

The Liberty Bell Wanderers
Welcomes You to the
Bethlehem - South
AVA Sanctioned Year Round Event



This AVA rated 2A 10/6km goes through Lehigh University, the South Bethlehem Greenway, and through the former Bethlehem Steel campus. The redeveloped area includes a casino, hotel, outlet mall, PBS station, arts campus, skating rink, and the Steel ruins. The walk continues into Fountain Hill past the mansions of 19th century Bethlehem movers and shakers.

A highlight of the walk is the 2,000 foot-long Hoover-Mason Trestle which is now a public walkway. It is located on the former Bethlehem Steel campus (SteelStacks). The trestle was once used as a narrow-gauge railroad to carry coke, limestone, and iron ore to the blast furnaces. Walk the trestle to get up close and personal with the blast furnaces. Note that dogs are not allowed on the trestle.

For more information on the Historic Heritage Trail: <http://www.historicbethlehem.org>

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 - Comfort Suites	10/6km	Bathroom	0km	24/7
Wind Creek Casino	10/6km	Bathroom	4.1km	24/7
Bethlehem Welcome Center	10/6km	Bathroom	5.1km	10:00AM-4:00PM Daily

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Starting Point Address:

Comfort Suites - University
120 W. Third St. Bethlehem, PA 18015
(610-882-9700)

Free Parking. Parking lot entrance is on Brodhead Ave. Hotel requests walkers to park in back of lot.

PSB Location:

The start box is located inside the Hotel. You will need to ask the staff for the "Walk Box".

Driving Directions:

From the South: PA-309 N to PA-378 N to Bethlehem. Approx 6 miles to Third St. and turn right. Cross Broadhead and enter parking lot from Third St. E: I-78 to Exit 67 for PA-412/Hellertown/Bethlehem. Right on PA-412. Follow Hwy signs for 4 miles. Sands Casino, becomes Daly, then Third. Left on Brodhead, enter hotel parking lot.

From the North: US-309 S, continue to PA-33 S. Exit US-22 W to Bethlehem/Allentown. Exit to PA-378 S to Bethlehem. Travel 4 miles until freeway ends; merge to left lane. Slight left turn on Third to bottom of hill. Right on Brodhead, quick left to hotel parking lot. W: US-22 E to PA-378 S to Bethlehem. Continue with directions from above. Parking lot entrance on Brodhead.

Emergency Numbers:**Walking Instructions:**

Map is included for both the Loop 1 & 2 walks each 5km starting from the Hotel Bethlehem.

Abbreviations used:

ns - No Sign. There is no street sign.
SP - Special Program
C&P - Cross and/or Pass example: {C&P: Main St, Walnut St, historical 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.

1. Exit the Comfort Suites and turn **LEFT** on Brodhead Ave {C&P: 4th St, Morton Ave, and Packer Ave} to Memorial Drive.

2. **LEFT** on Memorial Drive onto the campus of Lehigh University to the "Do Not Enter" sign.

The church-like building on the right as you enter campus is the admissions office, Alumni Memorial Hall. It was built in 1925 for the alumni who died and served in WWI.

3. Slight **LEFT** at the "Do Not Enter" sign at University Walk - a pedestrian walkway through the campus to the end, Taylor St.

The large building on the left is Packard Laboratories. On the hillside to the right is university center - Packard Hall and the Linderman Library. On the left is Packer Memorial Chapel, Chandler Memorial Hall, and Sherman Fairchild Laboratories. Many of the buildings on campus are named in honor of Asa Packer who founded the university in 1865. Check out the many sculptures along the way.

The are several buildings on the campus with Gargoyles {SP} including Nativity Cathedral, Packer Chapel and Lehigh Admissions building.

4. In front of you is the Taylor Gymnasium. **Cross** the street to the gym and turn **LEFT** on Taylor for $\frac{1}{2}$ block is an arch on the right that says, "Business and Economics".

5. **RIGHT** to proceed through the arch. This area is the old Taylor Stadium. On the right is the old entrance sculpture buried in the hillside.

6. Continue to the Zoellner Arts Center in front of you, just past the flame sculpture ("in a State of Rejuvenescence").

Restrooms are sometimes available in the arts center.

7. **LEFT** and continue with the Zoellner on the right to Packer Ave. (unmarked).

8. **LEFT** on Packer Ave for 4 blocks to Vine St. St. Peter's church is on the corner.

