



CHAPEL HILL, NC WALK



**AMERICA'S
WALKING CLUB**
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Special Programs: Step to the Beat, Walking With The Wild Things

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Nicknamed the "Southern Part of Heaven", Chapel Hill was named after the New Hope Chapel that stood upon a hill at the crossing of two main roads (where The Carolina Inn currently stands). The history of the Town is inextricably linked to the University. The town was, in fact, created to serve the University.

When the UNC Board of Trustees chose the area around New Hope Chapel as the site for the first state university in 1793, they also named a committee to lay out a town adjacent to the site.

Town lots were auctioned in 1793 when work began on the first University building, although it was 1795 before any residents occupied permanent homes.

One of the "Public Ivies", UNC-Chapel Hill is a public research institution known for its acclaimed academic programs and lively sports fans. The university offers 74 bachelor's degrees—notably in political science, biology and psychology—through the College of Arts & Sciences and 13 professional schools.

There are numerous restaurants in the area for an after-walk meal.

Near the Start of the Walk:

Carolina Coffee Shop – 138 E Franklin

Sutton's Drug Store – 159 E Franklin

Bandito's – 159-½ E Franklin (in walkway you pass through)

GRK Yeero – 169 E Franklin

Four Corners – 175 E Franklin

Buns – 107 N Columbia (custom burgers)

Plus, many more along Franklin St to the West.

Upon completion of the walk, remember to log back into the OSB system to complete your online registration. Once you have entered your participation date, distances, and any included Special Programs, you can print out an Insert Card for each applicable book.

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Chapel Hill-UNC / Orange County

10k Walk – YR314



Driving Directions to the Start Point - Wallace Parking Deck, 142 E Rosemary St, Chapel Hill, NC

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2. Veer RIGHT and head ACROSS alley to the Amber Alley walkway next to a tall glass elevator.
3. Go DOWN the stairs and walk entire length of walkway. Go UP the steps to exit walkway and turn LEFT. You are on Franklin St at address numbers 157 & 159.
4. At the 3rd signal, turn LEFT at Hillsborough (Raleigh St on right).
5. Go PAST Rosemary St (signal). In one more block, at crosswalk by fire hydrant, turn RIGHT on North St.
6. At stop sign, turn RIGHT on Boundary, walking on the right side of road.
7. At signal, CROSS Franklin and then turn LEFT to cross Boundary. Turn RIGHT to head downhill on Boundary for several blocks; road will curve to the right.
8. Boundary comes to a multi-road intersection (stop sign). Turn HARD-LEFT on dirt path up slight hill (no sign - Country Club Rd). **POI #1**
9. At signal, turn LEFT on Gimghoul Rd.
10. Gimghoul ends at a 'Y'; veer LEFT on paved road (no sign-Glandon Dr) **Do Not** go straight on dirt/gravel road.
11. Veer RIGHT and then LEFT to stay on this road. Road will meander through a residential and wooded area.
12. At stop sign, turn RIGHT heading towards stoplight.
13. At signal, go STRAIGHT ahead, crossing Country Club Dr. Cemetery will be on your left, theater on right.
14. At third entrance/driveway to cemetery, turn LEFT into cemetery. **POI #2**
15. Immediately, look for the headstone for William F Strowd on the right (look closely-in shade). Go past this and a large tree and then turn RIGHT on a barely visible path. Head STRAIGHT towards the wrought iron fence.

