



The Wood and Dale Wanderers Volkssport Club
 Welcomes You to
The 2026 Big “Q” Quantico Walk
 An AVA Sanctioned Year Round Event



Quantico Museum finally completed construction, so we have a new route with 5 or 10 km. There is an optional 2-km extension for those doing the labyrinth special program. On the second half of the 10-km route insect repellent, sturdy shoes, and walking stick(s) are recommended. Carry adequate water.

Walk Registration:

Registration takes place online using that 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” insert cards that you may choose to print out.

Starting Point Location: Quantico Marine Corps Museum, 18900 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Triangle, VA 22172.
 GPS: LAT: 38 32 24 N, LONG: 77 20 26 W. Start outside the entrance of the museum.

Driving Directions:

From North I-95 in Virginia, take exit 150A to US Route 1. Turn right (south) about 1/4 mile to museum entrance.
From South on I-95, take exit 150 to US Route 1. Turn right (south) about 1/4 mile to museum entrance.

Fees: None. If you choose to visit the museum, entrance is free, but they always appreciate donations. Parking is free.

Semper Fidelis Park: There is no map of the new section, but the old map can be downloaded at https://www.usmcmuseum.com/uploads/6/0/3/6/60364049/nmmc_sfmp_map - 2018 updated version.pdf

Special Programs:

- A-MAZE-ing Labyrinths (2 km optional extension only)
- Par for the Course – a children’s playground and a par course on both loops
- Walking with America’s Veterans – Each post-1890 memorial is a separate qualifier. Walk often.
- Washington-Rochambeau National and Washington-Rochambeau – Virginia (WARO). You will walk on the actual King’s Highway path and the National Park Service’s WR National Historic Trail – both loops

Restrooms: Available at the museum, the museum chapel, and in Locust Shade Park, though some are seasonal.

Note: This event also has a Physical Start Box. 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, by registering using the OSB then completing your event using the PSB nor signing 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.

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2026 Quantico Marine Corps Museum® 5/7/10/12K

Restrooms are available at the Museum and in Locust Shade Park, though some in park are seasonal. You will walk much of the original path in Semper Fidelis Park along with part of the new section. Memorial numbers in the directions refer to the original section map available from the docents in the museum. Note: Distances on the new path may appear short in map, because we had to estimate the trail, but we measured. NOTE: Locust Shade trail is rugged. Boots/stick(s) recommended.

Special Programs:

A-MAZE-ing Labyrinths: only on the extra 2K route

Walking with America's Veterans. Each post-1890 memorial is a separate qualifier. You can use the same stamp for different qualifiers so walk often.

Washington-Rochambeau National and the Washington-Rochambeau-Virginia (WARO) programs. You will walk on both the actual King's Highway path and on the National Park Service's (NPS) W-R National Historic Trail (NHT). Both loops.

Par for the Course (PFC) – A playground and a par course on both loops.

1. Exit the museum and walk straight to the first driveway. **← LEFT** on the sidewalk to end of main parking lot, then cross the street to the information sign for King's Highway and Yorktown. Walk along the left edge of the main parking lot to the playground and par course on your left (**PFC**). Turn **→ RIGHT** to cross the driveway and go straight on the sidewalk to the other side of the parking lot.

2. **← LEFT** to entrance road (*stop sign*). Carefully cross entrance road, then **→ RIGHT** to walk on the left side of the entrance road to Route 1/Richmond Hwy.

3. Turn **← LEFT** on the sidewalk along Route 1. You are on the **WARO**, the East Coast Greenway (a trail from Maine to Key West, FL) and the NPS's Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail. Proceed to the light (1.2K).

4. At the light, **→ RIGHT** to cross Rt 1 **CAREFULLY** to the Iwo Jima Memorial replica.

DECISION POINT

For the 2K out-and-back to the labyrinth (7K or 12K), follow instructions A-E in box in next column. Otherwise, continue with instruction #5.

5. Turn around from the Iwo Jima replica and carefully re-cross Route 1 to return to the sidewalk.

6. **← LEFT** on the right side of Route 1 to the museum entrance road. **→ RIGHT** to walk on the right side of the entrance road to the parking lot.

7. **← LEFT** to carefully cross the entrance road toward the museum to the sidewalk. Turn **← LEFT** to enter Semper Fidelis Memorial Park, passing the Molly Marine statue (#39). Continue on the path as it winds right to Chesty Puller Overlook (#33) (2K).

2K Extension for labyrinth: Switch to labyrinth map.

