



AVA Online Startbox

Happy Wanderers Walking Club [AVA -0717]

DeLand, FL - YRE 0549

Hontoon Island State Park

Start Point: Hontoon Island State Park, 2309 River Ridge Rd. DeLand, FL 32720 386-736-5309.

Driving Directions: From I-4 take exit 118; SR 44 west about 7 miles thru DeLand and look for *brown state park signs* as a guide once through downtown. Bear left on Old New York Ave. (CR 4110) for 1.9 miles; left on Hontoon Rd. (CR 4125) for 2.4 miles; left on River Ridge Rd for .8 miles, then turn left into the Hontoon Island State Park parking lot.

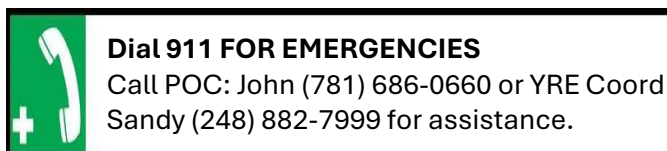
Walk to the nearby boat dock. The ferry will come for you on the hour **FRI-SAT-SUN, 8 am – 3 pm ONLY** or, call the Ranger Station. After exiting the ferry boat, walk to the building near the landing. There is no fee for either the short ferry ride, or entry into the state park. Please inform the boat captain or a ranger at the building that you are a Volksmarcher who needs the walk-box. The box is located in the Park Ranger's office.

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Administrative notes for use of these Event Directions

Any comments or questions, please contact osbhelp@ava.org

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2025 Special Program list for:

SN: 128525 - 2025 / Y0549 – DELAND, FL (HONTOON ISLAND)

5K: IVV-Americas, Walking with the USA (Florida); Walking the USA A—Z (D)

10K: IVV-Americas, Walking with the USA (Florida); Walking the USA A—Z (D)

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5K

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Please register, stamp your books and pick up awards before you walk, so you don't have to return to the walk box. Check with Park Rangers on trail conditions before beginning walk.



1. Exit the building after registering and turn **LEFT**. Walk with the building on your left, past restrooms and water fountain. [FVA Sign]
 2. Bear **LEFT** at the "Alligators" sign, and then bear **RIGHT** onto the gravel road at the "Indian Mound Nature Trail" sign.
 3. Continue **STRAIGHT** on the road, passing the "Nature Trail" signs on both sides, and passing the first dirt road you see to your left.
 4. Bear **LEFT** at the next "Y" [FVA sign] onto the unpaved road into the campgrounds, and walk on this road past the campground office.
 5. When the road turns, go **STRAIGHT** under the water pipe onto *Timucuan Trail Rd.* [FVA sign]
 6. At Rabbit Run Rd (unmarked) Continue **STRAIGHT** on the main trail. [FVA sign]
 7. At the T-intersection for *River To River Road*,
- TRAIL SPLIT: 5K Walkers:**
8. **TURN RIGHT** and continue until reaching the *Hammock Hiking Nature Trail*, with the St. John's River visible in front of you. Walk down to see the river.
 9. **REVERSE** direction and walk back the way you came on *River to River Rd.*, to the intersection with Rabbit Run Rd. at the R2 shed.

10. TURN LEFT on *Rabbit Run Rd.*, and walk to the next trail "T."

11. TURN RIGHT and walk to *Timucuan Trail Rd.* at sign board T2.

12. TURN LEFT and return back to the start, passing back through the cabins area and bearing right back onto the gravel road. Pass the restrooms and return to the Ferry Landing when ready to depart.

Congrats on finishing your AVA walk!

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TRAIL SPLIT: 10K Walkers:

8. Continue **STRAIGHT** passing River Spoil Rd (unmarked) on your left and the 1 Mile sign post on your right.
9. At the end of *Timucuan Trail Road*, bear **LEFT** around the loop and return in the opposite direction on *Timucuan Trail Rd.*

CHECKPOINT [FVA Sign]: What 2 letters are on the back of the CP signpost?

10. Return to *River To River Trail* and turn **LEFT**.
 11. At the next intersection, turn **LEFT** on *Rabbit Run Road*. [Use trail sign, no FVA sign]
 12. Continue **STRAIGHT**, passing Indian Mound Road on your right as well as the 3 Mile marker sign. Bear **RIGHT** onto *Snake Creek Road*.
 13. At the end of the road at Snake Creek Landing, **REVERSE** direction [FVA sign].
 14. Return to *River-to-River Road*, and turn **LEFT**. Continue to the "T" intersection.
 15. Turn **LEFT** on the *Indian Mound "Nature Trail."* (This trail is narrower and windier than the roads you have been on to this point. Watch your footing, some roots.)
 16. Pass the "Laurel Oak" sign on your right, and then bear **RIGHT** at the large informational sign onto the narrow path. Pass the "Notice" sign.
 17. Continue on the nature trail until it ends at a bench and enormous Oak Tree. **REVERSE** directions at this point. [No FVA sign here.]
- Historical Note: The first inhabitants of the island were the Timucuan Indians. Snails gathered from the shallows of the St. Johns River were a staple food of these people. Through the years, the discarded shells accumulated to form large mounds, like the one you are walking on now.***
19. Return past the yellow arrow and "Laurel Oak" sign on the same nature trail, back to the intersection with *River to River Road*, at H5.

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