9. **RIGHT** on Vine St to Morton St.

10. **RIGHT** on Morton St. to S. New St.

11. **LEFT** on S. New Street (Farrington Square is on the right), stay on the right side of S. New St., cross E 4th St. and then an Alley to the macadam path on the right (just before Mechanic St.). Turn right onto the S. Bethlehem Greenway.

12. **RIGHT** onto the South Bethlehem Greenway {SP}

The South Bethlehem Greenway hosts many small festivals during the year, an outdoor gallery, and murals.

13. Continue on the Greenway, crossing many intersections.
14. At the Hayes St. intersection, cross carefully. Almost immediately cross E. 3rd St. Follow the Greenway as it bears slightly to the left. (Do not enter the residential neighborhood).
15. Continue on the Greenway until you see the parking lot, blue building (restroom and water fountain) in front and to the right, and the Minsi Trail Bridge and Wind Creek Casino on the left. Skate Park is behind the blue building.
16. **LEFT**, exiting the Greenway via the path, then cross Daly Ave. at Wind Creek Blvd.
17. Proceed down the hill and follow the sidewalk through this area to the entrance of the Wind Creek Casino.
18. Turn **LEFT** and continue to follow sidewalks to the right passing the Outlet Mall entrance (restrooms available in the mall/Casino) to the first cross walk.
19. **LEFT** on cross walk, crossing Wind Creek Blvd then continue to the right towards the parking lot, then follow the sidewalk as it turns left next to trestle to E. 1st St (ns).
20. **EITHER** turn **LEFT** to go under the trestle. Cross to the right at the crosswalk and continue on the asphalt path (1st St., unmarked) to the SteelStack campus.
OR continue to go straight and up the stairs (no pets allowed) and enter the Hoover Mason Trestle (HMT) from the rear—exit via the grand staircase (Elevator behind the stairs) then turn **RIGHT** and pick up directions at #0.

On the HMT, you will see several blue Historic Bethlehem Heritage Trail markers indicating the building uses during steel production. On the right, #74 Steels Welfare Room; on the left #73 the Gas Blowing Engine House; as well as PBS, ArtsQuest Center; and #72 the Blast furnace.

Point of Interest: Note the name of the outdoor pavilion across the street from the ArtsQuest Center.

For an amazing visual experience, enter the ArtsQuest Center using the entrance at 101 Founders Way, take the elevator on the immediate left to the 4th floor. Exit the elevator and look down at

the beautiful glass artwork.

21. **Option:** Climb the grand staircase to visit the Hoover Mason Trestle (HMT). Daily 8 am-8pm. Closed in winter and during severe weather. Explore the trestle as long as desired, then descend staircase. (Elevator behind stairs. Pets not allowed on trestle.) then turn **RIGHT**.

The HMT was once used as a narrow-gauge railroad to carry the coke, limestone, and iron ore needed to make iron from the ore yards to the blast furnaces. Now a linear park, it is designed to be part museum, part community recreation resource, and part attraction. The trestle stands 46' tall and 2,000' long. Visit the HMT to get up close and personal with the blast furnaces! Once completed, the trestle will extend almost to the Sands Casino.

22. Proceed to just past the furnaces, on the right, is the Bethlehem Welcome Center with public restrooms (10 am-4 pm daily) **(5K)**

This area is host to several festivals throughout the year including Musikfest in August and Christkindlmarkt in December.

23. Before the SteelStacks parking lot sign, turn **LEFT** to carefully cross the street and then continue to carefully walk through the first parking lot, staying to the left side. (The former Bethlehem Steel Main Offices are in front of you). Exit thru gate, and **CROSS** E. 2nd Street (no sign) to the asphalt path.

24. **RIGHT** on to the asphalt path {C&P: "sculpture" garden of large machinery parts, Veterans Memorial {**SP**}, NMIH, Northampton Community College South Side Campus, the Bethlehem Steel Main Gate, and on the right the oldest buildings in the brownfield} to end of macadam path, Polk St.

The National Museum of Industrial History (NMIH) is dedicated to preserving America's rich industrial heritage. It is located in the Electric Repair Shop of Bethlehem Steel, the largest private brownfield in America. The Museum (affiliate of the Smithsonian Institute) is home to exciting exhibits, engaging programs and amazing history. On the right are #71 Stock House & Blowing Engines, and #70 Bessemer Rail Rolling Mill.

