



Port Washington 5K/10K Walk

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Physical Start Box and Start Point: The Harborview Hotel - 135 E Grand Ave, Port Washington, WI 53074

Driving to the Start Box: Ask for walkbox at hotel lobby desk. From I-43, take EXIT 93 Grafton/Port Washington. TURN RIGHT & follow WI Hwy-32 27.7 miles to East Grand Avenue. Do not park in lot behind hotel; hotel patrons only. Parking is available in public lots to left and on city streets.



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The "World's Largest One Day Outdoor Fish Fry" is held here on Port Fish Day. Port Washington has one of the largest charter fishing fleets on the Great Lakes. It was named in honor of President **George Washington**.

Exit front door of the hotel and turn

1. **L** and at corner of building veer
2. **L** and proceed toward historical marker regarding the Wisconsin Chair Company fire. Turn
3. **R** and follow white railing beside the marina to **Rotary Park**. Turn
4. **L** going under the archway into **Rotary Park**. Go clockwise on the paved path. (If you desire, you may walk on the **boardwalk**, which connects with the path at the next corner.) Circle most of the park's perimeter, passing the Commercial Fishermen's Memorial and Centennial Pavilion. Veer
5. **L** at white post marked "Harborwalk". (Note the *Smith Bros. Fish Net House* across the slip, which is the last remaining historic building associated with Port Washington's commercial fishing heritage.) Water and white railing will be on your left as you follow the Harborwalk. Turn
6. **R** at end of Smith Bros. building to enter **Fisherman's Park**. Cross **bridge** over Sauk Creek. Veer
7. **L** and then left again at an intersection, with water on the left and a parking lot on the right. You are now in **Coal Dock Park**, a former power plant coal dock. Continue on the walkway as it veers right. (In the distance is the *1935 Art Deco Pierhead Light* with large arches in its base.) Pass a ramp and a set of stairs [**1K**]. After passing a bench, turn
8. **R** on a paved path for a short distance. Turn
9. **L** onto a **boardwalk** and pass several viewing platforms, looking at **Lake Michigan**. Pass a veterans memorial, featuring a replica of the WI pillar from the National WWII Memorial

in Washington, D.C. At a four-way intersection by a gazebo, turn

10. **L** and cross a pedestrian **bridge** to a bird sanctuary. Turn
11. **R** on a paved path. At the next intersection, turn
12. **L** on a gravel path, circling a pond. [**2K**] Re-cross the **bridge**. (If desired, you may visit the gazebo, which is a memorial to people who lost their lives in **Lake Michigan** – note plaque. There is an upper level for views.) At the four-way intersection, turn
13. **L** towards the parking lot. Veer
14. **L** on sidewalk edging the parking lot to its end. Cross the parking lot drive to the sidewalk and immediately turn
15. **L** on the sidewalk. At the next corner, cross parking lot entrance in crosswalk and continue straight. Veer
16. **L** and left again and cross a **bridge**. At a "Y", veer
17. **L** and cross unmarked Wisconsin St. Continue straight, passing a fish cleaning station with seasonal restrooms on the right. Pass a parking lot and veer
18. **R** onto the Ozaukee Interurban Trail, with Sauk Creek on the right. Cross an alleyway. Cross Webster St and immediately turn
19. **R** onto Webster St. Carefully [**3K**] cross Grand Av in the crosswalk. Immediately turn
20. **R** on Grand Av, crossing Sauk Creek. Cross Webster St. (The *W.J. Niederkorn Library* on the left has restrooms when open.)

Next to the library is the **Judge Eghart House**, a restored Victorian home, built 1870-1872. The tours give you an example of family life in late 19th-century Port Washington.

Turn

21. **L** on Montgomery St and proceed up the stairs. (*Port Washington is built on seven hills. This hill was known as "Sweet **Cake Hill**."*) At the top of the stairs, continue straight on Montgomery St. Turn
22. **R** at Washington St. Cross Milwaukee St, with **Harborview Park** on the right. Turn
23. **R** on Wisconsin St. Cross Main St. (*At the corner is the Romanesque-styled limestone **Old Ozaukee County Courthouse**, on the NRHP. Note the historical marker about the Port Washington Civil War draft riot.*) At Grand Av, turn
24. **L** crossing Wisconsin St. Just past a city parking lot is the **Edward Dodge "Pebble House"**. (*A very rare example of cobblestone construction designed in the Greek Revival style, built in 1848. Is on the NRHP and is now the Visitors Center.*) Turn
25. **L** on Franklin St, entering the **Port Washington Downtown Historic District**, on the NRHP. (*The city has the largest collection of pre-Civil War buildings in Wisconsin. At 118, across the street, is the Port Exploreum, an interactive museum featuring maritime and local history.*) Cross **[4K]** Main St to Washington St. Turn
26. **R** and carefully cross Franklin St. Immediately turn

27. **L** and cross Washington St. Cross Pier St and Jackson St. Continue on to the steps to **St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church**, which is on the NRHP. Ascend the 85 steps up.

