

The Liberty Bell
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Ron Nelson Memorial Walk - New Hope

An AVA Sanctioned Year Round Event

This AVA rated 1A 10km 5km walk goes through the quaint and historical towns of New Hope, PA and Lambertville, NJ with Victorian style homes, antique shops, boutiques and restaurants; pass the station of a steam locomotive sightseeing train. Also includes a section of towpath in both towns along the Delaware Canal. *This walk has been re-named in honor of Ron Nelson who served as LBW president for 11 yrs. In addition, Ron was a trailmaster and responsible for many Traditional Events and many of the Year Round Events that LBW currently sponsors including the New Hope YRE. This walk was Ron's favorite.*

Those using the Physical Start Box (PSB) will find it at the New Hope Inn, 6426 Lower York Rd. (US-202), New Hope, PA 18938. Both PSB walkers after registration and Online Start Box (OSB) walkers should drive to the walk starting point that is in the McCaffrey's parking lot in the New Hope Shopping Center, 300 W Bridge St, New Hope, PA 18938

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
PSB Registration Point - New Hope Inn	10/5km	Bathroom	0 km	24/7
Walk Starting Point - McCaffrey's	10/5km	Bathroom	0 km	7am - 9pm Every Day
Starbucks - 4A E Bridge St, New Hope DUNKIN' - 1 N. Main St, New Hope	10/5km	Bathroom	5k: 1.1, 3.1, & 4.4km 10k: 1.1, 7.5, & 8.8km	5:30am - 9:00pm Every Day 5:30am - 6:00pm Every Day

Walk Starting Point Address:

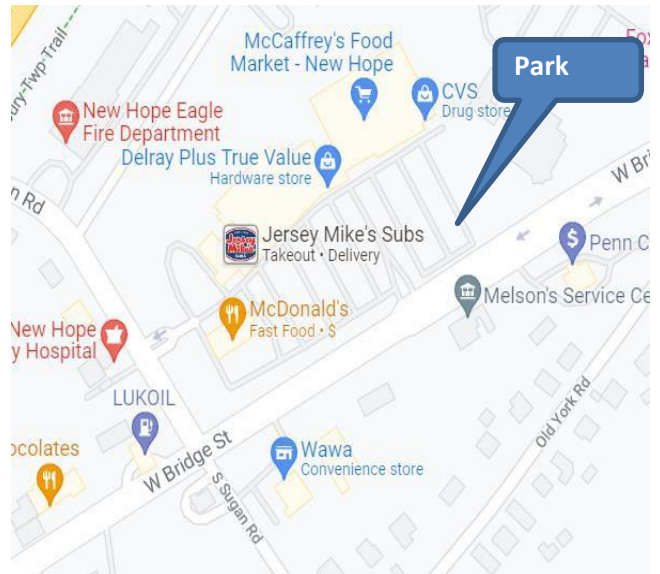
McCaffrey's parking lot
New Hope Shopping Center
300 W Bridge St, New Hope, PA 18938

PSB Location:

New Hope Inn, 6426 Lower York Rd.
(US-202) New Hope, PA 18938
The start box is located behind the hotel registration counter. You will need to ask the staff for the "Walk Box".

Driving Directions to Walk Starting Point:

From the New Hope Inn, turn right onto Route 202, going towards New Hope. At the fork take the right leg onto Route 179 (Bridge St.). Look for and enter the New Hope Shopping Center on the left with a McDonalds, a CVS and McCaffrey's. Park in front of McCaffrey's but stay as close to Bridge St. as possible.

**Emergency Numbers:**

In case of Emergency: Dial 911
Event related assistance:
Bill Ridge (215-767-5079)
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Walking Instructions:

Maps for both the 10km & 5km walks are provided (see pages 7 and 8).

Abbreviations used:

ns - No Sign. There is no street sign.

SP - Special Program (see page 9).

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 parking lot and turn **LEFT** on Bridge St. Continue on Bridge to Chestnut St., then turn **RIGHT** to carefully cross Bridge at the crosswalk to Ferry St.

Points-of-Interest along the way:

Before reaching Chestnut St., look to the right for the Wedgewood Inn (blue Victorian style building) at 111 W. Bridge St. Inside the Inn is a trap door which leads to a tunnel that was used by the Philadelphia-Quaker Underground Railroad network.

Note the painting (mural) on the house at 77 Ferry St. The large building is the Old New Hope School (c. 1850) overlooking the town. The original entitled "Manchester Valley" was painted by native New Hope artist Joseph Pickett in 1911. This replica was painted in 1977 by Steve Scanlon.

