



The Asheville Amblers  
 Welcome You to  
**The Beaufort, SC Walk**  
 An AVA Sanctioned Year Round Event



Walk through a classic old Southern port city with a National Cemetery, beautiful homes, quaint downtown, and a picturesque waterfront. Author Pat Conroy was a long-time resident. Site of many movies; recognized by the National Trust for Historic Preservation as one of a "dozen distinctive destinations".

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

**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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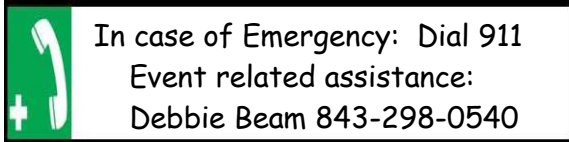
**Starting Point Location:**

**From I95 north or south:** Take SC exit 33 and take US-17 North. US-17 will merge with US-21. Continue on US-21 South to Beaufort. Enter town on US-21 Business (Boundary St.). At the intersection of SC-170 and US-21 (traffic light #1), continue through 2 more traffic lights. Turn left at 3<sup>rd</sup> light when you see a large green sign for the Quality Inn, 2001 Boundary Street. Walk starts in front of Inn entrance.

GPS: latitude is 32.441212 longitude -80.686842

**Restrooms:**

There are restrooms at the Quality Inn and at the Carteret Street end of Waterfront Park.

**Emergency Numbers:****Walking Instructions:**

Abbreviations used:

POI - Point of Interest, Numbers after a direction step indicate a point of interest.

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 HISTORIC  
BEAUFORT*

**10KM WALK© - ASHEVILLE AMBLERS**

**NOTE:** The numbers at the end of individual instructions refer to a Point of Interest (POI) described on POI Sheet.

1. **Left** to parking lot at end of building, then **left** through parking lot to street (Sycamore - no sign).
2. **Right** on Sycamore to Boundary ( ½ block).
3. **Left** on Boundary to entrance to Nat'l Cemetery (3 blocks).
4. **Left** into cemetery. See Cemetery Inset.
5. **Go** half way around circle and **up** road to obelisk.

6. **Retrace** steps to cemetery entrance, **left** to traffic light at Boundary/Bladen.
7. **Cross** Boundary, go straight on Bladen to Green (2 blocks).
8. **Left** on Green to Charles (6 blocks).
9. **Right** on Charles to Prince (3 blocks).
10. **Cross** Prince and **right** to Church (2 blocks).
11. **Left** on Church to Craven (3 blocks). 42
12. **Left** on Craven to Newcastle (1 block). 43, 44
13. **Right** on Newcastle to Bay (1 block).
14. **Left** on Bay to Carteret (4 blocks). 45, 46
15. **Left** on Carteret to Port Republic (1 block).
16. **Left** on Port Republic to Charles (3 blocks). 47, 48
17. **Right** on Charles to Prince (4 blocks). 49
18. **Right** on Prince to Scott (2 blocks).
19. **Left** on Scott to Washington (2 blocks).
20. **Right** on Washington to East (3 blocks).
21. **Right** on East to Bayard (1 block).
22. **Left** on Bayard to Pinckney (2 blocks). 5
23. **Right** on Pinckney to Hancock (1 block).
24. **Left** on Hancock to river overlook (2 blocks). 7
25. **Retrace** steps to Short (1 block).
26. **Left** on Short to Laurens (1 block).
27. **Right** on Laurens to Pinckney (1 block). 8, 9, 10
28. **Left** on Pinckney to Federal (2 blocks). 11, 12
29. **Right** on Federal to Hamilton (1 block). 13
30. **Right** on Hamilton to Hancock (3 blocks).
31. **Left** on Hancock to East (1 block).
32. **Left** on East to Prince ( ½ block).
33. **Right** on Prince to New (1 block). 16
34. **Left** on New to King (1 block). 17
35. **Left** on King to East (1 block). 18
36. **Right** on East to Craven (2 blocks).
37. **Left** on Craven to end and **return** past East to New (1 ½ blocks). 20
38. **Right** on New to North (1 block).
39. **Left** on North to Carteret (1 block).
40. **Left** on Carteret to Craven (1 block).
41. **Cross** Carteret and **right** to North (1 block).
42. **Left** on North to Scott (1 block).
43. **Left** on Scott to Craven (1 block).
44. **Cross** Craven and **left** to New (2 blocks). 27
45. **Right** on New to Bay (2 blocks). 28, 29
46. **Cross** Bay and **right** through park to Carteret (1 block). 30
47. **Cross** Carteret and continue on Bay to alley on left ( ½ bk)
48. **Left** into alley to Intercoastal Waterway.