16. Turn LEFT passing between a 2nd, more ornate wrought iron fence on left and a rock wall on right.
17. Just past a rock wall on the left, at an orange water spigot, turn RIGHT on a barely-visible brick-edged trail.
18. Turn LEFT on the asphalt trail and EXIT the cemetery.
19. Turn RIGHT on this street (South St); Carmichael Arena and then Woollen Gym will be on the left.
20. At the signal (corner of Raleigh and South Streets), turn LEFT to cross South St.
21. Turn RIGHT and then immediately LEFT to head down brick walkway (Koman Way). Fetzer Hall will be on the right.
22. Continue PAST the circular planter and head UP a series of steps. The stadium will be ahead in the distance.
23. Sidewalk emerges at Stadium Dr (no sign). Carefully CROSS the road to continue STRAIGHT ahead on brick path towards stadium (path may be hidden by parked cars).
24. You will come to Gate 1; veer to the LEFT keeping stadium on your right. Stay STRAIGHT on this path walking through a plaza; Chase Hall on left, Rams Head Rec center on right.
25. After the plaza, veer RIGHT to stay on the path, eventually crossing a bridge.
26. Immediately after the bridge, turn LEFT, walking along the edge of a wooded area. A multi-story red brick building will be on your right. Eventually you'll pass between the Student Academics Services North and South buildings. Head towards the signal.
27. Use crosswalk on the right to CROSS Manning Dr. and continue STRAIGHT ahead, downhill on Skipper Bowles Dr. Continue past William Blythe Dr, a parking lot and a sign for Kenan-Flagler Business School.
28. Road curves left. Head towards the 3rd building (beige). Just past the 2nd building (black glass), veer RIGHT on the diagonal path to the Carolina Basketball Museum. **POI #3**
29. When diagonal path ends, turn HARD-RIGHT to walk along the black-glass building (natatorium) and then the Dean Smith Center (basketball arena). **POI #4**
30. At the far corner of Dean Smith arena, turn RIGHT on path leading to stairs that go back down to road. *If you reach the 'B' Entry sign, you've gone too far.*
31. At bottom of steps, turn LEFT, cross Kenan Center Dr, and head back uphill on the road you came down (Skipper Bowles Dr).
32. At signal at top of hill, turn LEFT on Manning Dr.
33. At signal, turn RIGHT on Paul Hardin Dr.
34. Go PAST the tall brick building, CROSS entry to parking lot then turn RIGHT to take steps down to blue emergency light. Turn LEFT on brick walkway that heads into the woods. Stay on main path.
35. Trail emerges from the woods; cross a small road, go past small building and then past Gate 6 of Kenan Stadium. **POI #5**
36. Just past gate 6 turn RIGHT on brick sidewalk. Stay to the RIGHT to walk along a chain link fence, keeping the stadium on your right.
37. Veer RIGHT to go DOWN steps and then veer LEFT to walk on wide brick walkway (parking garage on left, park on right).
38. Turn RIGHT at first walkway, heading down through park and towards the Ram statue.
39. At bottom of hill turn LEFT to walk along road (passing the Ram on right) and head UP the road.
40. At top of hill (stop sign), turn RIGHT, and immediately RIGHT again to enter the Bell Tower Plaza.
41. Walk around to the back of the tower, continuing on this path to exit the plaza at a crosswalk. Feel free to explore the tower up close, as long as you exit at the crosswalk.
42. CROSS road at the crosswalk and go STRAIGHT ahead on brick walkway (Wilson Library on left, House Library on right).
43. You will come to a quad (Polk Place Quad); continue STRAIGHT ahead on the right side; Bingham Hall will be on your right.
44. Before reaching the end of the quad, veer left on the diagonal path and then veer RIGHT to head towards the steps in front of the beige brick

building with 4 columns and a cupola, at the far end of the quad – the South Building.

45. Standing in front of the building, turn LEFT and then turn RIGHT through the brick plaza in between the South Building and Gerard Hall. Head towards the road.
46. Use the crosswalk to CROSS road (Cameron).
47. Go STRAIGHT ahead on brick walkway, keeping the yellow brick building on your left-Old West Bldg (*Special Program-Walking with the Wild Things: At the end of Old West, look at the building diagonally to your left. There are two gargoyles mounted on this building. These were originally mounted on the Westminster clock tower in London but were removed in 1933 because of deterioration. Katherine Pendleton Arrington, a patron of the arts in Chapel Hill, purchased them and gifted them to the university. Wander over for a closer look*).
48. At the end of the Old West building, turn LEFT and then RIGHT at the trash cans/lamppost to the diagonal path that crosses the quad.
49. Once you've reached the other side of the quad, turn RIGHT to the Morehead Building.
50. Turn LEFT at the base of the steps and then RIGHT to walk along the front of the Morehead Planetarium. **POI #6** Restrooms available inside when open.
51. At end of Planetarium, turn RIGHT and follow path through the stone pillars to enter the Coker Arboretum on the gravel path. **POI #7**
52. CROSS a small wooden bridge and stay on this main path-do not make any turns.
53. You'll come to an entrance gate-DO NOT go through it. Turn RIGHT on the brick sidewalk staying inside the arboretum. Follow this sidewalk to the other side of the arboretum.
54. EXIT the arboretum and turn LEFT on brick sidewalk to road (Cameron Ave).
55. Turn RIGHT; Davie Hall will be on your right.
56. Stay on this road for some distance, passing the Old Well. **POI #8**
57. Turn RIGHT at the first signal, S. Columbia. In the 2nd block you will pass UNC's Kenan Music

Building and the Ackland Art Museum (*Special Program-Step to the Beat*).

58. CROSS and turn RIGHT on Franklin St. returning to the walkway, just past Ya-Ya teas at 157 E Franklin.
59. Turn LEFT to go through this passageway, Amber Alley, to return to the parking garage.

