

**Twin State Volkssport Association
Welcomes You to
The Peterborough Walk
An AVA Sanctioned Seasonal Event**

Walk Description

Peterborough is an historic and attractive town in southern New Hampshire. "Our Town" by Thornton Wilder was modeled on this town. There are numerous shops and restaurants to enjoy nearby.

The walk includes 5k and 10/11k options. The 5k walk will stay close to town, visiting historic buildings, the shopping district, and Adams Playground with its Little Free Library. The 10/11k walk will go for a short distance north of the village, using the Common Path, a multi-use recreation walkway.

Special Programs

Little Free Libraries (Adams Playground)

Mayflower (Contoocook River)

Rockin' Around the Clock (Unitarian church)

Walking with America's Veterans (G.A.R. hall)

Walk Registration:

Registration takes place online using the 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" cards that you may choose to print out.

Driving Directions for the Peterborough NH walk.


From Rte. 101 in Peterborough, turn onto Grove St at the traffic light at the junction with US 202 at the bottom of the hill. If coming from the west, it is a left-hand turn, and from the east it is a right-hand turn. Go 0.4 miles, taking a right on Miller Way at the sign for Riverwalk Parking, descending a short hill on a driveway before entering a large parking area.

Restrooms.

Restrooms are available at several businesses near the beginning of the walk when open, across the pedestrian bridge from parking. I would recommend Toadstool Books, as you won't be expected to buy anything. If you wish one before the event, there are

two convenience stores and a Dunkin Donuts near the junction of Rtes. 101 and 202. Restrooms also at Adams Pool and Playground, midway along the walk, when open.

Emergency Numbers

	<p>In case of Emergency: Dial 911 Event related assistance: Cynthia Gray: 802-498-8668</p>
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PETERBOROUGH, NH 5 and 10/11 KM WALKS

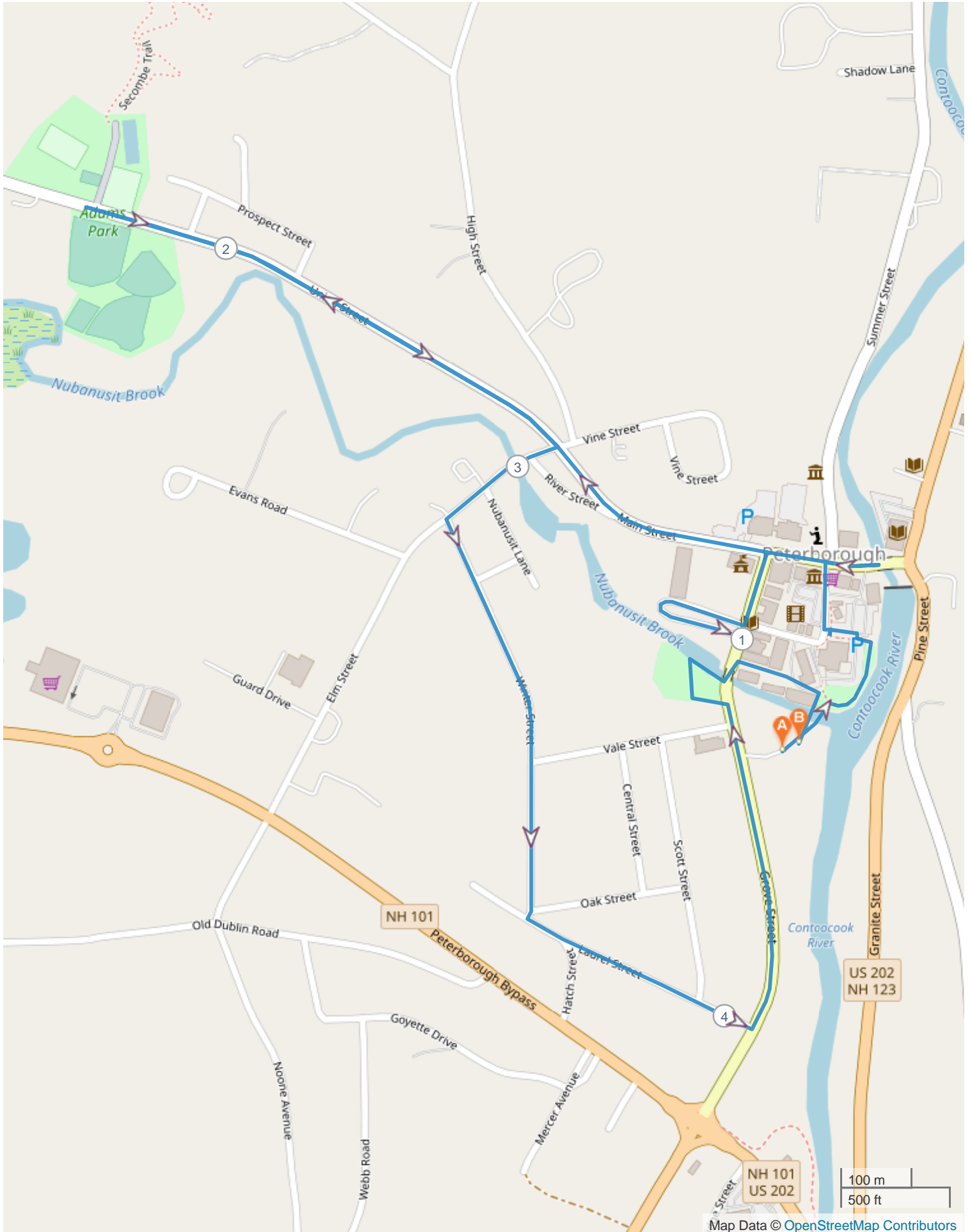
These walk directions and maps may only be used in conjunction with a signed American Volkssport Association athletic waiver. All other uses are prohibited.