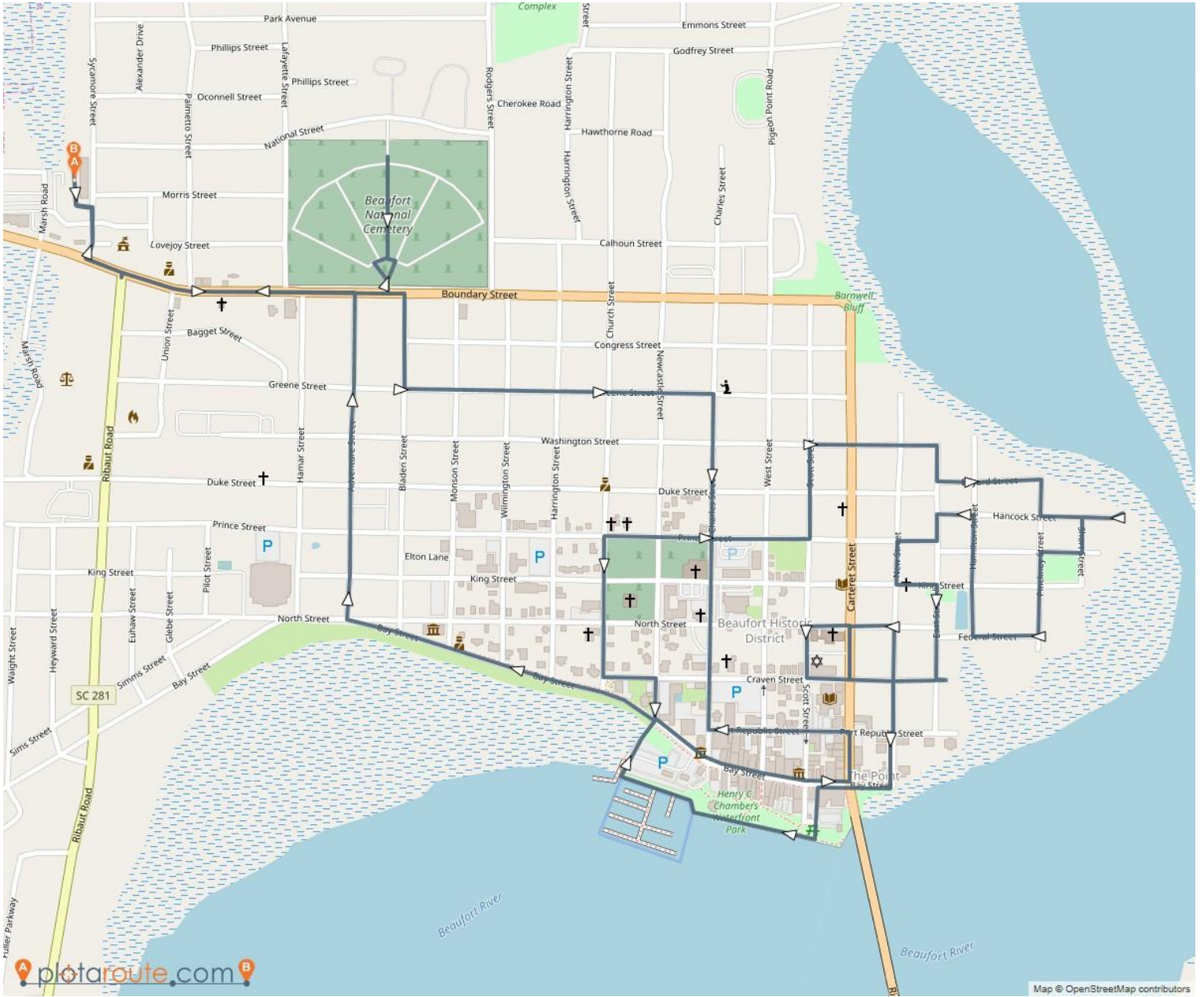
**NOTE: Public restrooms available beyond playground.**