A. Turn **← LEFT** to cross Fuller Road and the turn lane to the sidewalk.

B. **→ RIGHT** on sidewalk as it curves left to follow Fuller Heights Rd past tobacco shop to intersection with roundabout. Slight right to the crosswalk, cross carefully, then left to continue along the right side of Fuller Heights Rd for about 0.5 km to the crosswalk just past St. Francis of Assisi Church.

C. **← LEFT** to cross Fuller Heights Rd, then enter entrance to church parking. In about 90 m, steps and pavers to the right will lead to the labyrinth.

D. Retrace your steps (back down parking lot, cross Fuller Heights Rd and turn right, make the jog at the light with the roundabout, and continue on Fuller Heights Rd back to Rt. 1)

E. Carefully cross Fuller Rd toward the Iwo Jima replica, then **→ RIGHT** to cross Rt. 1. Continue with instruction 6.

8. **← LEFT** on the path to the chapel (restrooms) then **→ RIGHT** on the path with chapel on your left.

9. Bear **← LEFT** just before the War Dog statue (#29). At the next intersection (low marker New Providence Bahamas 1776), turn **← LEFT** and follow the path as it winds downhill.

10. At the Y-intersection after the Officers Basic School 1-57 Memorial (#20), continue straight passing the 291 Mustangs Memorial (#19). Bear **← LEFT** at the stone wall bearing plaques for the Marine Corps Musicians and other groups, passing the Marine Corps Engineers Memorial (#17). Continue to the Staff Sergeant Reckless horse statue (#10) (2.8K).

DECISION POINT

10/12K walkers follow instructions F-S after instruction 18.

5/7K walkers continue with instruction 11.

11. Continue straight on the paved path ignoring the trail to the right at The Tank Infantry Team.

12. In a short distance, **← LEFT** on the trail to cross a bridge at Combined Action Platoons. **→ RIGHT** to pass through the Semper Fidelis Memorial Park Pavilion (*a place of quiet and contemplation. 2.9K*)

13. At next intersection (*gray utility box*), bear **→ RIGHT** for about 0.5K.

14. At next intersection (*3.5K*), **→ RIGHT** to walk with stone wall on your left. Pass a gravel trail on your right.

15. **→ RIGHT** at next intersection and CAREFULLY cross the combat bridge (*carry strollers*).

16. **← LEFT** to continue on the path back to SSgt Reckless horse statue (#10). **← LEFT** to pass SSgt Reckless and continue straight on the paved path ignoring the trail to the right at The Tank Infantry Team (*you walked this segment before*).

17. Pass the trail on the left at Combined Action Platoons. At the Fallen Warrior Memorial (#4, helmet on rifle), continue straight. Cross the bridge and pass the low wall and the Osprey Memorial (#2).

18. Continue with the museum on the left through the opening in the wall to finish at the museum.

10/12K Locust Shade Park Loop Instructions F-S
Switch to the Locust Shade Park map. Distances marked from SSgt Reckless statue. Seasonal toilets.

F. At SSgt Reckless statue, **← LEFT** on trail. Pass the Road to Yorktown information sign. Continue on gravel path. Do not take trail toward combat bridge.

G. Pass gate, continue straight, cross under the power lines and enter Locust Shade Park (*information kiosk on right*). The gravel path will parallel a small lake (ignore path to right) and cross a small earthen dam.

H. At the end of the lake, ignore paths to right and left (steps) and continue on the main path as it curves left. Continue straight past the rear of the amphitheater and continue onto an asphalt road to the parking lot.

I. Turn **← LEFT** in the parking lot to the end and then **→ RIGHT** up the parking lot entrance to the main road (*1K*). Turn **← LEFT** on the road.

J. Turn **→ RIGHT** into the next parking lot and walk straight across the lot to continue straight onto the gravel Fitness Trail (YCC Project). **NOTE: Restroom (seasonal) at far end of parking lot.**

K. At picnic pavilion entrance turn **→ RIGHT** past exercise stations #4, 5. At stations #6, 7, turn **← LEFT** (*1.5K*).

L. Just before a parking lot, turn **→ RIGHT** to enter The John Palmer Trail. Follow the trail to a trail split with a bridge on your right. This is your turn-around point (*1.9K*). Return on the path back to the par course. Bear **← LEFT** at exercise station #7 (*2.4K*).

M. Pass stations #8, 9. Cross wooden footbridge and continue past stations #10 – 16 (long uphill, some stations not numbered).

