/etc.
35. Turn **left** and follow dirt dike path to paved road. *D on Garden Inset – return to Main Map.* (**NOTE:** when wet, dike path can be slippery. Walk with caution)
36. Turn **left** on paved road and follow signs to tower. *E on Main Map – go to Garden Inset*
37. Climb tower for view. Return to foot of tower, take gravel path going left off paved road.
38. After crossing small wooden bridge, turn **left** at "T" intersection.
39. At next intersection, **go** straight. Do not take gravel path right.
40. At "T" intersection, turn **left**. At next "T", turn **right**.
41. At next intersection (with gravel path going left and Number 22), turn around and retrace steps to "T" intersection (**Inst# 40**).
42. At "T" (Number 14), turn **left**, passing trail to Wildlife Tower to Number 15.
43. Following arrow, turn **left** to white wooden bridge.
44. Turn **left**, cross bridge to statue and return across bridge.
45. Turn **left** onto gravel path to sign for Azalea Collection/16.

46. Turn **right** on gravel path. At "Y", bear **left** on path to Japanese bridge and cross bridge.
47. Ignoring all paths to right, continue around lake toward 17.
48. At "Y" intersection, stay **right** passing 17 on gravel path.
49. At "T" intersection, turn **left** toward 18.
50. At "T" intersection, turn **left** toward long white bridge.
51. At long white bridge, turn **right** and cross bridge.
52. **Go** straight ahead and turn **left** at Number 20 into Flowerdale.
53. Circle through and around Flowerdale and return to bridge.
54. Turn **right** at Number 21 and follow gravel path to Number 22.
55. Turn **right** at 22 and follow gravel path to side of house.
56. At house, turn **right** and follow gravel path to front of house
57. Turn **left** and follow gravel path to main road.
58. **Carefully** cross road and return to Start Point.

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We hope you enjoyed your walk. If you have not already done so, please login to the Online Start Box to "complete" your walk.

AVA SPECIAL PROGRAMS					
Program Name	Years	10K	5K	__ K	Information
Airports - Celebrating American Flight	(2020 - 2023)				
Appalachian Trail	(2018 - 2028)				
Border Crossing	(2014 - 2023)				
Carousels	(2019 - 2022)				
Little Free Libraries	(2019 - 2022)				
Mayflower - 400th Anniversary Walk	(2020 - 2023)				
Rockin' Around the Clock	(2020 - 2023)				
Underground Railroad	(2017 - 2020)				
Walk Like an Olympian	(2018 - 2020)				
AVA NATIONAL PROGRAMS					
Program Name	Years	10K	5K	__ K	Information
50 States / 51 Capitals	(no end date)				
Walk the USA (A To Z)	(no end date)				

Ambler Lowcountry Walks

- Beaufort
- Bluffton
- Charleston Historic District
- Charleston Ravenel Bridge
- Hilton Head
- Magnolia Plantation
- Pinckney Island

MAGNOLIA PLANTATION AND ITS GARDENS 5/10KM WALK MAP

