



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



This AVA rated 2B 10/5km walk is divided into **two Loops**. **Loop 1** is 5K and covers much of the historic areas of Bethlehem including the Colonial Industrial Quarter, both Moravian College Campuses, and residential areas. Most of the walk is in the Central Bethlehem Historic District which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. **Loop 2** is also 5K and covers downtown historic Bethlehem, Sand Island, and the remaining Historic area. Historical information is on the attached sheets. Walkers have the option of doing either loop or both loops to complete a 10K walk. Both loops start at the Hotel Bethlehem. Both loops are rated 2B.

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	Loop	Type	Distance	Hours - Season
Starting Point - Bethlehem Hotel	1 & 2	Bathroom	0km	24/7
Hauptert Student Union	1	Bathroom	2.4km	Mon-Thurs 7:00am - 11:00pm Fri-Sat 7:00am - 2:30am Sunday 8:00am - 11:00pm (during Academic Year)
Sand Island - Tennis Courts	2	Bathroom	1.8km	Spring, Summer, Fall
Bethlehem Area Public Library	2	Bathroom	4.2km	Mon-Wed 9:00AM-8:00PM Thurs-Fri 9:00AM-6:00PM Saturday 10:00AM-5:00PM Sunday Closed

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Starting Point Address:

Hotel Bethlehem, 437 Main St.
Bethlehem, PA 18018
(610-625-5000)

Parking Options:

- 1) Behind the Main Street Commons at Main and Broad, enter off Broad St.(Meters).
- 2) Parking Garage at Main and W North Street. Enter on W North St (\$1/hour).
- 3) Street Meters. 10 minutes for 25 cents. Coins, ParkMobile or credit cards. Meter parking is strictly enforced.

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 town. Exit to Main, hotel on Left. **From the East:** I-78 W to NJ Exit 3 (US-22 W). US-22 about 16 miles to PA-378 S. ** Take PA-378 Exit 3 (Center City), bear Left to 3rd, Left to Broad, Right at next light to Main. Hotel 2 blocks on right.

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}
bnh - see Bethlehem North History page

These walk directions and maps may only be used in conjunction with a signed American Volkssport Association athletic waiver. All other uses are prohibited.

LOOP 1

Prior to exiting the hotel, note historic murals in Mural Ballroom painted in 1936 by American artist, George Gray.

1. Exit the hotel and turn **RIGHT** {C&P: Historical plaque} on Main St to the end of the building/crosswalk.

The plaque mounted on outside wall at extreme end of Hotel Bethlehem complex (parking lot) – site of 1st settlement house dated 1741. Count Zinzendorf names settlement Bethlehem at Christmas Eve vigil.

2. **LEFT** on crosswalk crossing Main St. (do not enter hotel parking lot), then **RIGHT** to continue on Main St {C&P: Moravian Book Shop, 1733 Apothecary (bnh), 1750 Smithy (bnh), Central Moravian Church (bnh)} to Church St.

*The **Moravian Book Shop**, the oldest bookstore in the world, was founded in 1745 when the Moravian Church appointed Samuel Powell of the Church's Crown Inn on the South Side of the Lehigh River to operate a bookstore. After several locations, the Moravian Book Shop was moved to the church's publications building near the Central Moravian Church in 1871 where it remains to this day.*

*The **1733 Apothecary** (bnh) is behind the bookstore.*

*Note the **1750 Smithy** (bnh) on the right across the street and the **Central Moravian Church {SP}** (bnh) on the left, note the National Historic Register Plaque on the wall.*

3. **CROSS** Church St. proceeding through the opening between buildings {C&P: Single Brethren's House} proceeding a short distance on the path downhill into the courtyard {C&P: statue of Countess Benigna vonZinzendorf (bnh) on left} of the South Campus of Moravian University.

*A railing encircles the roof of the **Single Brethren's House** from which trombone choirs heralded church festival days such as Christmas and Easter. Presently, the building houses the Moravian College Music Dept. {SP}*

Note historical marker on wall of Single Brethren's House that explains significance of building as military hospital for the Continental Army and also serves as a memorial to the Revolutionary soldiers.