49. **Right** and **follow** walkway as it wends along Intercoastal to end.
50. At end of walkway, **follow** edge of parking lot, keeping marsh on left to Bay. (1 block)
51. Carefully **cross** Bay and follow as it bends left to Adventure Street (6 blocks). 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36
52. **Right** on Adventure to Boundary (8 blocks).
53. **Left** on Boundary to light at Ribault Road.
54. **Cross** Boundary and **left** to Start/Finish.

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



# Beaufort SC 10K Map



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**Walk Directions**

## *WELCOME TO HISTORIC BEAUFORT*

**6 KM WALK© - ASHEVILLE AMBLERS**

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1. **Exit** Start Point, **left** to parking lot at end of building, then **left** through parking lot to street (Sycamore - no sign).
2. **Right** on Sycamore to Boundary ( ½ block).
3. **Left** on Boundary to entrance to Nat'l Cemetery (3 blocks).
4. **Left** into cemetery. See Cemetery Inset.
5. **Go** half way around circle and **up** road to obelisk.
6. **Retrace** steps to cemetery entrance, **left** to traffic light at Boundary/Bladen.
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19. **Right** on Scott to Craven
20. **Cross** Craven and **left** to New (2 blocks). 27
21. **Right** on New to Bay (2 blocks). 28, 29

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23. **Cross** Carteret and continue on Bay to alley on left ( ½ bk)

24. **Left** into alley to Intercoastal Waterway.

**NOTE: Public restrooms available beyond playground.**

25. **Right** and **follow** walkway as it wends along Intercoastal to end.

26. At end of walkway, **follow** edge of parking lot, keeping marsh on left to Bay. (1 block)

27. Carefully **cross** Bay and follow as it bends left to Adventure Street (6 blocks). 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36

28. **Right** on Adventure to Boundary (8 blocks).