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Chapel Hill 10K Map
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Numbers on map
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PARKING

**START OF
WALK**

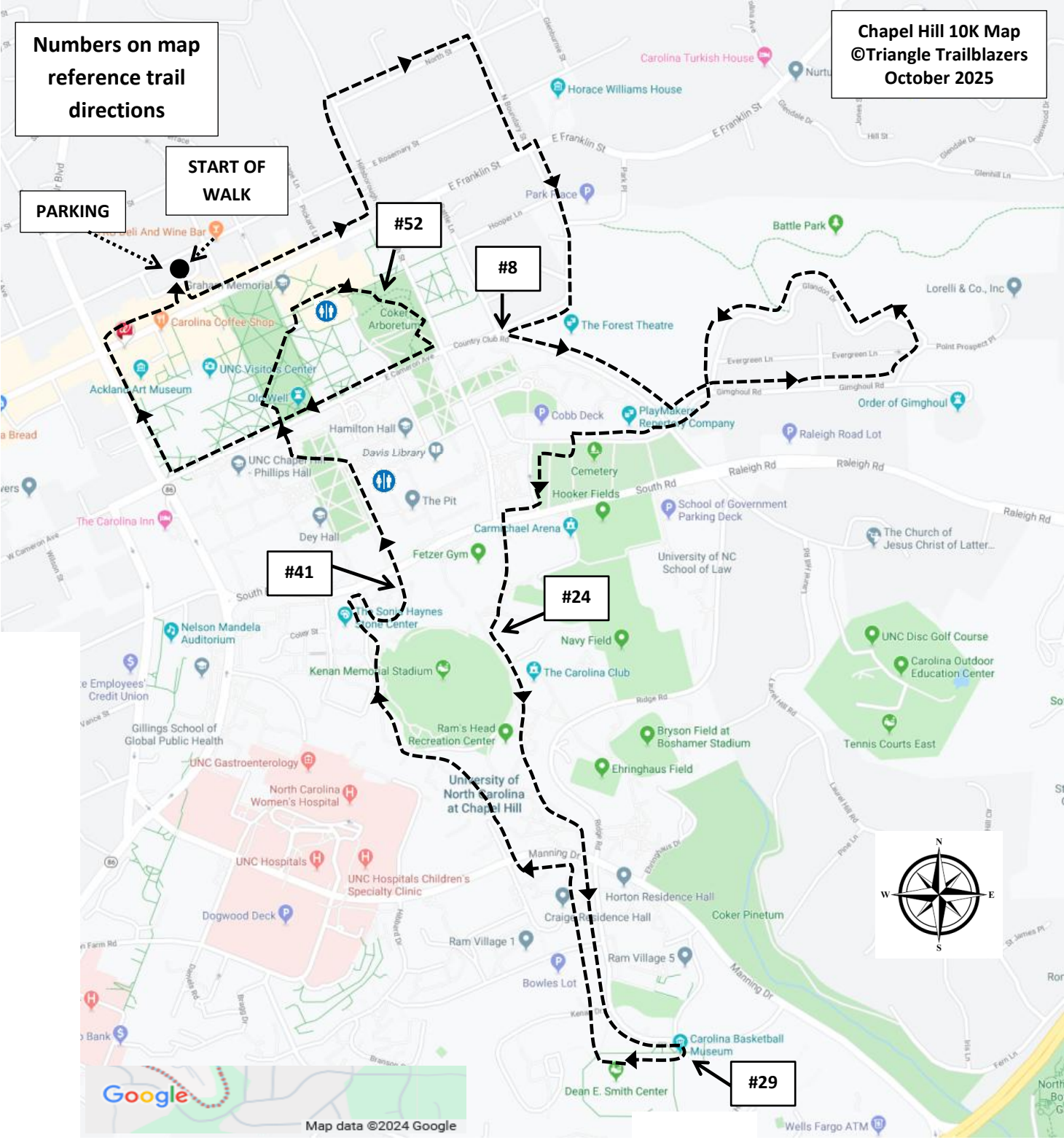
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POI #1 Forest Theatre - Drama was first performed here in 1916 to celebrate the tercentenary of William Shakespeare's death. A few years later the location was better developed to allow the theatre to become a permanent fixture. The stone stage backdrop and seating area were built with WPA Funds in 1940.

POI #2 The Old Chapel Hill Cemetery – Originally called the College Graveyard, the cemetery was used for internment of university students who died during their time at UNC. The first recorded burial is that of student George Clark, who died on Sept 26, 1798. However, most burials are from the 19th century. A 5-year project has recently been completed to locate the unmarked gravesites of African Americans who were buried in the 1800's in a separate section of the cemetery. 475 unmarked graves have been found using ground-penetrating radar.