2. **LEFT** on Ferry St. Just before Stockton St./ railroad tracks is Lenape Park. Turn **LEFT** and walk through this lovely small park. Exit the park on Bridge St. and turn **RIGHT**.
3. Continue on Bridge St. and cross the bridge over the Delaware River into Lambertville.

4. Just past the Lambertville Station is a sign for D&R Canal State Park. Cross the canal and turn **RIGHT** on the paved trail.

The 70 mile long Delaware Canal was opened in 1832. New Hope was the geographic center and the major hub of the canal system. It had four locks and an outlet lock so that boats could cross the Delaware River and enter the New Jersey canal system a Lambertville. The heyday of the canal occurred before and during the Civil War (the 1850's and 1860's). Following this period, the canal system steadily lost business to the railroads. The last commercial canal boat passed through New Hope in 1931. In 1974, over 60 miles of the canal and a narrow strip of land on both banks were made a state park.

5K WALKERS: Continue on the canal trail until you reach a playground/picnic area (Cavallo Park) just beyond a large building and parking lot. Turn **LEFT** and walk through the parking lot to the stop sign. Go to **Instruction #7**.

5. As you walk along the canal, note the playground/picnic area (Cavallo Park) just beyond a large building and parking lot as you pass it on the left, you will return to this point. When you reach a bridge on the right, cross and turn **LEFT** staying on the canal trail. Continue on the trail until you reach **Mile Marker 14**. It will be on a wooden post on the right. There is also a bench on the left just beyond the mile marker. Turn here and retrace your steps back to Cavallo Park.
6. When you reach Cavallo Park, turn **RIGHT** and walk through the parking lot to the stop sign.
7. **LEFT** at the stop sign on Union St. (no sign). Continue to Ferry St.

8. **LEFT** on Ferry St. (street sign is on the right side of the street).
 9. **RIGHT** on Kline's Ct.

5K WALKERS: Walk through Kline's Ct. to the dead end. Turn **LEFT** on Bridge St. Cross the bridge back to New Hope. Turn **LEFT** on Main St. in New Hope. **Go to Instruction #22.**

10. Walk through Kline's Ct. to the dead end and turn **RIGHT** on Bridge St. Lambertville House is on the left after making the turn. Continue to Main St. *The Lambertville House Hotel was built in 1812 by Captain John Lambert. During its early years, the hotel was known as Lambert's Inn and served as a stagecoach stop that provided lodging to dignitaries and business leaders travelling between Philadelphia and New York. It has been beautifully restored and has been given the AAA Four Diamond Award for Excellence.*

RESTROOMS ONLY: Turn right on Main St. On the left is the public library (large white building which sits back from the street). Restrooms are available

11. At Main St., **CROSS** Bridge St. and turn **LEFT**. Continue on the right side of Bridge St. Turn **RIGHT** on Gordon's Alley between the Marshall House Museum and St. John's Church. *Just before Gordon's Alley is the Marshall House Museum named for James Marshall who lived here from 1817- 1834. He was the man who discovered gold at Sutter's Mill in California in 1848.*
12. **LEFT** on Church St.
 13. **RIGHT** on Union St. Continue to York St.
 14. **RIGHT** on York St. City Hall is on the left. *Veterans Memorial plaque is on the corner in front of City Hall.*

15. **LEFT** on Main St. **(5K)**

16. **LEFT** on Jefferson St.

17. **RIGHT** on Union St. Continue to Buttonwood St.

At 138 Union St. is a gnome {SP} by the front gate. At 167 Union St. is a gargoyle located at the end of a down spout {SP}

18. **LEFT** on Buttonwood St. Walk straight back and through the opening to the D&R Canal Trail. Turn **LEFT** on the trail.

19. Continue on the trail until you reach a white railed bridge (Coryell St.). Exit off the trail to the **RIGHT**. Go to the stop sign at Lambert St. and turn **LEFT**.

20. **CROSS** Bridge St. and turn **RIGHT** to cross the bridge back into New Hope.

21. **CROSS** Main St. and turn **LEFT**.

Continue to Mechanic St.

Points-of-Interest along the way:

Logan Inn: Established in 1727 by John Wells, founder of New Hope. It was a stage coach stop half way between Philadelphia and New York City, and was used as a hospital during the Revolutionary War. If you enter the inn, you will see the wall behind the bar that dates back to the original construction.

Cannon Square: The cannon was placed here to mark the colonial approach to town from the ferry landing. It is on loan from the U.S. Navy. Cast in 1855, it was installed on the USS Minnesota and saw action between the USS Monitor and the CSS Virginia (Merrimack) on March 9, 1862.

The Parry Mansion Museum: Built in the late 1770's, it was the home of Benjamin Parry, the first major developer of New Hope. It exemplifies the prosperity of New Hope in the early days of the new republic. Five generations of Parry's lived here.

