

The Liberty Bell Wanderers
 Welcome You to the
Philadelphia West
Historic/Cultural
 AVA Sanctioned Year Round Event



This AVA rated 1A 11/6km walk goes through the historic and cultural areas of Phila., past the grave of Benjamin Franklin, the Liberty Bell, Independence Hall (where the Declaration of Independence was signed), City Hall, the northside of Chinatown, and various museums. Also included are the five original open-space parks that were planned by William Penn in 1682.

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 - Wyndham Historic District Hotel	11/6km	Bathroom	0km	24/7
Aloft Hotel - Broad & Arch Sts.	11/6km	Bathroom	3 km	24/7
Comcast Center - Lower Level	11/6km	Bathroom	3.1km	10AM- 7PM Closed Sunday

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Starting Point Address:

Wyndham Historic District Hotel

400 Arch St, Philadelphia, PA 19106

Hotel Parking available for a significant fee.

Free parking is available on Sundays on certain streets. See <https://philapark.org/autopark-at-independence-mall/> for information on a nearby public parking garage in Independence Mall.

PSB Location:

The start box is located inside hotel. You will need to ask at the registration desk for the "Walk Box".

Driving Directions:

From I-95 take Exit 22 onto Callowhill St., then Left on 4th St four blocks to hotel.

From PA Turnpike take Exit 326 (I-76E to I-676E).

Exit at 8th St, then Right to 1st light (Race St), Left to 4th St, then Right on 4th to hotel. From NJ Turnpike take Exit 4 Rt (73N to 38W). 38W to 30W to Benjamin Franklin Bridge. Cross bridge and take 1st right around a sharp "U" turn to 4th St. Right on 4th for 2.5 blocks to hotel.

Train Directions:

From Jefferson Station, SEPTA Regional Rail (www.septa.org) (215-580-7800), exit to 10th & Filbert Sts. Turn Right on Filbert, Left on 10th, then Right on Arch to 4th St. Right on 4th St to Wyndham Hotel.

Emergency Numbers:

In case of Emergency: Dial 911

Event related assistance:

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Walking Instructions:

Map is included for both the 10km & 6km walks.

Abbreviations used:

ns – No Sign. There is no street sign.

SP – Special Programs

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 Start Point to the left.

2. **LEFT** on Arch St.

Just before reaching 5th St., you will pass Christ Church Burial Ground. The grave of Benjamin Franklin can be viewed through the iron gates. It is considered good luck to "throw a penny on Benny" and a nod to Franklin's motto that "a penny saved is a penny earned".

3. **CROSS** 6th St. and turn **RIGHT**.

On the right is the National Constitution Center – an interactive museum devoted to the U.S. Constitution and its legacy.

Just across the street from the National Constitution Center is a historical marker for Pennsylvania Hall which was a meeting place for abolitionists in 1838.

4. **CROSS** Race St. and enter Franklin Square.

Franklin Square is one of the five original open-space parks planned by William Penn when he laid out the city in 1682. Legend has it that this was the location where Benjamin Franklin performed his "key and kite" experiment, but that has never been proven.

5. Take the diagonal path leading to the center of the park and the fountain. Circle the fountain to the right. Pass Square Burger, Mini Golf **{SP}**, and the Carousel **{SP}**. Exit the park on the path to the right of the Carousel to Franklin St.

6. **CROSS** Franklin St. to Vine St. Continue straight on Vine.

7. **CROSS** 8th St., turn **LEFT**, then **CROSS** Vine St. and turn **RIGHT**.

8. **CROSS** 9th St. Keep on the sidewalk.

On the left is Philadelphia's Chinatown.

9. **CROSS** 10th St. and turn **RIGHT**. Walk through 10th St. Plaza.

10th St. Plaza was designed to welcome visitors to the north end of Chinatown. It consists of an Asian style pergola trellis, 2 Foo dog statues, and an 8ft. statue of General Lin Zexu, a revered Chinese scholar. The mural features an aerial view of a koi pond with lily pads and a map of local landmarks.

10. **CROSS** west bound Vine St. Continue straight on 10th to Callowhill St.

Note the Chinese year signs in the sidewalk along 10th St.