POI #3 The Carolina Basketball Museum – chronicles the history of UNC Basketball and includes nearly 500 artifacts, along with hundreds of photographs and videos of various players, coaches, championships, and historic moments. The museum is the first university basketball-only museum in the country. Free admission.

POI #4 The Dean Smith Center – also known as the Dean Dome, is used primarily as the home for the UNC-Chapel Hill Tar Heel's Men's Basketball team. Fundraising to build the center began in 1980, and construction was completed in 1986. The opening game was on January 18, 1986, against the Duke Blue Devils. The Tar Heels have played 33 seasons in the arena, with over 400 victories and less than 100 losses.

POI #5 Kenan Memorial Stadium – is primarily used as the home field of the UNC Tar Heels football team. The stadium opened in 1927 and holds 50,500 spectators. William R Kenan Jr, an 1894 UNC graduate and grandson of one of the original UNC Trustees, donated a large gift to build the stadium and an adjoining field house. The largest crowd to watch a game at the stadium was a 62,000 standing-room-only crowd in 2013.

POI #6 Morehead Planetarium – opened in 1949 and is one of the oldest and largest planetariums in the United States. It was the first planetarium to be built in the

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5. In one block, CROSS and turn RIGHT on Battle Ln.
6. In one block, at stop sign, turn LEFT on Hooper Ln.
7. When Hooper ends, go STRAIGHT to carefully CROSS road and turn RIGHT (Boundary). Continue for several blocks; road will curve to the right.
8. Boundary comes to a multi-road intersection (stop sign). Turn LEFT and immediately turn RIGHT to CROSS road at brick crosswalk. Turn LEFT up hill (no sign-Country Club Rd, woods on left).
9. At signal, Gimghoul Rd, turn RIGHT. Cemetery on left, theatre on the right.
10. At third entrance/driveway to cemetery, turn LEFT to enter. **POI #1**
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14. Turn LEFT on the asphalt trail and exit the cemetery.
15. Turn RIGHT on road (South St-no sign) Carmichael Arena is on your left.
16. In one block, CROSS and turn RIGHT on Raleigh Rd.
17. At first signal, CROSS Cameron Ave/Country Club Rd and turn LEFT on the dirt path which borders the Coker Arboretum. **POI #2** *If the path is blocked by construction: go a little further on Raleigh Rd to next arboretum entrance. Enter arboretum; veer RIGHT and then LEFT on the diagonal path. Jump to #21*
18. Just before the end of the path, turn RIGHT into dirt corner-don't go up steps.
19. Veer just slightly LEFT and then turn RIGHT on the dirt path into the Arboretum. Continue STRAIGHT on this path soon passing a very large Loblolly pine on your right.
20. CROSS a brick walkway and then turn LEFT on the first dirt path (the wider path).
21. Stay on this path, eventually CROSSING a small wooden bridge. Continue on the main path as it curves to the left.
22. Exit the arboretum and head STRAIGHT towards the corner of the 3-story red brick building. Turn LEFT to walk in front of Morehead Planetarium. Walk the length of the building. **POI #3** *Restrooms inside when open.*
23. Go past the end of the building heading STRAIGHT ahead. At the "T", turn RIGHT on the diagonal path. Graham Memorial Hall will be on your right.
24. At first intersection (6-way), turn HARD LEFT and then turn LEFT again at next path. You will pass the Caldwell Obelisk on your right.
25. Continue on this path as it diagonally crosses the quad, to the corner of the 3-story yellow brick Old East Bldg.
26. Go STRAIGHT past the Old East Building, keeping it on your left.
27. Turn RIGHT at road, passing The Old Well on your right. **POI #4** *(Special Program-Walking with the Wild Things-to see gargoyles, turn RIGHT in front of next yellow-brick building, Old*

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28. Just past the well, turn LEFT at the 1st crosswalk to cross Cameron.
29. After crossing, turn LEFT back along road passing the South Building.
30. Just past the South Bldg, CROSS the grey stone crosswalk and then turn RIGHT onto the red brick sidewalk.
31. Continue on this sidewalk, walking the length of the quad.
32. At the end of the quad, continue STRAIGHT ahead; the Wilson Library will be on the right. Sidewalk will emerge at South Rd.
33. CROSS South Rd and go STRAIGHT ahead into the Bell Tower Plaza. Circle the tower clockwise, exiting at the other entrance on South St.
34. Turn LEFT on South St.
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