25. **Cross** Polk St at the crosswalk, and turn **LEFT**, walk a very short distance to Columbia St (ns)
26. **RIGHT** on Columbia St {C&P: historical marker for Samuel Wetherill, under the Fahy Bridge} that becomes E. 2nd St. to the Stop sign at Riverport (Northampton St (ns))

At the stop sign at Riverport, look left to the Bethlehem Steelworkers Memorial. Visit if you'd like. The building on the left is the Banana Factory, a community arts facility. There are several

murals on the parking lot side of this building, and two galleries inside. Visit each if you desire and return to 2nd St.

6K WALKERS ONLY: At the stop sign at Riverport,
 * **LEFT** on Northampton St, the Bethlehem Steelworkers Memorial will be on the left, to E 3rd St.
 * **RIGHT** on E. 3rd St. and return to the Comfort Suites.

Across Broadway are two flatiron buildings. Look under the front (narrow end) sign of the Wells Fargo Bank and you'll see its original name - The Wilbur Trust Company (#61). You passed the Wilbur Mansion earlier at the bridge.

34. **LEFT** on Webster St to 3rd St.

35. **LEFT** on 3rd. St. (when you reach the gas station at 3rd and New St, turn around and look at the mural) and return to the Comfort Suites

27. **10K WALKERS ONLY: CROSS** 2nd St. when the sidewalk ends and continue to the right. At the fork, carefully **CROSS** the street to the sidewalk and go up the ramp to the Hill-to-Hill Bridge.

About halfway up the ramp, look to the right to see Bethlehem's Union Station, the former passenger rail station and now a medical clinic.

28. At the top of the ramp, cross **LEFT** using the crossing signal. You should be facing a tan building — the Wilbur Mansion. Cross the highway, again using the crossing signal; then turn **RIGHT** for a short distance to Brighton St.

29. **LEFT** on Brighton St. (do not cross the bridge. Look for the chimney that that was saved from demolition to protect the swifts.). Go up the hill and continue to Uncas St.

30. **LEFT** on Uncas St to 3rd St.

31. **LEFT** on 3rd St. {C&P: Schwab Mansion, Sayre Mansion, Chabad at Lehigh University} to Wyandotte St.