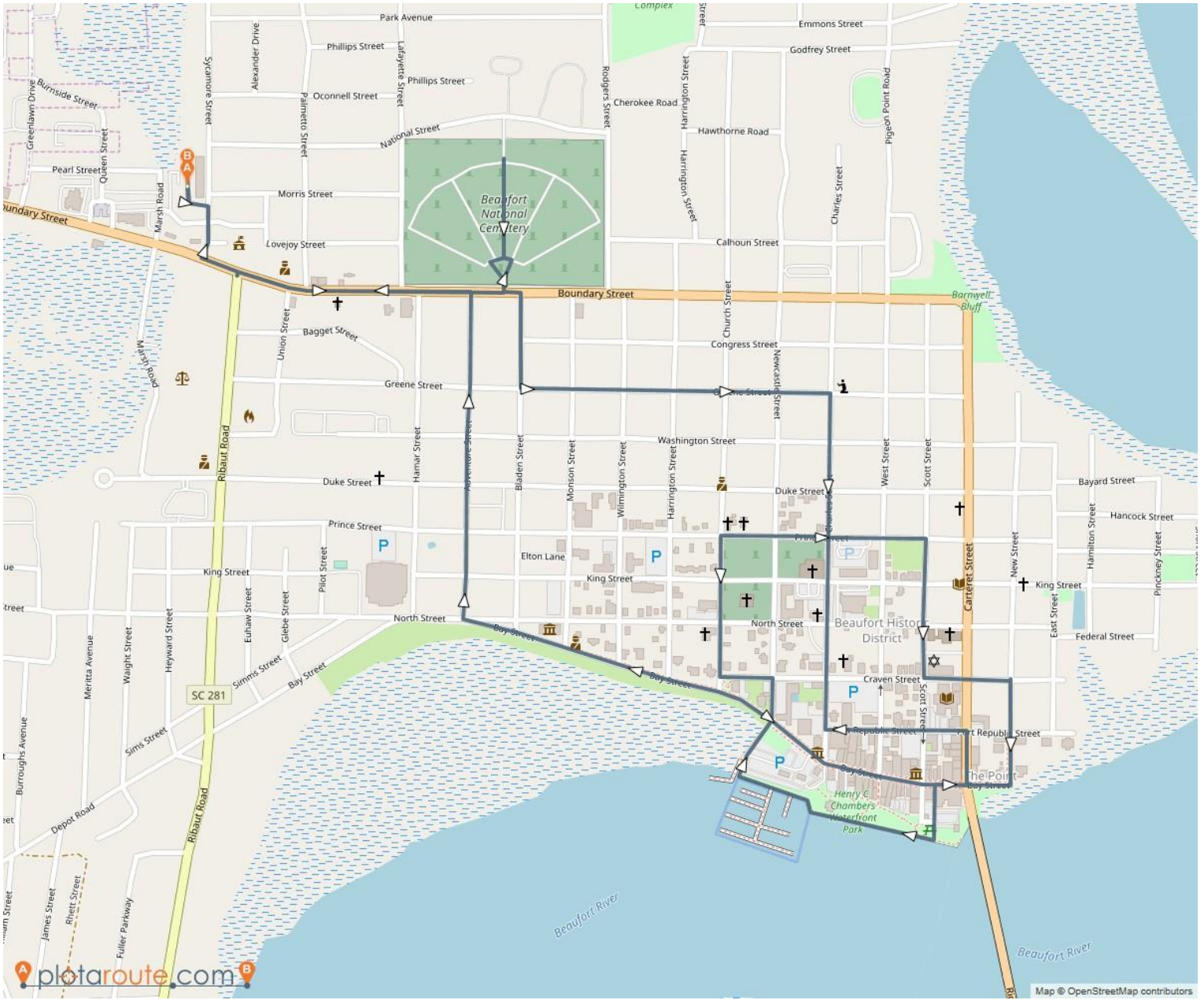
29. **Left** on Boundary to light at Ribault Road.

30. **Cross** Boundary and **left** to Start/Finish.

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# Beaufort SC 6K Map



## Points of Interest

### Beaufort National Cemetery

The Cemetery dates back to 1863 when it was one of twelve national cemeteries established by President Abraham Lincoln. Most of those buried here are Union soldiers from the Civil War.

### #42 St. Helena's Episcopal Church (1724) – 501 Church Street

St. Helena's Church was organized in 1712, built in 1724, and enlarged twice since. During the Federal occupation of 1861, soldiers shot holes in the west wall, vandalized, then stole the organ, smashed pews and the altar for firewood. Surgeons pulled up gravestones and used them as operating tables. The church cemetery is the final resting place of "Tuscarora Jack" Barnwell, two British soldiers killed here during the American Revolution, and the remains of Mason Locke Weems, the amateur historian who in 1806 invented the story of George Washington chopping down the cherry tree.

### #43 Milton Maxcy House (1813) Secession House – 1113 Craven Street

This house was built by Milton Maxcy, one of many school teachers who came from New England to teach the planters' children. In 1860 the house underwent extensive remodeling by Edmund Rhett, brother to U.S. Senator Robert Barnwell Rhett. During that same year the Democratic National Convention was held in Charleston. Delegates supporting southern independence remained in Charleston, and after the election of Abraham Lincoln, voted to bring South Carolina out of the Union. Stories relate a late night meeting in Rhett's parlor where the vote was taken to support secession from the Union.