Countess Benigna vonZinzendorf (bnh).

4. Turn **RIGHT** and go through the archway between building {C&P: Sculptures} to Main St. Exit thru the gate to Main St. (Note: During the Christmas holiday, when school is not in session, this gate may be locked in which you will need to retrace your steps back to Church St then turn LEFT on Church to Main St, then turn LEFT on Main St.)
5. Turn **LEFT** on Main St. and follow the sidewalk down the hill to the next intersection.
6. **RIGHT**, crossing Main/Cross St into the parking lot, passing under the bridge to a cement pedestrian bridge (over the Monocacy Creek).

This large parking lot also serves as the grounds for many festivals including Musikfest and the Celtic Classic.

7. Turn **RIGHT** to cross the bridge then **LEFT** to follow path through the Colonial Industrial Quarter (bnh) {CP: 1762 Waterworks, 1761 Tannery, Spring House, 1869 Luckenbach Mill} to the intersection of Ohio Rd (ns) and Old York Rd (before the stone bridge)

This 10-acre site is located along the Monocacy Creek and can be considered America's earliest industrial park. (See history).

There are restrooms in the Luckenbach Mill (hours change seasonally).

8. **RIGHT** on Old York Rd (do not cross the stone bridge) keeping the Monocacy Creek and Johnston Park on your left to Union Blvd.

Johnston Park is named after Archibald Johnston, the first mayor of the incorporated City of Bethlehem.

9. **CROSS** Union Blvd. at the traffic light and continue straight on Monocacy St for 5 blocks to W. Laurel St.
10. **CROSS** W. Laurel St. and turn **LEFT**. Proceed straight and then bear to the **RIGHT** to sidewalk next to the athletic field. You are now on the main campus of **Moravian University** (bnh).

11. Follow the sidewalk as it turns right and circles around the athletic field **{SP}** (where sidewalk is next W. Locust St) (C&P: Johnston Hall on the left, Hauptert Student Union on the right) to the path after Memorial Hall on the left.

***Restrooms** can be found on the right in the Hauptert Student Union. Turn corner and use the front door. The side door is not always open.*

12. Turn **LEFT** on the path after you past Memorial Hall. Follow the path as it Y's to the right, to the front of Comenius Hall.
13. At the front door, turn **RIGHT**, go down the stairs and exit the front gate {C&P: statue of **John Amos Comenius** (bnh) will be on your right, see history} to Main St.

Note: This path has stairs. If you cannot use stairs, proceed to Main St. and turn LEFT. Pass the statue of Comenius and turn RIGHT at the crosswalk.

14. **CROSS** Main St. at the brick crosswalk then continue straight thru the gates to Colonial Hall.
15. **RIGHT** following the path to W. Locust St.
16. **LEFT** on W. Locust St {C&P: Moravian Archives} to N. New St.

*The **Moravian Archives** houses the historical documents of the Moravian church, consisting of more than 500,000 pages of original colonial manuscripts bearing on early American history and 10,000 books, as well as maps, records, and paintings.*

17. **LEFT** on N. New St for ½ block to Elizabeth Ave.
18. **RIGHT** on Elizabeth Ave {C&P: the Steel Fields football stadium **{SP}**, Moravian Board of World Missions) to Center St.

*The **Moravian Board of World Missions** is on the first building on the right after the football stadium. The BWM is the mission sending and support agency of the Moravian Church in North America.*

19. **RIGHT** on Center St. proceeding for about 13 blocks to W. Market. At 74 E. Broad St. is Grace Deliverance Baptist Church. Several gargoyles **{SP}** are located at the top.

20. **Cross** W. Market and turn **RIGHT** {C&P: N. New St., the Moravian Academy Lower School, God's Acre Cemetery on the left} to Main St.

God's Acre Cemetery is one of the oldest colonial cemeteries in America and the oldest in Bethlehem. The flat tombstones reflect Moravian belief in equality of all people.