22. **RIGHT** on Mechanic St. at the Vansant House. (Just past Mechanic St. next to the Visitor Center is the New Hope town clock.) Go up a hill.

The Vansant House was built in 1743 by Ichabod Wilkinson, an iron master from Providence, RI. It is the oldest house in town. In the late 1800's grapeshot was found imbedded in the roof that was allegedly fired by the British soldiers from New Jersey in 1776.

23. **LEFT** on Ney Alley just past the God Saves the Queens vintage clothing store on the left. Follow the stone and brick path past the Lion's Den tattoo parlor to the canal tow path and turn **LEFT**. Continue on the tow path to the Locktender's House/Museum (white building w/brown trim).

24. Go past the Locktender's House and down the ramp to Main St. Turn **LEFT** on Main St., then carefully **CROSS** Main St. at the crosswalk. Continue to the left on Main St. back to Bridge St. You will pass the Bucks County Playhouse and the Moo Hope Ice Cream Shop.

The Bucks County Playhouse was originally a grist mill built in 1763. It was purchased by Benjamin Parry in 1786 and was renamed "New Hope Mill" thus giving the town its new name. It was converted to a theater in 1939. It became a very popular theater where many Broadway plays tried out. The playhouse had some rough times and closed in 2010. In 2011, it was purchased by the Bridge Street Foundation, a public/private partnership. After extensive renovations, the theater reopened in July 2012 and remains very popular.

Option: Access the River Promenade behind Bucks County Playhouse for a scenic view of the Delaware River and the bridge to Lambertville (chairs are available). To reach the promenade, turn **RIGHT** at the large Bucks County Playhouse sign and walk through the parking lot toward the

5K WALKERS: When you reach Bridge St., turn **LEFT** crossing Main St. and continue on the right side of Bridge through New Hope, past the high school and return to the Start/Finish at CVS. See Instruction #27 for points-of-interest along the way.

river. Then follow the promenade to the left, go down the steps, and return to Main St. through a small courtyard.

25. **CROSS** Bridge St. You will pass the Delaware House on the right.

The Delaware House (now Solebury National Bank Bldg.) was built in 1818 four years after the original bridge to Lambertville was completed. The inn was a favorite gathering place for many of the New Hope Impressionist artists in the 1930's.

Points-of-Interest along the way:

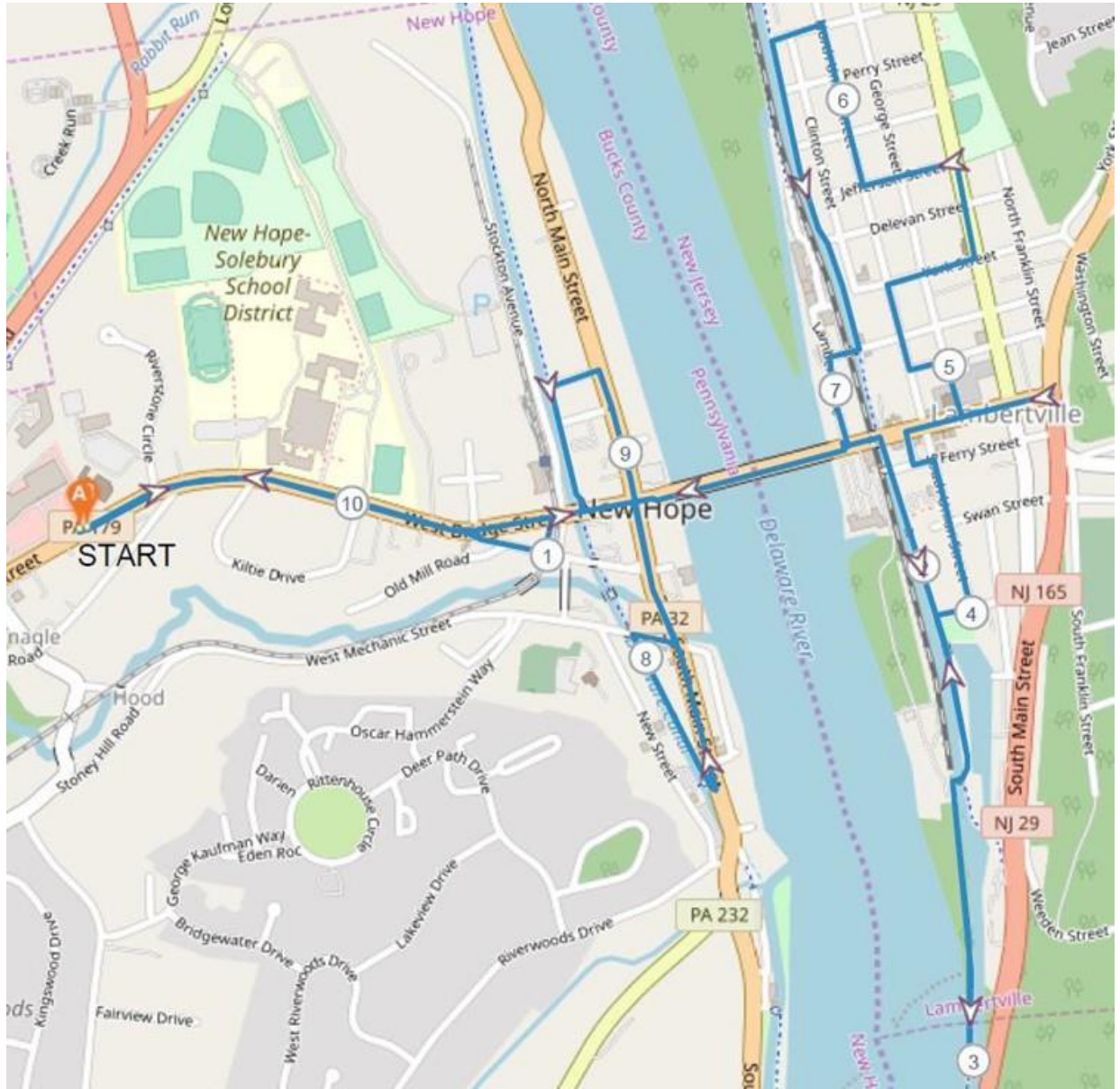
New Hope & Ivyland Railroad: *The station opened in 1891 as the New Hope Branch of the Philadelphia, Newtown and New York line carrying passengers and freight. After it ceased operation and the owners went bankrupt, it was purchased by the Bucks County Railroad Preservation & Restoration Corp. in 1980. The Victorian station, freight house and boarding platform were refurbished and are now a major tourist attraction that runs from New Hope to Lahaska.*