### #44 The Lipton House (1870) Now Craven Street Inn

### #45 William Elliott House (Pre-Revolutionary) 1103 Bay Street

William Elliott became immensely wealthy from the 12 cotton plantations he owned. He was a pro-Union politician and an internationally known horticulturist and author.

### #46 John Mark Verdier House Museum (1790) – 801 Bay Street

This restored house is owned and operated by Historic Beaufort Foundation and is open to the public for tours. The Marquis de Lafayette spoke from the front steps during his visit to America in 1825. The house served as a Union army headquarters building during the Civil War.

### #47 Beaufort Inn Bed & Breakfast – 809 Port Republic Street

Julia Roberts stayed here during the filming of [Something to Talk About](#).

### #48 The Lucius Cuthbert House (1820)

### #49 Baptist Church of Beaufort (1844) – 600 Charles Street

The church closely resembles the First Baptist Church in Charleston which was designed in 1822 by Robert Mills, the designer of the Washington Monument. During the Civil War the pews were removed so the church could serve as a hospital. Fortunately the pews were later recovered and restored. The steeple, erected in 1961, is the highest point about ground level in downtown Beaufort. The church is open to the public for viewing.

### #5 Rev. Thomas Ledbetter House (1800's) – 411 Bayard Street

Rev. Ledbetter tried to purge the slaves of their African heritage, believing it to be incompatible with Christian beliefs. Although the slaves enthusiastically accepted baptism, they continued to practice herbalism, spiritualism, and black magic whenever they deemed it appropriate.

### #7 Elizabeth Hext House (1720) Riverview – 207 Hancock Street

In 1720 when newly arrived Englishman Hugh Hext built Riverview, this area was considered "countryside" and beyond the protection of the Bay Street garrison. There are rumors that pirates buried gold on the grounds.

### #8 Edgar Fripp House (1850) Tidalholm – 1 Laurens Street

(Located on the left corner of Short and Laurens Street). This house, one of the most famous of all Beaufort Homes, was built by

Edgar Fripp, a wealthy planter who moved his family to town each summer to escape the heat and plague of malaria. About the time of the Civil War, Fripp sold it to his Brother James. Federal Authorities seized the property under the Direct Tax Act of 1863 and offered it at auction. Unable to raise funds to redeem it, Fripp stood by in tears as a French émigré bought it. He secured the deed from the auctioneers, walked over, and gave it to an astonished James Fripp. Because of its beauty and secluded riverbank location, the home is often used to promote tourism. It was also used as a location for *The Big Chill* and *The Great Santini*, popular films made in the 1980s.

**#9 Paul Hamilton House (1856) The Oaks – 100 Laurens Street**

This home was built by Paul Hamilton, the grandson and namesake of the Secretary of the Navy under President James Madison. Hamilton fled Beaufort in 1861 as the Federal troops approached. After the war he returned to find his home was scheduled for sale for unpaid taxes. Unable to raise the required million dollars locally, he traveled to Charleston by boat to see his bankers. With Hamilton out of town, Federal authorities moved up the sale date. George Holmes, a speculator from New York, organized a group of outraged citizens to collect money and buy the home for Hamilton, presenting him with a deed when he returned from his unsuccessful quest for funds.

**#10 Berners Barnwell Sams House (1818) – 201 Laurens Street**

This house is unique for the surviving slave quarters built of tabby (primitive concrete made from oyster shells) at the rear of the courtyard. Also remaining are structures which housed the blacksmith shop, cookhouse and laundry. Several ghosts have been seen flitting around the premises – slaves, Union Troopers, and a woman in 19<sup>th</sup> Century clothing to name a few.