21. **LEFT** on Main St. and return to the Hotel Bethlehem.

END LOOP 1

LOOP 2

22. Exit Hotel and turn **LEFT** on Main St {C&P: 1810 Goundie House (bnh), 1758 Sun Inn (bnh)} to Broad St.

The 1810 Goundie House (bnh) was once the home of John Sebastian Goundie, a prominent man in early 19th century Bethlehem and one of the community's first brewers.

23. **LEFT** on Broad St **Cross** the bridge and continue to First Ave.

24. **LEFT** on First Ave {C&P: W. Market St, Tomb of the Revolutionary War Soldier} to Prospect Ave.

Tomb of the Revolutionary War Soldier. In 1932 a single set of remains were placed in the tomb. He was one of more than 500 men who died in the Continental army hospital located in the Single Brethren's House on the Moravian campus and were buried nearby. The remains of three more nameless soldiers were dug up and paced here in 1996.

25. Turn **RIGHT** on Prospect Ave. to 2nd Ave.

26. Turn **LEFT** on 2nd Ave {C&P: Bethlehem Armory} to Spring St.

On the corner of Prospect and 2nd Ave. is the historic Bethlehem Armory. Built in 1930 in the Art Deco style it was the home of the Pennsylvania National Guard. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Armory is being converted to apartments including a large addition.

27. Turn **LEFT** on Spring St. Cross Conestoga Rd. and RR tracks to Main Street.

28. **RIGHT** on Main St {C&P: Lehigh St (stop sign), bridge to Sand Island} to River St.

29. **LEFT** on River St. and continue on the sidewalk, then pass the Ice House (a performing arts center) on the left to stop sign

30. At the stop sign bear right to join the gravel path along the Lehigh River {C&P: basketball court, restrooms, tennis courts} **{SP}** to the fork in the path.

Restrooms on the left between basketball and tennis courts adjacent to the parking lot.

31. Bear right at the fork in the path forks to the footbridge (crossing the Monocacy Creek).

32. **CROSS** the footbridge and turn **LEFT**. Continue on the path along the **Lehigh Canal Trail {SP}** to the next footbridge on the left.

The Lehigh Canal was constructed in 1827 and became operational in 1829 under a charter by Lehigh Coal and Navigation Co. At one time it was the largest capacity and moving towpath canal in America. The last boat floated on the canal in 1942.

33. **CROSS** the footbridge and immediately turn **RIGHT** and continue on the gravel path past the playground and behind the Ice House to the steps leading up to the bridge on Main St.

34. Turn **RIGHT** and cross the bridge to Lehigh St.

35. **CROSS** Lehigh St. and turn **RIGHT**. Go up the hill towards the bridge to N. New St.

36. Turn **LEFT** on N. New St. and follow it to the right. Cross and enter the **Sculpture Garden** thru the large stone monolith gate {C&P: blue historical marker about poet Hilda Doolittle}. After exploring the garden, take the steps to Church St.

Note: If you cannot do the steps, continue to the corner and walk up the hill to Church St.

37. Turn **LEFT** on Church St. and continue to the **City Center Plaza** on the left at New St.

38. Enter the plaza between the City Hall **{SP}** and Library. Veterans Memorial in front of City Hall **{SP}**. **(Restrooms in Library basement. Library is closed on Sunday.)** Proceed up to the wall

for a beautiful vista of South Bethlehem, Lehigh University Campus, and the mountain. Also check out the Maze **{SP}**.

*Off to the right at the top of the mountain is the **Star of Bethlehem** which was erected in 1935. It stands 81 ft. high and 53 ft. wide and is more than a Christmas symbol. The 246 light bulbs are illuminated nightly and its image is on the official city seal with each of the 5 points representing facets of the city's heritage – religion, education, music, industry, and recreation.*

Symbol of Progress (locally known as the celery stalk) is the 60 ft. high and 6-ton sculpture in City Plaza was erected to symbolize the many ethnic ~~SEP~~ groups that serve as the foundation of Bethlehem. Sculptor Joseph J. Greenberg's vision features three tapered steel arcs that are joined in the middle, denoting the fusion of these different ethnicities. The arcs continue skyward, calling on the strength of the integration. The "Mayari R" Steel was made in Bethlehem.