11. **LEFT** on Callowhill St.

12. **CROSS** 11th St. and continue straight to the steps leading to the Rail Park **{SP}**. Climb the steps to the Rail Park (*If unable to climb the steps, continue straight on Callowhill to Broad St., then continue at Instruction #14.*) Continue on the Rail Park to the end.

The Rail Park is an elevated rail line built by the former Philadelphia and Reading Railway. It has been transformed into a park with a boardwalk, benches, landscaping and swings. It is currently ¼ mile long, but plans are to extend it a total of 3 miles.

13. Exit the Rail Park on Noble St. Continue straight to Broad St.

14. **LEFT** on Broad St. and continue several blocks to City Hall.

Restrooms are available in the Aloft Hotel located on Broad St. between Race & Arch Sts.

15. Enter the courtyard of City Hall through the northside arch. (If the arch is closed, walk around the building to the right.) Exit the courtyard through the arch towards Market St West.

Philadelphia City Hall was built on another of the five original squares designated by William Penn in 1682. Then it was known as Centre Square and was designed to be the "hub" of the community. The construction of City Hall was started in 1871 and continued to 1901. The building is topped by a bronze statue of William Penn. City Hall's clock {SP} was built in 1898.

16. When you exit the arch, walk straight ahead through Dilworth Park and turn **RIGHT** on 15th St.

Dilworth Park is a pedestrian-friendly public space with lush lawns, tree groves, a café, and a programmable fountain that converts to an ice-skating rink in the winter.

17. Walk to the end of the block. **CROSS** JFK Blvd. and turn **LEFT**. Pass JFK Plaza on the right, site of the famous LOVE statue.
18. Continue on JFK Blvd. to 17th St. **CROSS** 17th St. and enter the lobby of the Comcast Center. The Comcast Center is 2nd tallest skyscraper in Philadelphia. The lobby features an HD video wall that shows continuous programming 18 hrs./day. The Christmas show {SP} is especially entertaining. (Restrooms are available on the lower floor, as well as shops and restaurants.)
19. Exit the Comcast Center and continue to the **RIGHT** on JFK Blvd.

6K WALKERS ONLY:

- Turn **LEFT** on 18th St. Continue to Walnut St.
At Walnut St. is Rittenhouse Square Park located on the right. It is one of the most popular relaxing spots in Phila. You are welcome to walk through it.
 - **LEFT** on Walnut St. Continue 15 blocks to 7th St.
 - Rejoin the 11K at **Instruction 34**.
20. **RIGHT** on 18th St. Continue 3 blocks to the Ben Franklin Parkway.
Along 18th St. is the Comcast Technology Center, the tallest skyscraper in Philadelphia. Visitors can explore the Universal Sphere located on the 2nd floor.
21. **LEFT** on the Ben Franklin Parkway (no sign). The Logan Philadelphia is on the left and the Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul {SP} across the street). Continue to 19th St.
22. At 19th St., **CROSS** the Parkway to the right and enter Logan Square. Walk to the fountain in the center. Go half-way around the fountain.
Logan Square contains much of Philadelphia's central business district. It was named for Joseph Logan, William

Penn's Secretary and Philadelphia Mayor from 1722 to 1723. It is another of Penn's original open-space parks.