**#11 Edward Means House (1814) – 604 Pinckney Street**

Edward Means was one of several wealthy cotton planters in the Sea Islands prior to the Civil War. Beaufort was so popular at the time that it became known as the “Newport of the South,” with home built for lavish entertaining.

**#12 James Robert Verdier House (1814) Marshlands – 501 Pinckney Street**

This house was seized by the Union Army in 1861 and used as headquarters of the U.S. Sanitary Commission (the Civil War equivalent of the USO). Marshlands is the setting of Francis Griswold’s 1931 best seller *A Sea Island Lady*, a lesser-known epic in the tradition of *Gone With The Wind*.

**#13 William Fripp House (1830) Tidewater – 302 Federal Street**

Tidewater was built as a summer home for William Fripp, one of the wealthiest men in Antebellum Beaufort. At one time he owned nine (9) plantations and over 300 slaves, only a small part of an 11,000 acre empire owned by the Fripps and their immediate relatives.

**#16 Henry McKee House (1834) – 511 Prince Street**

This house was built in 1834 by John McKee, but because of twists of fate, is best known for a slave born in a backyard cabin. Slave **Robert Smalls**, born to the McKees’ cook was a boating and fishing companion for the McKees’ children. When the McKee family moved to Charleston, Smalls was still a slave, but no longer needed by the family so he was allowed to “hire himself out.” He paid his owners part of his wages, intending to buy his freedom, he saved over \$700. One of his jobs was pilot of a steam powered river packet, *The Planter*. In 1862 during the siege of Charleston, Smalls pocketed his savings, gathered his wife and friends, fired the boiler and slipped *The Planter* from beneath the Confederate guns, running it out to sea and turning it over to an astonished Federal captain. Smalls became an instant hero, praised in Congress, and congratulated by Abraham Lincoln. After the Civil War, Smalls was given a General’s Commission in the South Carolina Negro Militia, served as state legislator, a U.S. Congressman, and Customs Collector of the Port of Beaufort. Smalls bought his former master’s house in 1863. After the war Mrs. McKee quite old, sick, and senile, wandered into the house thinking it was still her own. Smalls graciously installed her in her old

bedroom. Even after her health improved somewhat, Smalls insisted she stay until her death.

**#17 First African Baptist Church (1865) – 601 New Street**

The church was built with the assistance of freed slaves from Savannah, Georgia, and dates from the former slaves' first efforts to establish economic, political, and religious self-sufficiency. On August 31, 1886 the Carolina Lowcountry was shaken by a great earthquake. The shaking ground with flames shooting out of crevices in the earth and a 10' tsunami roaring up the Beaufort River frightened the residents. First African Baptist Rev. Waddell was besieged by requests to open the church doors so his flock could pray for deliverance. He refused as he had held services a few hours earlier and only 13 had attended. If the end was near, he said, it was too late. The pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist Church on nearby Craven Street did open his doors to the racially mixed multitude. Segregation was deemed irrelevant on Judgement Day. **Note: The rear entrance to The Chocolate Tree, a great place for snack plus restroom and water, is kitty corner to your right across a parking lot.**

**#18 William Wigg Barnwell House (1816) – 510 King Street**

**#20 Joseph Johnson House (1859) The Castle – 411 Craven Street**

The Federal Army used this not-quite-finished home as a hospital for the duration of the Civil War. Dr. Johnson was one of the few Beaufort residents who were able to reclaim their homes after the war. The Castle is often photographed and used in tourist information seen worldwide.

**#27 Beaufort Arsenal Museum (1795) – 713 Craven Street**

The Arsenal was originally built in 1795 and rebuilt in 1852. It was the base for the local militia, the Beaufort Volunteer Artillery, a unit that has served in all wars since the Revolution. The Arsenal now houses a Museum and is open Monday – Saturday 11AM–4PM.