39. Turn **RIGHT** and walk through the gardens behind the library.

40. Turn **RIGHT** {C&P: Japanese Serenity Garden} then continue on the sidewalk to the left of the library to Church St.

Japanese Serenity Garden is a 1971 gift of city of Tondabayashi – Bethlehem's Sister city.

41. **LEFT** on Church St {C&P: historic houses (bnh)} to Heckewedler Place.

This block of Church St. houses many historic buildings that harken back to the original Moravian "choir" system. These include the Sister's House, the Bell House, the Widows House and the Gemeinhaus (see history sheet).

42. **RIGHT** on Heckewedler Place {C&P: historical marker for Old Chapel, Little Free Library, 1758 Nain-Schober House (bnh)} to Market St.

The stone Old Chapel (1751) became Bethlehem's second place of worship. Note the plaque on wall noting famous patriotic worshipers including George and Martha Washington, John and Samuel Adams, Ben Franklin, John Hancock, Count Pulaski, and Marquis de Lafayette.

43. **LEFT** on Market St. to Main St.

44. **LEFT** on Main St. to the Bethlehem Hotel.

END LOOP 2



Bethlehem North History

Most museums are open to the public with regular hours. Many require an admission fee. Exceptions noted. The Moravian Church settlements which were built in the 18th century were recently designated as an UNESCO World Heritage site.

Instruction #2 1752 Apothecary — In 1743, within two years of the settlement of Bethlehem, an apothecary was opened in the Gemeinhaus. The garden in front of the Apothecary door is representative of the types of herbs grown in early Bethlehem. The apothecary supplied medicines not only for Bethlehem but also for the surrounding areas; it developed into one of the most successful enterprises for the Church. When the apothecary closed in the 1950s, it was the oldest apothecary in continuous operation in the United States. **(Open to the public by appointment only).**

#2 1750 Smithy – Blacksmithing was one of the most important trades in Colonial America, since smiths made or repaired tools, kitchen utensils, weapons, agricultural implements, and household items. The building stood until the early 20th century. In 2004, the Smithy was reconstructed on the foundations of the original smithy.

#2 Central Moravian Church (1803-06) — Built to seat 1,500 people when there were only 580 settlers, Central Moravian Church was recognized as a national landmark of music because the first performance of Bach's masterpiece in B Minor occurred there in 1900.

#3 Countess Benigna von Zinzendorf statue—Moravian College traces its origin to a girls' school founded in May 1742 by sixteen-year-old Countess Benigna von Zinzendorf.

#7 COLONIAL INDUSTRIAL QUARTER

The Tannery (1761) resides next to the butchery in order to tan hides into leather. Moravian tanners produced about 3,000 hides a year for use by the community and as a product to raise funds to support the community. The building was restored 1968-71.

The 1869 Luckenbach Mill — built on the foundations of the earlier 1751 Grist Mill, destroyed by fire. This building functioned as a grist mill until the late 1940s. Portions of the first floor and north and east walls of the 1751 mill are still visible.

1762 Waterworks— recognized as a National Historic Landmark, Historic Civil Engineering Landmark, and an American Water Landmark, as the first pumped municipal water system in America. This building pumped water from a nearby spring, which flowed at the rate of 1,200,000 gallons of water a day. An 18-foot diameter undershot waterwheel turned a mechanism, which pumped water up 94 vertical feet to a tower and, by gravity, fed five cisterns.

#10 Moravian College As the first girls' boarding school in America, Moravian (then Bethlehem Female Seminary) gained such a distinguished reputation that George Washington, during his second term as president of the United States, personally petitioned the headmaster for the admission of two of his great-nieces. It received a charter to grant baccalaureate degrees in 1863. It merged with a Moravian College and Theological Seminary, a school for men, in 1954. As a result of the merger, Moravian College became the Lehigh Valley's first coeducational institution of higher education.