N. At Y-intersection, bear **→ RIGHT** downhill, passing Nature Trail sign on your left (*2.8K*). Continue past station #18 back to the parking lot. Go straight across parking lot and turn **← LEFT** on the road.

O. Continue on left side of the park road as it makes a loop. At handicap parking spots, **← LEFT** on sidewalk between black rails. At next intersection, **→ RIGHT** on asphalt path to main parking lot. Ignore first path to left.

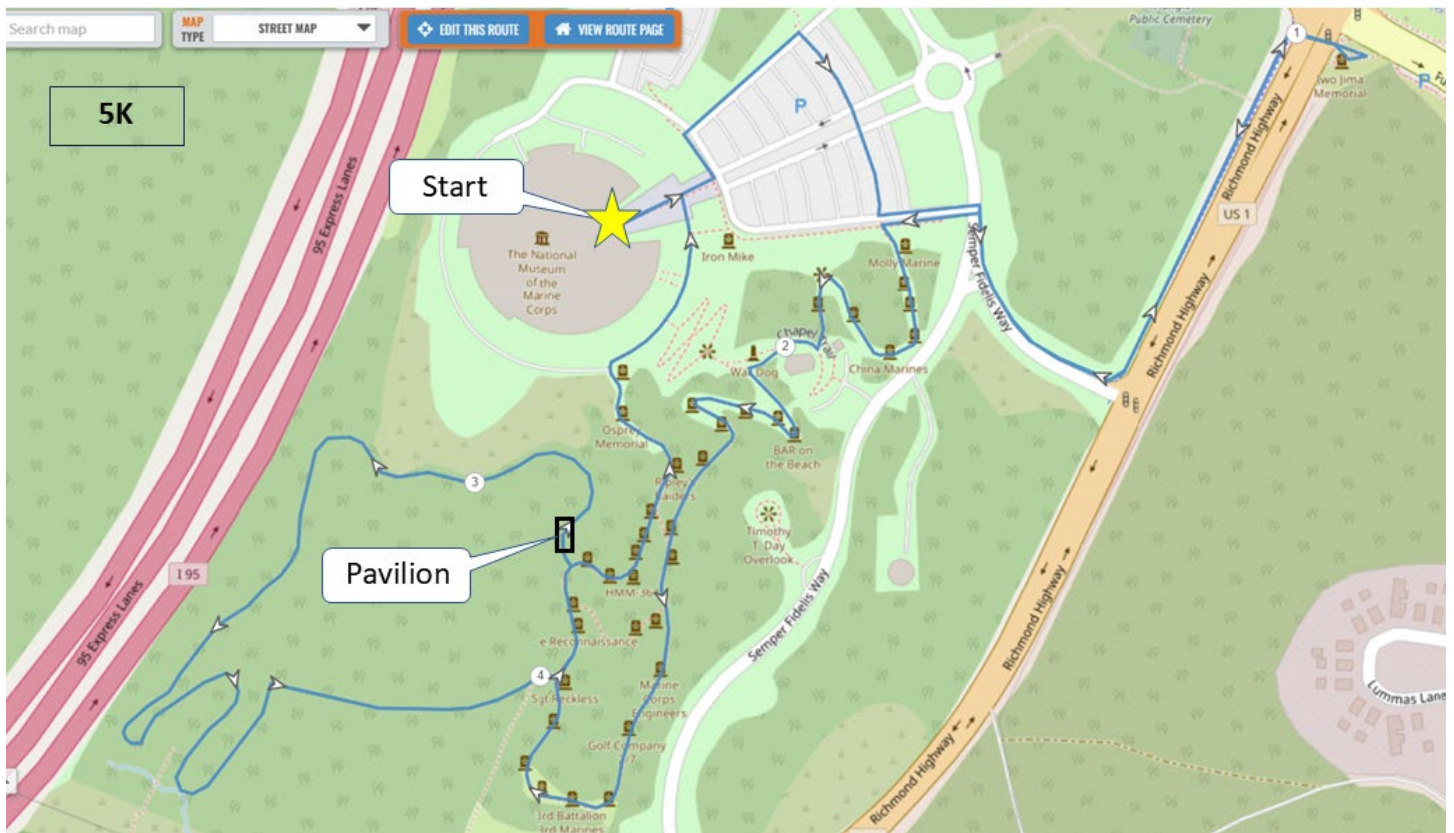
P. In about 50 m, before Amphitheater, **← LEFT** on path toward water (*3.7K*) until you reach the trail across the earthen dam.