**#28 Thomas Hepworth House (1717) – 214 New Street**

The oldest remaining home in Beaufort built in 1717 by Thomas Hepworth, one of the first residents to venture back to Beaufort after an Indian raid that nearly wiped out the town. Musket slits used to drive off another expected attack can still be seen along the north wall of the phosphate-rock foundation.

**#29 William Waterhouse House (1898) – Now Old Point Inn – 212 New Street**

**#30 Lewis Reeves Sams House (1852) – 601 Bay Street**

This house was built in 1852 by an old Beaufort family, lost to Federal Authorities, redeemed by its owners, and then lost again in a sale to a Yankee Carpetbagger, George Waterhouse. In 1907 two small boys accidentally started a fire which destroyed many homes and stores in the area. George Waterhouse pressed his cotton gin workers into service as a bucket brigade and saved the house. In 1990 the house served as location for the movie *The Prince of Tides*, based on the novel by Beaufort native, Pat Conroy.

**#31 John A. Cuthbert House (1810) – 1203 Bay Street**

In 1864 when houses were auctioned by the W. S. Federal Direct Tax Commission for unpaid taxes, General Rufus Saxton, commander of the Department of the South, purchased this home for \$2,000. This probably saved Beaufort from the burning done by General Sherman throughout the South. General Saxton was a friend of General Sherman and, in fact, hosted General Sherman in this house thus we have many structures that pre-date the Civil War.

**#32 Thomas Fuller House (1786) Tabby Manse – 1211 Bay Street**

Tabby Manse is ranked by architectural historians along with Jefferson's Monticello as a perfect example of American Palladian-style architecture. It was built by Thomas Fuller for his bride, Elizabeth Middleton, and reflects the wealth of her Charleston family. The Reverend Mansfield French, head of the missionaries sent to help the freed slaves, purchased the home at the 1864 Tax auction for \$1,800. The present occupants are only the third family to own the home in its entire history.

**#33 Leverett House (Pre-Revolutionary) – 1301 Bay Street**

Originally this house was located on St. Helena Island, but was moved by Dr. Leverett by barge around 1850. Imagine the struggles of horses and men hauling this large frame house up the bluff.

**#34 John Joyner Smith House (1811) – 400 Wilmington Street**

The ornate front door facing Bay Street is false. You enter the house up the marble steps on Wilmington Street. General Isaac Ingalls Stevens, who commanded the 1861 Federal occupation of Beaufort, resided here during the early months of the war. It later became a Civil War hospital.

**#35 Edward Barnwell House (1785) – 1405 Bay Street** Edward Barnwell became immensely rich from rice, indigo and cotton. In the years leading up to the Civil War just about everyone was related to the Barnwells – the dynasty having been founded by “Tuscarora Jack” Barnwell, an Irishman who became famous for subduing the Indians along coastal South Carolina and eastern North Carolina.

**#36 Keyserling House (1917) – Now Two Suns Inn – 1705 Bay Street**

Notes taken from **The Beaufort Chronicles, Old Houses, Old Stories**, by Roger Pinckney and **Beautiful Beaufort by the Sea Guidebook – Fifth Edition**, George Graham Trask, Editor.

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<b>AVA SPECIAL PROGRAMS</b>					
<b>Program Name</b>	<b>Years</b>	<b>10K</b>	<b>5K</b>	<b>__ K</b>	<b>Information</b>
Airports - Celebrating American Flight	(2020 - 2023)				
Appalachian Trail	(2018 - 2028)				
Border Crossing	(2014 - 2023)				
Carousels	(2019 - 2022)				
Little Free Libraries	(2019 - 2022)	X	X		
Mayflower - 400th Anniversary Walk	(2020 - 2023)				
Rockin' Around the Clock	(2020 - 2023)				
Underground Railroad	(2017 - 2020)				
Walk Like an Olympian	(2018 - 2020)				
<b>AVA NATIONAL PROGRAMS</b>					
<b>Program Name</b>	<b>Years</b>	<b>10K</b>	<b>5K</b>	<b>__ K</b>	<b>Information</b>
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