(If you go past these steps and continue up the hill, there will be another set of steps, not quite so steep. At the top of these steps, turn right and go to Johnson St.)

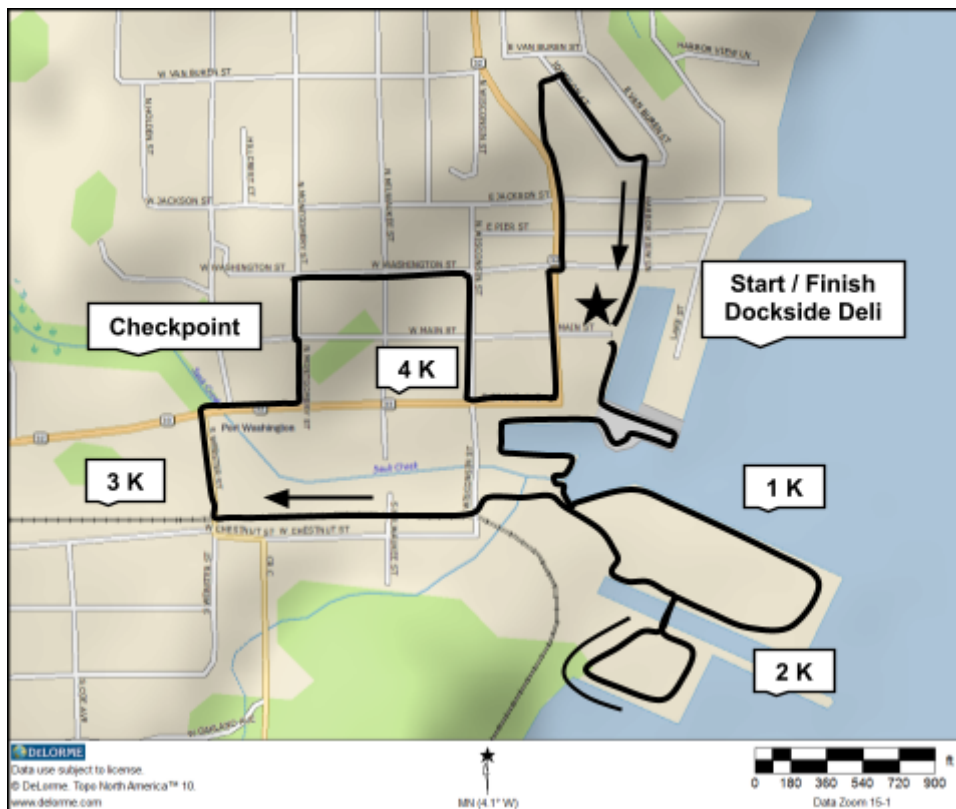
No matter which set of steps you took, cross Johnson St to be by the school. (*The French Gothic-styled church was finished in 1884.*) Turn

28. **R** on Johnson St and follow it as it curves to the left. On the left is the **Port Washington Light Station**, built in 1860, which is on the NRHP. The museum depicts the life of a light keep family in the 19th century. There are also exhibits on the grounds.

After viewing the Light Station, immediately turn

29. **R** and cross unmarked Johnson St. You will find a flight of stairs leading down to Jackson St. Cross Jackson St and walk on the right side of Harborview Ln. Cross Pier St and Washington St. Continue on the walkway along the marina, back to the Dockside Deli.

We hope you enjoyed this walk!





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Exit front door of hotel and turn.

1. **L** and proceed toward waterfront.
2. **R** and follow white railing to Rotary Park.
3. **L** and enter Rotary Park. Going clockwise, circle park's perimeter, enjoying harbor and passing Fisherman's Memorial and Centennial Pavilion.

Originally Port Washington had no harbor and relied on large piers built out into the lake to handle Great Lake passenger and cargo trade. The entire harbor as viewed from here is the result of construction, dredging and alteration of the shoreline that began in the early 1870's.

Art Deco Lighthouse, built in 1934, is still in use today. You will pass a historic lighthouse later in your walk.

Milwaukee Electric Railway and Light Co. Power Plant, built in 1930, still used today. For many years it was the most thermally-efficient plant in the world and designated a National Historic Mechanical Engineering Landmark in 1980.

4. **Veer L** at white post marked "Harborwalk". Follow west slip around to gray "Smith Bros Fish" building. Water and white railing will be on your left as you follow Harborwalk.