23. Exit the square to the Parkway. **CROSS** the Parkway and turn **LEFT** crossing 19th St. Continue on the Parkway.
Pass the Free Library of Philadelphia and the Shakespeare Memorial.
24. **RIGHT** on 20th St. **CROSS** and turn **LEFT** to continue on the Parkway.
Pass the Barnes Foundation Museum – contains one of the world's largest collections of French impressionist and post-impressionist paintings. It was a private collection belonging to Albert C. Barnes, a Philadelphia chemist.
The next block is the Rodin Museum. It contains the largest collection of Rodin's sculptures outside of Paris.
25. **CROSS** the Parkway to the **LEFT** just before reaching Spring Garden St. (**Parkway Location D-5**)
26. Enter the Eakins Oval Park. Directly in front of the Oval is the Philadelphia Museum of Art.
The Philadelphia Museum of Art is America's third largest art museum with more than 300,000 paintings, sculptures, and many other works of art. The front steps of the Art Museum were made famous in the movie "Rocky". Look for the "Rocky" statue to the right of the museum steps.
27. Follow the walking path to the center of the Oval and the Washington Monument Fountain. Proceed around the monument to the right, then take the first sidewalk on the right leading to a circle. Go around the circle to the path leading away from the monument.
28. Follow the walking path on the right between the row of trees and the outer drive of the Parkway. At the end of Eakins Oval, **CROSS** at the crosswalk and turn **RIGHT**. Then **CROSS** the outer drive of the Parkway and turn **LEFT**. Continue to 20th St.
29. **RIGHT** on 20th St. Pass in front of the Franklin Institute. Continue 12 blocks to Walnut St.
Franklin Institute -- One of the oldest science museums in the country dating back to 1824.
Just across the street from the Franklin Institute in Aviator Park are two veteran's memorials – the Aero Memorial {SP} dedicated to PA aviators killed in WWI, and the other is a memorial dedicated to colored soldiers who served in various wars.
30. **LEFT** on Walnut St.
31. At 19th St., **CROSS** Walnut St. to the right and enter Rittenhouse Square Park.
Rittenhouse Square Park is another of the five original open-space parks planned by William Penn. There is something always going on in Rittenhouse Square. It is one of the most popular relaxing spots in Phila.
32. Walk through the square towards the center circle, go around the circle to the right, then take the diagonal path back to Walnut St. just past the hexagonal guardhouse.

33. **RIGHT** on Walnut St. Continue 15 blocks to 7th St.

11K and 6K WALKERS:

34. At 7th St., enter Washington Square on the right. Follow the path to the display of flags at the Tomb of the Unknown Revolutionary Soldier. Then take the left diagonal path to exit the square on 6th St.

Washington Square is the last of the five original open-space parks planned by William Penn. In the past it was used as a grazing place for animals and potter's field. It was also the burial ground for the city's African American population and victims of the Yellow Fever epidemic.

35. **LEFT** on 6th St.

36. **CROSS** Chestnut St. and turn **RIGHT**.

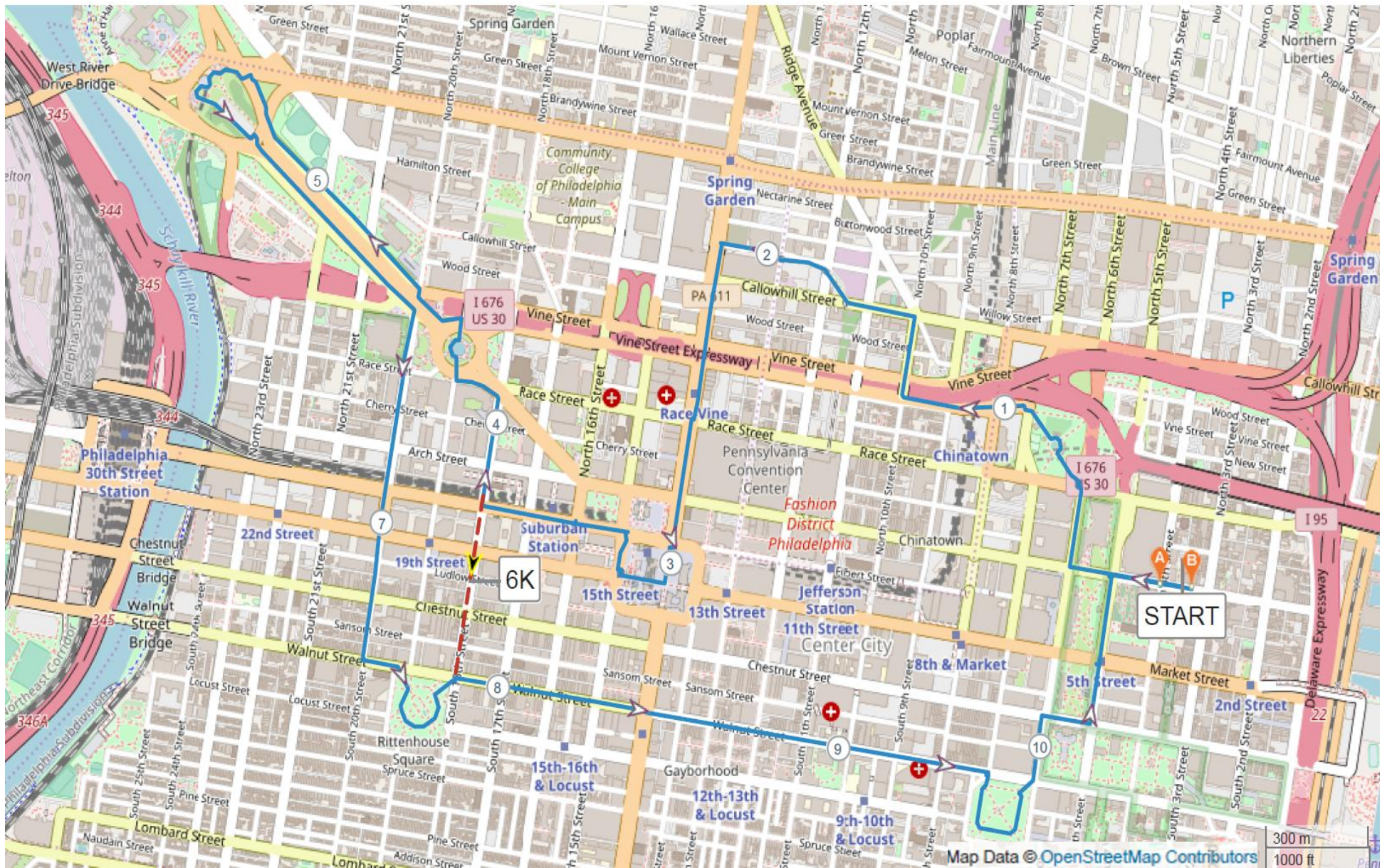
*Enter Independence National Historic Park, pass the Liberty Bell, Independence Hall, Congress Hall, Old City Hall. **Restrooms** available just before 5th St.*