Aaron Burr House Bed & Breakfast: *Just before reaching Chestnut St., you will pass this 1873 "Painted Lady". The inn's stone foundation dates back to Revolutionary War days. It was named for Aaron Burr who escaped to New Hope for safe haven and hid here for a week after his duel with Alexander Hamilton.*

26. Continue on Main St. to Parry St. which is the third street on the left. **LEFT** on Parry St. to the end. Take the narrow dirt path up the embankment to the tow path. **LEFT** on the canal tow path. Pass the New Hope & Ivyland RR station on the right. Stay on the path to Bridge St.
27. **RIGHT** on Bridge St. Continue past the high school and return to the Start/Finish.

Liberty Bell Wanderers hope you enjoyed our New Hope walk and hope you will return to enjoy it again.

10 Km New Hope Walk



5 Km New Hope Walk



2025 KSVa Special Challenges and AVA Special and National Programs

WALK NAME: RON NELSON MEMORIAL - NEW HOPE					
NUMBER: Y0532					
KSVa SPECIAL CHALLENGES					
67 Counties (no end date)			Bucks		
AT Thru Hike (2017 -2023) in PA only			N/A		
Program Name	Years	10K	5K	___K	Information
Appalachian Trail in 14 States	(2018 – 2028)				
A-MAZE-ing Labyrinths	(2024 - 2026)				
Border Crossings	(2014 - 2023)	X	X		New Hope, PA to Lambertville, NJ
Great Lakes, Great Fun, Great Fitness, Great Friendships	(2021 – 2023)				
IVV-Americas	(2023 – No end)	X	X		
Par For the Course	(2023-2025)	X	X		Playground in Cavello Park in Lambertville
Rails-to-Trails	(2022 – 2025)	X	X		D&R Canal Trail
Town Halls/City Halls	(2022 – 2024)	X			Lambertville City Hall
Walking with America’s Veterans	(2021 – 2023)	X			Veterans Memorial plaque in front of Lambertville City Hall
Walking With the Wild Things	(2025 – 2027)				Gnome at 138 Union St. Gargoyle at 167 Union St., Lambertville
Washington-Rochambeau National Historic Trail	(2021 – 2031)				
Step to the Beat	(2024 – 2026)	X	X		Bucks County Playhouse
Closed Programs on Route					
Mayflower – 400 th Anniversary Walk	(2020 – 2022)	X	X		Lenape Park on Bridge St in New Hope
Rockin’ Around the Clock	(2020 – 2022)	X	X		On Main St in New Hope just past Mechanic St
AVA NATIONAL PROGRAMS					
Program Name	Years	10K	5K	___K	Information
50 States / 51 Capitals	(No end date)	X	X		Pennsylvania and New Jersey
Walk the USA (A To Z)	(No end date)	X	X		N and L