Smith Bros. Fish Net House, built between 1922 and 1938, is the last remaining historic building associated with Port Washington's commercial fishing heritage.

5. **R** at end of Smith Bros. Building to enter Fisherman's Park. Cross bridge over Sauk Creek.
6. **R** on paved path. Cross Wisconsin St (no sign).
7. **L** on Wisconsin St for 25 feet.
8. **R** into alley (passing fish cleaning station) to its end. Jog right and continue on bike path [1K] Cross Webster and proceed to second stop sign.

Sauk Creek was source of waterpower for village. The lower eastern end was the location of sawmills, gristmills and other industries that required water for power for manufacturing.

9. **L** to alley at second "Stop" (also Bike Route sign). Cross Chestnut and proceed up steps into Union Cemetery.
10. **R** on cemetery road (Julia Muenster Memorial Dr).

Union Cemetery was founded in 1854 and is Port Washington's oldest cemetery.

11. **R** at fence and proceed to Park St (no sign).
12. **L** on Park St. Carefully proceed on left shoulder ½ block to Oakland Av.
13. **L** on Oakland Av. [2K] Cross Keeney St.
14. **L** on Coe Av. Cross Michigan St.
15. **R** on Michigan St.
16. **L** on Webster St. Cross Foster, Chestnut, bike path and carefully Grand Av.
17. **R** on Grand Av. Cross bridge and Webster [3K] to Judge Eghart House on your left.

Bryon Teed/Eghart House. This Victorian home was built 1870-1872 for Byron Teed. In 1881 Judge Leopold Eghart purchased house from Teed. It remained in Eghart family until 1969. A group of local citizens saved the house from demolition and it is now a public museum furnished with Victorian antiques. Open to tour.

After leaving checkpoint, continue on Grand Av to end of block. [3K]

18. **L** on Montgomery St and proceed up stairs.

Port Washington was known as "City of Seven Hills" due to the topography upon which city is built. A number of streets were connected with stairways like you

are now climbing. Interesting local nicknames were given the hills. This hill was known as "sweetcake hill".

19. R at top of stairs on Main St and proceed down next set of stairs. Cross Milwaukee St and proceed straight on Main St.

At corner of Main and Wisconsin Streets is the Historic Ozaukee County Courthouse. This Romanesque-styled limestone courthouse was completed in 1902 at a cost of \$65,000 and is on the National Register of Historic Places.

20. L on Wisconsin St. Cross Washington St.

21. R on Washington St. Cross Franklin St.

Port Washington's downtown area is on National Register of Historic Places, with largest collection of pre-Civil War buildings in the State of Wisconsin.

22. L on Franklin St. Cross Pier and Jackson to steps of St. Mary's Catholic Church. Ascend the 85 steps up to St. Mary's Church

St. Mary's Catholic Church is on National Register of Historic Places. The French Gothic-styled church was finished in 1884 at a total cost of \$70,000 (today this would be well over \$2 million). In storms sailors were especially relieved to see the cross at the top of the 168-foot church as it meant they were on the right course.

Cross Johnson St (unmarked).

23. R on Johnson St [4K] to Port Washington Light Station.

The 1860 *Port Washington Light Station* replaced an 1849 tower located near this site. In 1934, with construction of the harbor break walls and the new Art Deco Lighthouse, the tower was removed from this light station and the building was converted into a residence for Coast Guard personnel. Today the Port Washington Historical Society utilizes the building as a local history museum and research center.

24. L on Powers St. Cross Van Buren and Woodruff.

25. L on Dodge St. Carefully cross Wisconsin, pass Harrison and cross Milwaukee [5K], Montgomery and Webster.

26. L on Webster St.

Old St. Mary's Cemetery is to your right. In the 1860's two parishes were reluctantly forced to join. In the early years, the Irish were buried on one side and the Luxembourgers on the other.

27. R on Landolt St. Cross Holden.

28. R on Holden St.

A. Manette Ansay, author of four highly acclaimed novels including *Midnight Champagne* (a National Book Critics Circle Award Finalist) and *Vinegar Hill* (an Oprah's Book Club Selection), lived on Holden Street as a child.

29. L on Orchard Ln.

30. L on Pierre. Cross Sauk and bridge.

31. R on Moore Rd. Cross Pierre. Carefully walk on right shoulder of road to path on right, about 60 feet past 3202 Moore Rd. [6K]

32. R on path between two large rocks to enter Sauk Creek Nature Preserve. Cross bridge.

33. L at kiosk and follow gravel path (veering right at second V) until it ends at the corner of Grant and Walters Streets. Cross Grant St and continue straight on Walters St. Cross Holden.