***Option:** Between 4th & 3rd Sts. is Franklin Court. Enter from Chestnut St. Exhibits include the location of Franklin's home, his printing business, museum, and post office. Exit on Market St. and turn Left, then Right on 4th, Left on Arch and return to the Start Point.*

37. **LEFT** on 5th St. to Arch St.

38. **RIGHT** on Arch St. and return to the Start Point.

Philadelphia West Map 11K/6K



2026 KSVVA Special Challenges and AVA Special and National Programs

WALK NAME: PHILADELPHIA - WEST					
NUMBER: Y0482					
67 Counties (no end date)				Philadelphia	
AT Thru Hike (2017 -2023) in PA only				N/A	
AVA SPECIAL PROGRAMS					
Program Name	Years	10K	6K	K	Information
A-MAZE-ing Labyrinths	(2024 - 2026)				
Anniversaries Hurrah!	2026	X	X		
Grain Elevators – Monarchs of the Plains					
IVV-Americas	(2023 – No end)	X	X		
Par For The Course	(2023-2025)	X	X		Miniature golf course in Franklin Park
Rails-to-Trails	(2022 – 2025)	X	X		Rail Park
Step to the Beat	(2024 – 2026)	X	X		Carousel in Franklin Park Performance in Comcast Center Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul (10K)
Town Halls/City Halls	(2022 – 2024)	X	X		Philadelphia City Hall
Walking With America’s Veterans	(2021 – 2027)	X			WWI Aviator Memorial Memorial to Colored Soldiers Who Served in Various Wars
Walking With the Wild Things	(2025 – 2027)				
Washington-Rochambeau National Historic Trail	(2021 – 2031)	X	X		Independence National Historical Park
Closed Programs on Route					
Rockin’ Around the Clock	(2020 – 2022)	X	X		On Philadelphia City Hall
Town Halls/City Halls	(2022 – 2024)	X	X		Philadelphia City Hall
AVA NATIONAL PROGRAMS					
Program Name	Years	10K	6K	K	
50 States / 51 Capitals	(No end date)	X	X		Pennsylvania
Walk the USA (A To Z)	(No end date)	X	X		P

