

Lake George, NY Seasonal Walks

A 5K and 10K walk are available and they are both **rated 2A**.

Please use either the Online Start Box (OSB) or the Physical Start Box (PSB) to register and complete the event. DO NOT mix and match, for example, by registering using the OSB then completing your event by 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.

Starting Point: Fort William Henry Resort Hotel and Conference Center
48 Canada Street website: www.fortwilliamhenry.com
Lake George, NY 12845 Phone: (800) 234-0267 or (518) 668-3081

Parking and rest rooms are available at the Resort and it is usually open dawn to dusk but please contact the Resort for hours if walking in April or September through November as their hours may change. Parking at the Resort is available throughout the season and if restrooms are not available at the Resort there are a number of businesses on Canada St. (Route 9N/US9) that may have restrooms.

DIRECTIONS TO START POINT: Lake George is located approximately 60 miles north of Albany NY off of the Adirondack Northway, I-87.

From the South: Take (Adirondack Northway) I-87 North. Take EXIT 21 (Route 9N) N toward Lake George. Route 9 will become Canada St. Fort William Henry Resort Hotel will be on your RIGHT as you enter the Village of Lake George.

From the North: Take I-87(Adirondack Northway) South. Take EXIT 22 toward Route 9N/US9/Lake George Village, turn LEFT take the US9 ramp toward Lake George Village. Turn RIGHT on US9/Canada St. Fort William Henry Resort Hotel will be on your LEFT.

From Vermont: Take Route 149 to Route 9 and proceed NORTH (RIGHT turn). Route 9 will become Canada St. Fort William Henry Resort Hotel will be on your RIGHT as you enter the Village of Lake George.

Course Description: This trail follows village streets; treks through the Lake George Battlefield Park and some grassy fields; passing Adirondack gift shops, monuments, and historic Fort William Henry, with a panoramic view of Lake George and the Adirondack Mountains.

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EXIT Fort William Henry Conference Center

1. **LEFT** parallel to the hotel alongside the parking lot towards Fort William Henry. Look for a large rock.
2. **LEFT** on a sidewalk just past the rock. Follow the path past the entrance to Fort William Henry, keeping the fort on the right. Continue on the path under an archway and down the stairs. At the bottom of the stairs walk straight through the parking lot to the sidewalk.
3. **RIGHT** at the sidewalk. You are walking along Beach Road, no sign, but it is parallel to the lake. Walk past the old Railroad Depot, which is now a gift shop. Continue to the corner where there is a miniature golf business. This corner is Elizabeth Little Blvd/W Brook Rd. (County Route 69).
4. **CROSS** the street and keep walking straight along Beach Rd. There is a very large field on the right. When looking towards the right you will see a statue in the distance before the woods.
5. **RIGHT** on any of the paths. Make your way on your chosen path or over the grass to the statue of Father Jogues.
On the back of the monument, you can read about Father Jogues.
6. When you are finished looking at the statue, **FACE THE LAKE.**
7. **WALK to the RIGHT** using the sharp diagonal path to Fort George Rd. and carefully cross the road.
8. **RIGHT** onto Fort George Road. Walk to the first driveway on the left which is the entrance leading into a picnic area. (You will see a kiosk.) You can visit the Lake George Battlefield Park Visitor Center on the right when it is open.
9. **LEFT** onto the road leading into Lake George Battlefield Park. Walk past the kiosk at the entrance and follow the curving road past the remains of Fort George which looks like a big rock wall. There are informational signs near the opening. **CONTINUE** on the road to a monument with statues. The monument depicts a Mohawk Indian and Sir William Johnson.
10. **WALK** over to and look at the monument. When you are finished looking at the monument, stand in front of the monument and **FACE THE ROAD.** Look for a paved path on the right.
11. **RIGHT** on the paved path heading down a small hill in the direction of the lake and ending at Beach Rd. Cross Beach Rd. at the crosswalk noting the Queensbury-Lake George Bike Path. (*Rails to Trails*)
The bike trail is among the earliest rail-trail conversions, with the project beginning in 1978. It follows a branch of the Delaware & Hudson Railroad, which carried vacationers from the main branch to resorts and steamboat connections on the 32-mile-long lake.
12. **RIGHT** on Beach Rd and follow the sidewalk past the beach and building. Use the crosswalk at the end of the sidewalk to cross the boat launching area.
This is Lake George Beach State Park or Million Dollar Beach. When the building is open, there are several interesting historic photos of this area on display.

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13. Immediately **BEAR LEFT** and pass bench(es). **WALK** to the circular porch-like turnaround, there is a double chain link barrier.

Enjoy the lovely view of Lake George, the village and the Adirondacks!