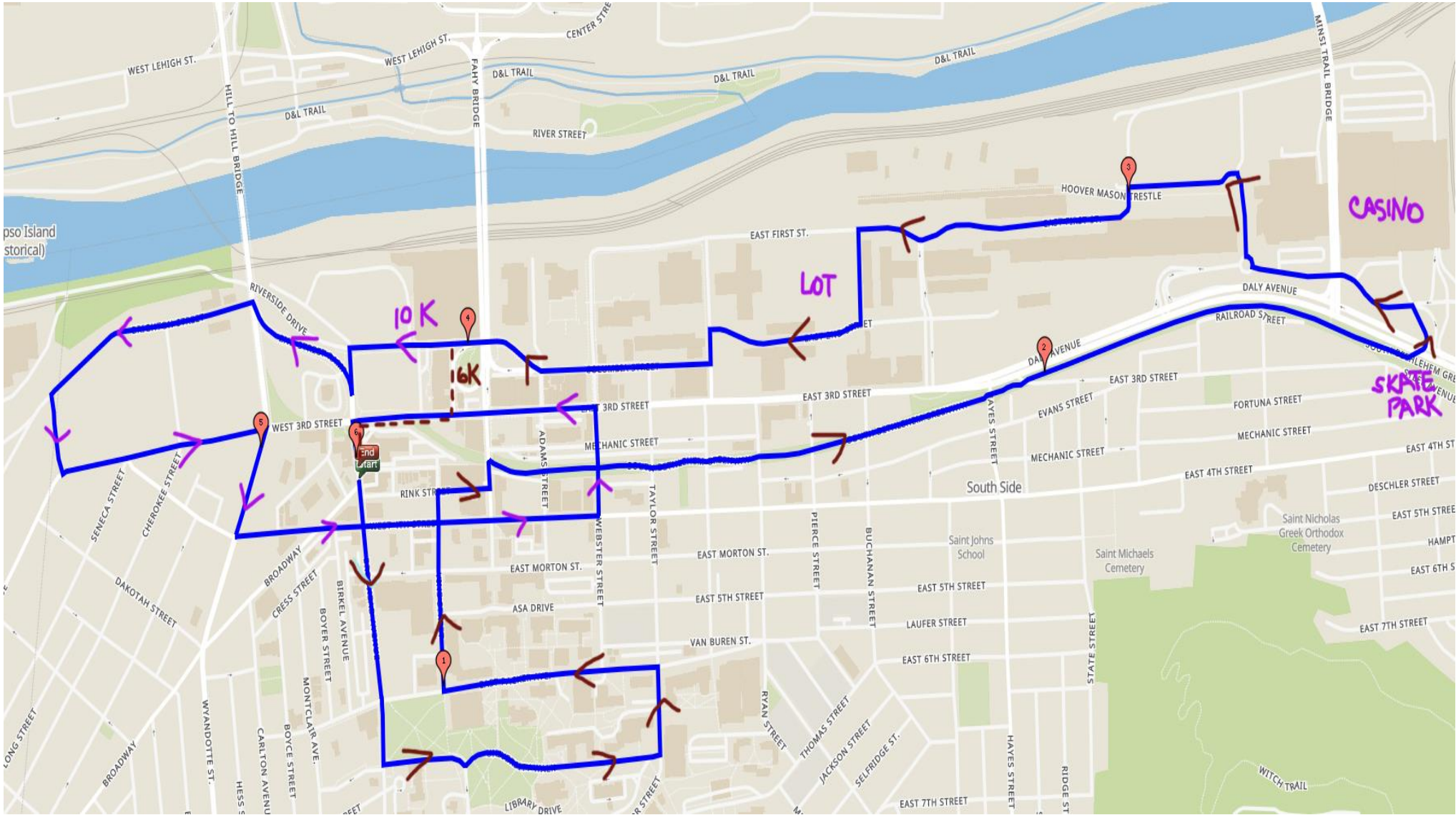
On the next two blocks are the former mansions of many Bethlehem industrialists including the Linderman Schwab Mansion (now apartments). There is a Pennsylvania Historical Marker in front of it. At the corner of 3rd & Wyandotte (the Hill to Hill Bridge) is the Robert H Sayre Mansion (#57), now a B&B. Robert Sayre founded the Bethlehem Iron Works, a precursor to the Bethlehem Steel Company. The historical marker is around the corner. Across the street is his brother William's home. It is now Chabad, Lehigh University.

32. **RIGHT** to cross 3rd St then **LEFT** to cross Wyandotte, then **RIGHT** to continue on Wyandotte to 4th St.

The cathedral at this intersection is the Cathedral Church of the Nativity (#56). Pass the Pennsylvania Historic marker at the Edwin Drake house, the first person to strike oil in America.

33. **LEFT** on 4th St {C&P: Broadway, 2 Flatiron buildings, many restaurants, and shops} to Webster St.

10km/6km Bethlehem South Walk



2025 KSVa Special Challenges and AVA Special and National Programs

WALK NAME: BETHLEHEM SOUTH WALK					
NUMBER: Y0667					
KSVa SPECIAL CHALLENGES					
67 Counties (no end date)			10k – Northampton and Lehigh 6k - Northampton		
AT Thru Hike (2017 -2023) in PA only			N/A		
AVA SPECIAL PROGRAMS					
Program Name	Years	<u> </u> K	<u> </u> K	<u> </u> K	Information
IVV-Americas	(2023 – No end)	X	X		
Lighthouses II	(2023-2025)				
Par For The Course	(2023-2025)				
Rails-to-Trails	(2022 – 2025)	X	X		South Bethlehem Greenway
Town Halls/City Halls	(2022 – 2024)				
Walking with America’s Veterans	(2021 – 2023)	X	X		Veterans Memorial in Sculpture Park at the National Museum of Industrial History.
Walk With the Wild Things	(2025 – 2027)	X	X		Gargoyles on several buildings on Lehigh Univ. campus
Washington-Rochambeau National Historic Trail					
Closed Programs on Route					
Airports – Celebrating American Flight	(2020 – 2022)				
Mayflower – 400 th Anniversary Walk	(2020 – 2022)				
Rockin’ Around the Clock	(2020 – 2022)	X			3 rd Street on bank and 4 th Street on bank
AVA NATIONAL PROGRAMS					
Program Name	Years	10K	6K	<u> </u> K	Information
50 States / 51 Capitals	(No end date)	X	X		Pennsylvania
Walk the USA (A To Z)	(No end date)	X	X		B