#13 John Amos Comenius—Pioneer educator John Amos Comenius (1592-1670), a bishop of the Moravian Church, is often called "the father of modern education." Since the Moravians considered every human soul a potential candidate for salvation, every human being had to be educated. Comenius wrote in 1632 that "not the children of the rich or of the powerful only, but of all alike, boys and girls, both noble and ignoble, rich and poor, in all cities and towns, villages and hamlets, should be sent to school."

#22 1810 Goundie House—home to one of Bethlehem's earliest brewers, Johann Sebastian Goundie.

#22 The 1758 Sun Inn — Many dignitaries of the era traveled to Bethlehem to stay here including George Washington, Alexander Hamilton, and Ben Franklin.

#41 CHURCH STREET

1733 Gemeinhaus (or communal house)— the second building in Bethlehem. Built to house the married couples of the Moravian community as well as the community's place of worship—the *Saal*—it is the oldest surviving building in Bethlehem, and the largest surviving log house in the USA. It was later the house of Lewis David de Schweinitz who was born in the Gemeinhaus in 1780. He became one of the leading botanists at the turn of the 19th century, specializing in mycology. The Gemeinhaus, a National Historic Landmark, is now the Moravian Museum.

1744 Single Sister's House— At first the residence for single men, has been occupied by women for 250 years.

1746 Bell House—Connects the Gemeinhaus, Old Chapel and Single Sisters' House; originally a residence for married couples, later used by Moravian Seminary for Girls.

1767 Widow's House— Last of the choir houses to be built

#42 1758 Nain-Schober House—The only surviving house built by Moravian missionaries and Indians in the village of Nain in the west part of Bethlehem; moved by Andreas Schober to Market Street in 1765; relocated to Heckewelder Place in 1906.

(Information from the Historic Bethlehem, City of Bethlehem, and Moravian College websites)

2025 KSVA Special Challenges and AVA Special and National Programs

WALK NAME: BETHLEHEM NORTH WALK					
NUMBER: Y0717					
KSVA SPECIAL CHALLENGES					
67 Counties (no end date)			Loop 1: Northampton Loop 1 & 2: Northampton and Lehigh		
AT Thru Hike (2017 -2023) in PA only			N/A		
AVA SPECIAL PROGRAMS					
Program Name	Years	LP 1	LP 2	__K	Information
A-MAZE-ing Labyrinths	(2024 - 2026)		X		Maze on the plaza next to city hall at 10 Church St.
Appalachian Trail in 14 States	(2018 - 2028)				
Grain Elevators: Monarchs of the Plains	(2025 - 2027)				
IVV-Americas	(2023 - No end)	X	X		
Lighthouses II	(2023-2025)				
Par For the Course	(2023-2025)	X	X		Athletic fields on Moravian University campus (Loop 1) Steel Fields football stadium (Loop 1) Sand Island tennis courts (Loop 2)
Rails-to-Trails	(2022 - 2025)		X		Lehigh Canal Trail
Step to the Beat	(2024 - 2026)	X			Moravian College Music Dept. in Single Brethren's House.
Walking with America's Veterans	(2021 - 2027)	X			Vietnam Memorial in front of City Hall
Walking With the Wild Things	(2025 - 2027)	X			Gargoyles on Grace Deliverance Baptist Church at 74 E. Broad
Washington-Rochambeau National Historic Trail	(2022 - 2031)				
Closed Programs on Route					
Rockin' Around the Clock	(2020 - 2022)	X			The steeple of Central Church.
Town Halls/City Halls	(2022 - 2024)		X		City Hall on Church St.
AVA NATIONAL PROGRAMS					
Program Name	Years	LP 1	LP2	__K	Information
50 States / 51 Capitals	(No end date)	X	X		Pennsylvania
Walk the USA (A To Z)	(No end date)	X	X		B