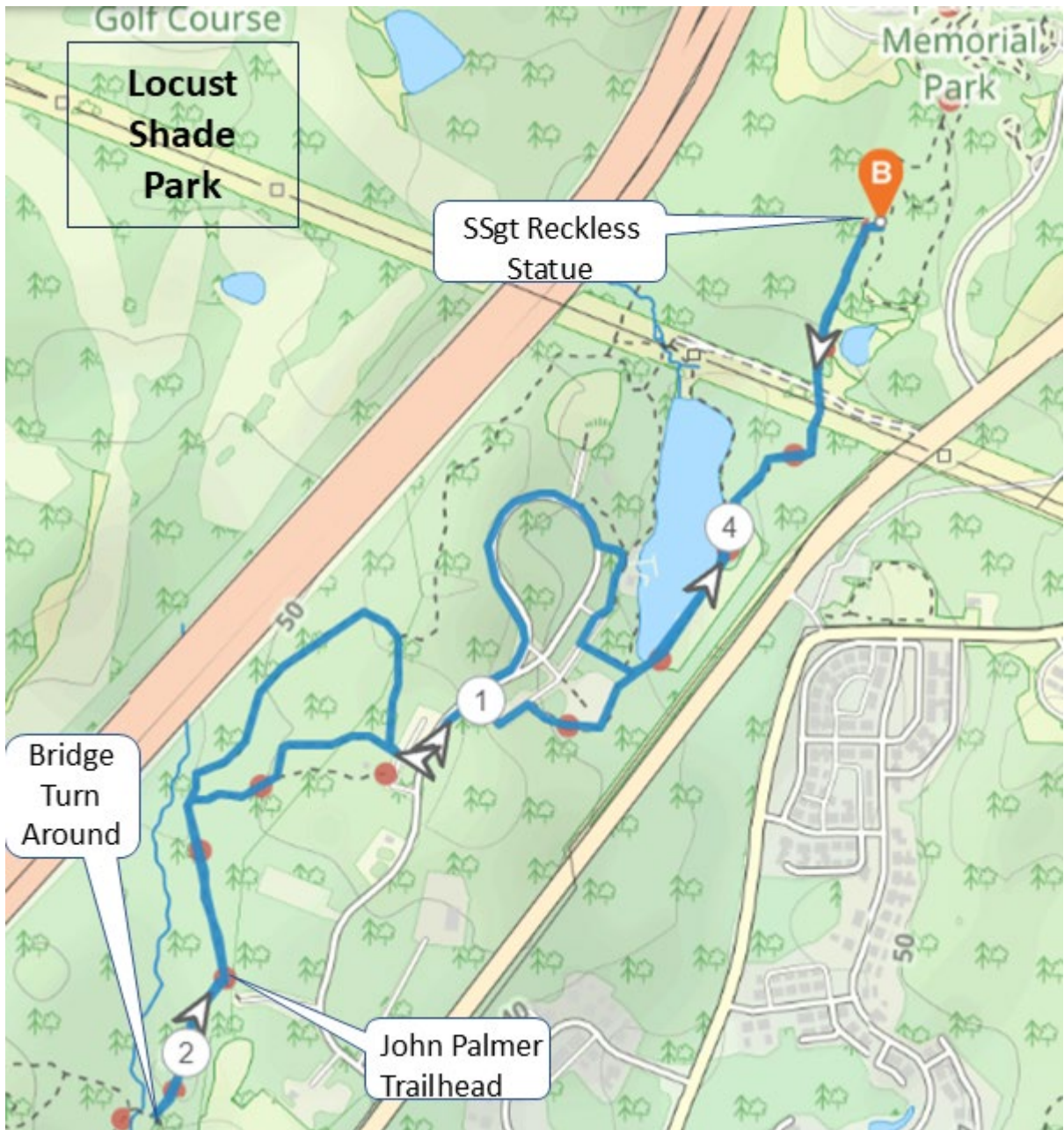
Q. **← LEFT** to re-cross the earthen dam (*~4K at end of dam*). Continue on the crushed gravel path past the Locust Shade information kiosk, power lines, gate, trail on left, and path to closed combat bridge.


R. At the sidewalk facing the Staff Sergeant Reckless statue (*4.7K*), you will reenter the Semper Fidelis Memorial Park. Turn **← LEFT** on the sidewalk and ignore trail to the right at The Tank Infantry Team.

S. Continue with instruction #12 and 5K map.

Thank you for walking with us. Please check out our other YREs in Manassas, Leesylvania State Park, Prince William Forest Park, Dumfries/Montclair, Manassas Battlefield Park, and Potomac Mills Mall.





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