34. L on Webster St. [7K] At next intersection cross Jefferson and veer

35. R on Webster St.

36. R on Whitefish Rd. Cross Stanford, Benjamin, Wisconsin and Lakeview to fork in the road.

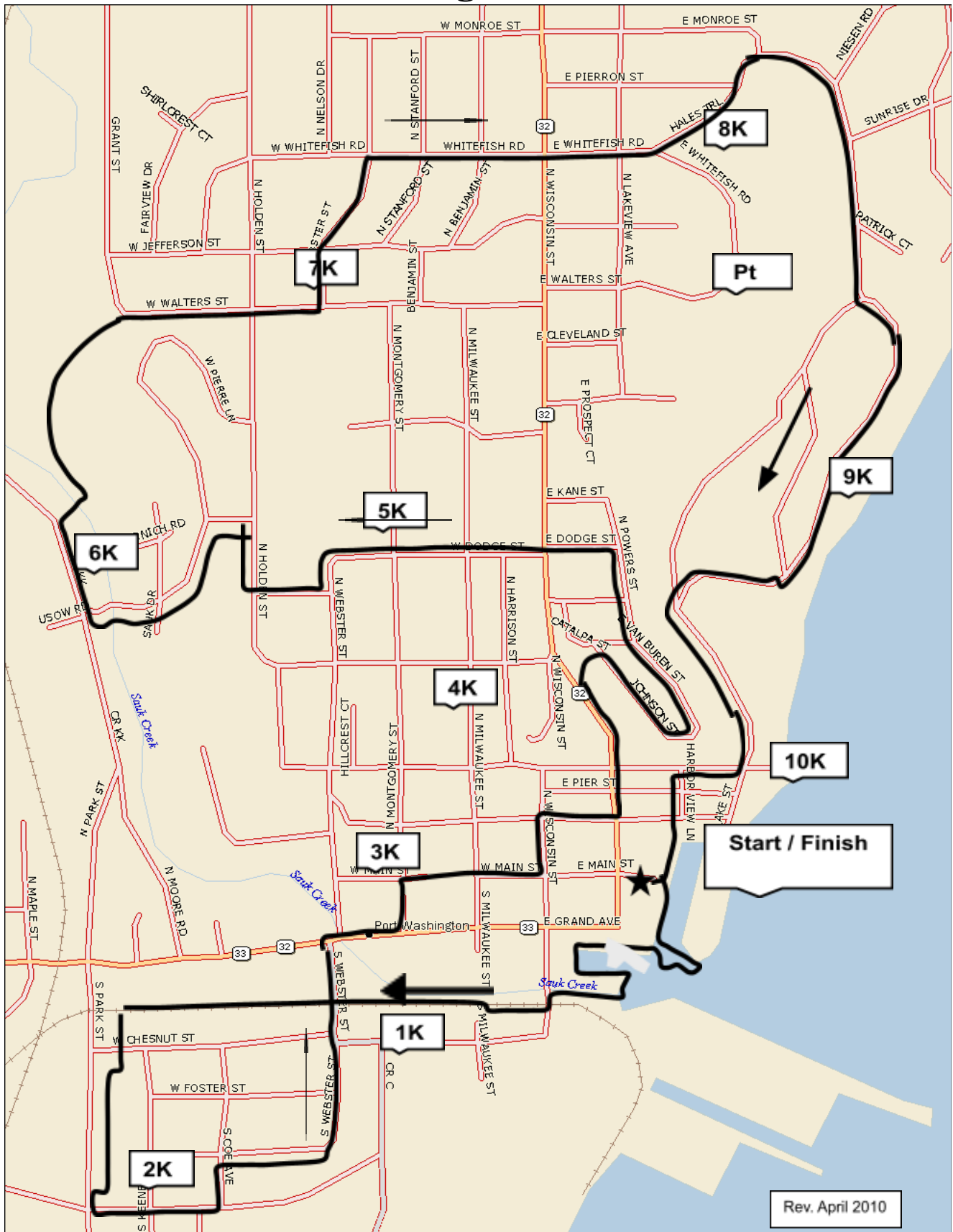
37. Veer L on Hales Tr. Cross Pierron, [8K] and Kaiser. When sidewalk ends, continue straight on Hales Tr using left side of road. Cross Niesen, Sunrise and Patrick.

38. L on unmarked Lakeview Dr. [9K] When "ped" lane ends, cross Lakeview Dr in crosswalk. Proceed down hill on unmarked Lake St passing American Legion building. Cross Jackson.

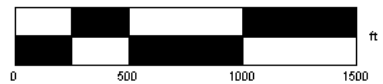
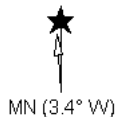
39. R on Jackson St. Cross Harbor View.

40. L on Harbor View. Cross Pier [10K] and Washington. Continue straight one block to Dockside Deli (harbor on your left). [10.2K]

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