1. From the Riverwalk Parking Lot, facing the river, cross the pedestrian bridge. This bridge, built in 2019, crosses Nubanusit Brook where it enters the Contoocook River. Look down to see the foundations of the railroad bridge which was previously here.
2. RIGHT at the end of the bridge, passing a small amphitheater with stone seats. In the summer, live entertainment is often held here. Continue along the gravel path towards the gazebo, formerly the site of the train depot. The train operated between 1838 and 1953.
3. LEFT in front of the gazebo on a short path which leads to a sidewalk in front of Toadstool Books. Note the mural on the side of the Toadstool building. Follow sidewalk to the end of the street.
4. RIGHT on Depot St (no sign). Pass the Peterborough diner on your right. The diner is a 1950's Worcester Lunch Car Diner, which was moved to its location in 1949. Continue to Main Street (Roy's Market on right).
5. RIGHT on Main for one short block, depending on construction. Across the river is the Peterborough Town Library, the oldest free library in the world, built in 1933. It is undergoing construction right now, preserving the historic portion of the building, and redesigning the newer wings. Walking a short distance on the pedestrian bridge will give you a better look.
6. From Main St. near the library, reverse direction to return to the intersection with Grove St. in front of Roy's Market.
7. **10/11K ONLY. For 5K, LEFT on Main St. and skip to #10.** Right on Summer St, following sidewalk on left with the Contoocook River on your right. Continue on sidewalk for about 1.5 km.
8. At sign for Bike Path, just after passing house #85 on the right, cross at crosswalk and straight ahead to get on the Common Pathway, Peterborough's multi-use recreation path, popular with both bicyclists and walkers. The path crosses a small footbridge, then bends left to closely follow the river. Pass a large dirt parking area on your left, for users of the path. The path will briefly walk along a shoulder of the road, with a pedestrian lane on far right. It re-enters the woods. You will curve around a brick utility building used for the town water supply (**10k turnaround**). If you wish to walk 11 K, remain on the path until you reach a 3-way intersection with asphalt roads,