14. TURN AROUND and **RETRACE** your steps on the sidewalk. Continue along the sidewalk past the beach, Military Dock Historical Marker and steamboat docks, keeping the lake to your right. You will arrive at a ticket office that is a replica of the Colchester Reef Light House built on Lake Champlain in 1871 and is now on display at the Shelbourne Museum in Vermont.

15. RIGHT into the parking and boat boarding area and carefully make your way to the boardwalk along the shoreline. Step onto the boardwalk and walk to the other end.

There is a sign on the little boardwalk that notes the historical and famous people who have enjoyed Lake George. From the dates it looks like the rich and famous no longer come to Lake George!

16. When finished, **RETURN** to the sidewalk in front of the lighthouse ticket office.

17. RIGHT on the sidewalk, keep the lake to the right. The sidewalk will eventually curve to the right (restrooms are in the Visitor Center at this corner and there is a perennial garden to explore in season).

18. CONTINUE to follow the shoreline. Pass the Village Mall on the left as well as Shepard Beach on the right. (Restrooms are open during beach season.) *There is a monument to the Ethan Allen Boat tragedy on October 2, 2005.* Go to the end of the walkway at a dead-end road. This is Lower Amherst St (no sign).

19. LEFT onto Lower Amherst St and up the hill to the front corner of the building at your left.

20. LEFT on the path directly in front of this building, the old Warren County Courthouse - presently the home of the Lake George Historical Association.

If the building is open, go inside to take a few minutes to view the historical artifacts.

21. CONTINUE through the black gate pass the Veterans' Memorial. (*Walking with America's Veterans*) along the path and down 3 steps. Jog left then right to continue along the path through Shepard Park. *Note the Village amphitheater on your left. (Step to the Beat)* Pass through the pair of stone pillars at the end of the path.

22. LEFT to walk on Canada St (Route 9). There are shops and restaurants on both sides of Canada Street. Cross Beach Rd by the Visitor Center, there is a traffic light.

23. LEFT onto Beach Rd. Follow Beach Road past more shops including the Lookout Café and Shops. Partway along the parking lot, look on the right for an archway noting Fort William Henry.

24. RIGHT to walk through the archway, climb the steps, walk past the entrance to Fort William Henry on the left and return to the Start Point at the Hotel and Convention Center.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS		
Rails to Trails	Step to the Beat	Walking With America's Veterans

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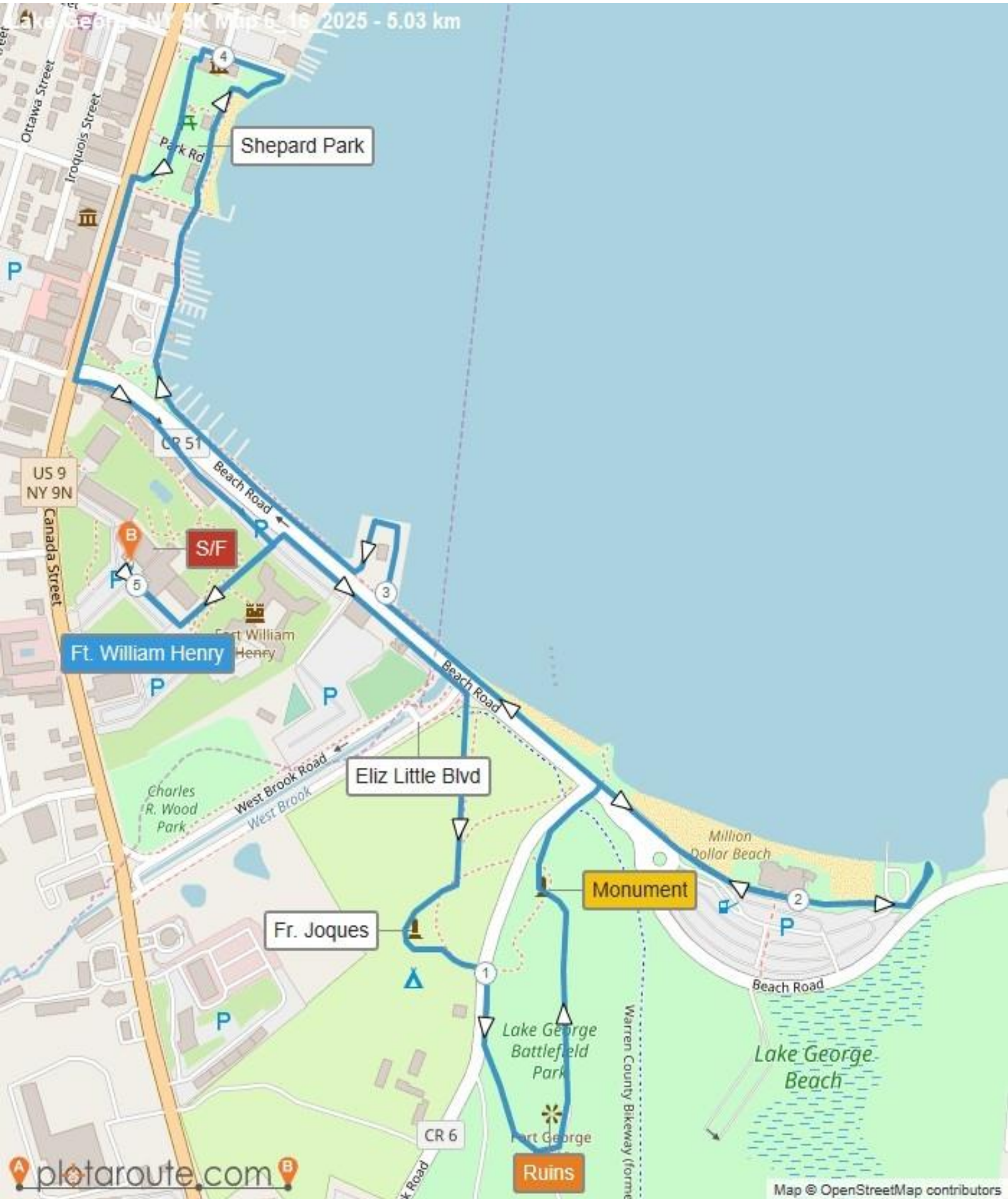
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Lake George, NY 10K Seasonal Walk

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EXIT Fort William Henry Conference Center.

- 1. WALK** straight through the parking lot to Route 9/9N, also known as Canada St.
- 2. RIGHT** at the sidewalk. After a short distance, look for the crosswalk.
- 3. LEFT** at the crosswalk and cross Canada St/Route 9. After crossing, take a very short jog to the left to Mohican St.
- 4. RIGHT** on Mohican St. Walk to Cooper St. *You will pass both the Caldwell Cemetery and the Sacred Heart Church on the right.*
- 5. RIGHT** on Cooper, pass Caldwell, Chestnut, and McGillis to Montcalm. Across from Montcalm is the start of the Prospect Mountain Footpath.
- 6. LEFT** onto the footpath. *Look for an informational sign about access to the top of Prospect Mountain in past times. This is the beginning of the hiking trail to the top of Prospect Mountain.*
- 7. WALK UP THE PATH** through the woods to the road which is Smith St (no sign). *(Is it too snowy or muddy? Continue on Cooper and go to direction 9.)*
- 8. RIGHT** onto Smith St (no sign here at the end of the path).
(If you were continuing to the top of Prospect Mountain, you would go left to the staircase down the road on the right side. It's the way to the bridge over the Northway. No need to go there now.)
- 9. RIGHT** on West St. Pass Cooper and Schuyler. (Only pass Schuyler if you stayed on Cooper to detour for snow and mud)
- 10. LEFT** at Helen and continue around the curve as the street becomes Amherst St. Walk to and cross Ottawa St, the firehouse will be on the right.

- 11. LEFT** on Ottawa to Mountain Dr. Pass school playing fields. (*Par For the Course*)
- 12. LEFT** on Mountain Dr at the stop sign. Walk past Holly Dr to Joques Farm Rd.
- 13. RIGHT** onto Joques Farm Rd to Old Post Rd. At the corner of Joques Farm Road and Old Post Road, look to your left.

*Note: The people of Lake George voted in September 2022 to NOT combine the Village and Town governments. The town and village government buildings are slightly up the road to the left, rest rooms are available during the week. (*Town Halls/City Halls*) Before the Northway was built, this well-built structure was the 19th hole of a golf course. The construction of the Northway in the 1960's resulted in the closure of the golf course. If you are doing the Town Halls/City Halls Special Program, and want to see the Village Hall too, walk up the hill past the 19th Hole building to view the Village Hall on the right.*

- 14. RIGHT** onto Old Post Rd and continue along Old Post Rd down the hill. Cross Mountain Dr.
- 15. LEFT** onto Mountain Dr to Canada St.
- 16. RIGHT** onto Canada St and walk for several blocks.
You'll walk past Lake George High School, alma mater of Rachael Ray, class of 1986. Note the many businesses on this side of Canada St.
- 17. LEFT** at the intersection of McGillis/Canada St, use the crosswalk to walk to the other side of Canada St. The Visitor Center is the first building on the right, there are restrooms when it is open.
- 18. LEFT** on this side of Canada St passing more businesses. Look for Shepard Park and two stone pillars.
- 19. RIGHT** at Shepard Park, walk between the stone pillars. Continue on this "upper" path within the park that is parallel to the lake. *Note the Village amphitheater on your right. (*Step to the Beat*)* At the end of the path, walk up 3 steps. The Veterans' Memorial is on the right. (*Walking with America's Veterans*)

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- 20.** Pass through the opening in the fence and note the old Warren County Courthouse, now the home of the Lake George Historical Association.