- Hunt Rd (no sign) crossing your route and Tarbell Rd (sign) straight ahead.
9. TURN AROUND, retracing your steps along the path, then along Summer St. back to town. Notice the old horse sheds on the right just before Main St. RIGHT on Main St.
 10. **5 and 10/11k Walkers continue here.**
On Main St., Pass the Unitarian Church with its clock (**Rock Around the Clock**), Peoples United Bank, the Mariposa Museum, and Steele's store.
 11. Cross Grove Street, ehn LEFT on Grove, passing the town offices on the right. Classical music concerts have been held here in the past. Pass the Monadnock Center for History and Culture, worth a visit when it is open Wednesday through Saturday.
 12. RIGHT after town hall through metal gates. Note war memorials on the brick walls to either side. Notice the red brick District #8 schoolhouse on the left, where children can learn what school was like in the 1800s. There are a couple of other historic buildings in site too.
 13. Fork LEFT on path, entering a parking let. Then LEFT on alley (Phoenix Mill, no sign).
 14. LEFT on Grove St., passing the Monadnock Center for History and Culture. Hours are generally Saturday from 10 to 4.
 15. LEFT on Main St, going uphill past the town offices, and the Georgian style Guernsey building, previously the home of the American Guernsey Cattle Club. Pass River St. and cross Elm St. Continue ahead, now on Union St., passing the two ends of Prospect St.
 16. Stop at the Adams Playground and Pool. Within the playground is **Little Free Library** #41895, a branch of the Peterborough town library. Restrooms here when the building is open.
 17. TURN AROUND, retracing your steps on Union St. back towards town.
 18. Cross Elm St., then RIGHT on Elm, crossing Nubanusit Brook, and then notice Scott-Farrar, a senior living community offering both independent and assisted living.
 19. **10/11K ONLY. For 5k, left on Winter St. and skip to #21.**
Pass the main entrance to Scott Farrar, then RIGHT on Evans Rd. Enjoy this quiet street which passes a meadow where deer and wildlife can often be seen, and leads to a nature trail, the Evans Flat Trail. I didn't include the trail as part of the walk route, because it has some narrow and tricky planks to cross, can be wet, and buggy. If you are adventurous and have your walking stick, feel free to explore it and give yourself extra distance credit. Turn around at the cul-de-sac, retracing your steps to Elm St.
 20. LEFT on Elm, then RIGHT on Winter.
 21. **5 and 10k both continue here.**
Continue on Winter St., ascending slightly before beginning to descend a long hill. Pass Vale St. on left, continuing downhill. Pass Oak St. just before Winter ends at Laurel St.

22. LEFT on Laurel St. At fork with grassy center, stay left on Laurel, going briefly uphill, then descend to Grove St.
23. LEFT on Grove, passing the police station. Use crosswalk here to continue on sidewalk. Pass Vale St. and notice Ava's, a chocolate and ice cream shop. There is also a Thai Café and a couple of other shops in the building. On your right, pass G.A.R. Hall. Note the civil war memorial statue and cannonballs in front. (**Walking with Veterans**). The stairs leading it are currently closed due to unsafe conditions. This building originally housed the Peterborough Academy, then the local GAR post. It has now been converted into a brewery.
24. Near the brewery, cross Grove and Vale Streets at the crosswalks. Then LEFT into Putnam Park, a small public park which hosts a variety of outdoor events in good weather. Walk clockwise around the paved path, admire the various pieces of artwork and finishing your circle on the part of the path which goes along Nubanusit Brook. Enjoy a view of the waterfall which once powered the Phoenix Mills.
25. LEFT on Grove St., then cross on crosswalk towards Joseph's Coat and continue down a small alley. Pass a row of shops and walk ahead to Depot Park.
26. RIGHT through the stone wall to cross the pedestrian bridge and return to your car.

Peterborough 5k Volkswalk



Peterborough 10k Volkswalk