When the building is open, one can view historical artifacts and special exhibits.

- 21. RIGHT** immediately after the Courthouse onto Lower Amherst St. Walk down the hill towards the lake, the Boardwalk Restaurant is to your left.

- 22. RIGHT** at the sidewalk next to the lake. Follow this sidewalk keeping Lake George on your left.

You will pass a monument to the Ethan Allen boat tragedy on October 2, 2005, Shepard Beach (restrooms on right in season), Village Mall, boat rental and cruise concessions.

- 23. AS the sidewalk CURVES** to the left at the "end" of the lake there is a perennial garden on the right. Take a few minutes to enjoy the plantings in season. Return to the sidewalk. While keeping Lake George on the left, walk following the curve, passing docks.

- 24. CONTINUE** walking to the docks where excursion ships begin their cruises. Find the ticket office that looks like a very small lighthouse. *(It's a replica of the original Colchester Reef Light House built on Lake Champlain in 1871 and is now on display at the Shelbourne Museum in Vermont.)*

- 25. LEFT** into the parking lot by the lighthouse ticket office. Carefully make your way to the little fenced boardwalk area at the lakeside. Walk from one end of the boardwalk to the other to enjoy the view!

There is a sign on the little boardwalk that notes the historical and famous people who have enjoyed Lake George. From the dates it looks like the rich and famous no longer come to Lake George!

- 26. RETURN** to the lighthouse ticket office. In front of the ticket office is a crosswalk, **cross** the street here, Beach Rd.

- 27. LEFT** down the other side of Beach Rd. *You'll pass the old RR Station which is now a gift shop.*

- 28. Walk** just past the miniature golf park to the corner which is Elizabeth Little Blvd/W Brook Dr (County Route 69).

- 29. RIGHT** on the sidewalk along the right side of Elizabeth Little Blvd/W Brook Rd. and look for the second crosswalk.

You will pass on the right, Charles R. Wood Park, a venue for community events and recreation. This replaced the former Gaslight Village.

- 30. LEFT** at the second crosswalk and over the foot bridge to the sidewalk on the left side of Elizabeth Little Blvd/W Brook Rd.

- 31. RIGHT** to Route 9/Canada St.

- 32. LEFT** to walk on the sidewalk at Route 9/Canada St. Continue past a bank and the Tiki Resort. Walk to the campground.

- 33. LEFT** into the campground, even if the gate is closed. Walk mostly straight along the road past the Restrooms, which are available during camping season. *No snow or ice blocking your path? Continue to direction 34 If there is snow, follow these directions in parentheses:*

(If snow blocks your path into the campground, turn around, retrace your steps down the hill past the Tiki, and then turn right on W Brook Rd. back to Beach Road. Cross Beach Rd. using the crosswalk and continue with direction 42, where you turn right and follow the sidewalk).

- 34. LOOK** for site 50. Next to site 50 is a short path leading through a wooded area, walk on this short dirt/gravel path. At the other end of the woods there is a paved path.

- 35. LEFT** on this paved path. Make your way on the path or over the grass to the statue of Father Jogues, a very short distance on your left atop a small hill.

On the back of the monument, you can read about Father Jogues.

- 36.** When you are finished looking at the statue, **FACE THE LAKE.**

- 37. WALK to the RIGHT** using the sharp diagonal path to Fort George Rd. and carefully **cross** the road.

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- 38. RIGHT** on Fort George Road. Walk to the first driveway on the left which is the entrance leading into a picnic area. (you will see a kiosk) You can visit the Lake George Battlefield Park Visitor Center on the right when it is open.
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- 43. Immediately BEAR LEFT** and pass a bench. **WALK** to the circular porch-like turnaround, there is a double chain link barrier.
- Enjoy the lovely view of Lake George, the village, and the Adirondacks!*
- 44. RETRACE** your steps and continue along the sidewalk, keeping the lake to your right. Look again for the ticket office that looks like a little lighthouse with a crosswalk in front.
- 45. LEFT** at the crosswalk to cross Beach Rd.
- 46. RIGHT** on the sidewalk (do not go up the stairs to enter the Fort William Henry Complex). **CONTINUE** to the corner of Beach Rd. and Route 9/Canada St where there is a traffic light.
- You will pass businesses including the Lookout Café and Shops.*
- 47. LEFT** onto Route 9/Canada St and look for steps on the left.
- 48. LEFT** to climb up the steps and take the path a short way back to the Start Point.

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