



AVA Online Startbox

Happy Wanderers Walking Club [AVA -0717]

Ponce Inlet, FL - YRE 0725 5K & 11K Walks

Start Point: Ponce De Leon Inlet Lighthouse Gift Shop, 4931 S. Peninsula Dr., Ponce Inlet, FL 32127

Driving Directions: 4931 S. Peninsula Dr. From I-95 take Exit 256. Drive east on Dunlawton Ave. (SR421). Cross the Intercoastal Waterway bridge to S. Atlantic Ave. (Hwy A1A) approximately 5.2 miles. Right on S. Atlantic Ave. and drive approximately 5.3 miles to Beach St. Right on Beach St. then one block to S. Peninsula. Left approximately 0.3 of a mile to parking lot at Lighthouse Park and Gift Shop. Ask Gift Shop staff for the Walk Box.

WEATHER/TIDE WARNING

PLEASE CHECK THE WEATHER AND TIDES BEFORE STARTING!!

THERE MAY BE DAYS WHEN IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO WALK THE BEACH PORTION OF THESE EVENTS DUE TO WEATHER/TIDE CONDITIONS. FOR YOUR SAFETY AND WELL-BEING ON THOSE DAYS, PLEASE USE THE ALTERNATE ROUTE AS NEEDED.

USE UTMOST CAUTION DURING FLORIDA'S LIGHTNING STORMS. SEEK THE NEAREST SHELTER, USE COMMON SENSE AND MAKE IT A SAFE WALK.

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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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2. 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, if you register using the OSB, do not complete your event by 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.
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2025 Special Program list for:

SN: 127943 - 2025 / Y0725 PONCE INLET, FL

5K: Walking the USA A-Z (P), IVV- Americas, Walking with America's Veterans: #10, Rails-to-Trails: A portion of the Ponce Inlet Trail, part of the Rails-to-Trails, includes WinterHaven Park, Lighthouse Point Park, Ponce De Leon Inlet Lighthouse and Museum, **Lighthouses II: Start, Par for the Course: #9** Note the playground on your right.

11K: Walking the USA A-Z (P) IVV- Americas, Walking with America's Veterans: #17, Rails-to-Trails: A portion of the Ponce Inlet Trail, part of the Rails-to-Trails, includes WinterHaven Park, Lighthouse Point Park, Ponce De Leon Inlet Lighthouse and Museum , **Lighthouses II: Start and Par for the Course: #15** Note the playground on the right.

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DIRECTIONS FOR 5K WALK

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Dial 911 FOR EMERGENCIES

Call POC: Mark/Suzanne (561) 213-3592 or YRE
Coord. Sandy (248) 882-7999 for assistance.

Welcome to Ponce Inlet. Take the time to climb to the top of the Ponce Inlet lighthouse and you will be treated to an awesome view of the area! You will find this to be a special place, a quiet town nestled away from the noises of the day and a most beautiful beach. ENJOY!!

1. Exit the *Ship's Store* and walk to Peninsula Dr.
2. **BEAR RIGHT** and **CROSS** Peninsula Dr. onto the dirt road (Sailfish Dr.) with a blue sign designating the road as a "Scenic Route." **Walk on the left** (no sidewalks), passing a small cemetery dedicated to the early settlers of Ponce Inlet.
3. Continue on Sailfish Dr. (*curves right at Battelle compound*) to Beach St. (Stop sign)
4. **CROSS** Beach St. Continue on the dirt road to Bounty Ln. (paved) on your left.
5. **TURN LEFT** onto Bounty Ln. and walk to the cul-de-sac. *Pause to enjoy the view of the Intracoastal Waterway (Halifax River) and the wild islands across the river.*
6. **REVERSE** your direction and retrace your steps back to Beach St.
7. **CROSS** and **TURN LEFT** on Beach St. (narrow sidewalk), then **CROSS** S. Peninsula Dr. and continue to S. Atlantic Ave.
8. **CROSS** S. Atlantic to access the beach ramp and walk down to the beach. **OR, choose the alternate route** if you do not wish to walk on the beach or weather/tide conditions dictate.

ALTERNATE NON-BEACH ROUTE

A. TURN LEFT onto Atlantic Ave., walk to and enter *Lighthouse Point Park* (no fee for walk-ins).

B. Continue walking past the guard shack on Atlantic Ave. which will **curve to the right** and then ends at a "T" intersection.

C. TURN LEFT onto that road, go through the parking lot and bear right along the rock-lined inlet passing a small pavilion, to intersect the boardwalk to the jetty.

D. Continue on the boardwalk past the lifeguard tower, out to the end of the jetty. *Enjoy the view!*

E. TURN AROUND and retrace your steps, to the large pavilion.

NOTE: *Restrooms and water are available at the Pavilion.*

Go to Step #12 to continue.

9. TURN RIGHT on the beach, to the jetty.

10. TURN LEFT onto the jetty boardwalk and walk to the end of the jetty to enjoy the ocean view!

11. TURN AROUND at the end and continue along the boardwalk into *Lighthouse Point Park*, to the large pavilion.

NOTE: *Restrooms and water are available at the Pavilion.*

12. TURN RIGHT onto the boardwalk, just before the pavilion. (**OR, left** - if coming from using the bathrooms at the pavilion.)

13. CONTINUE along the boardwalk to the "T" intersection.

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14. TURN LEFT, follow the boardwalk to the main park road (at small parking lot.)

15. TURN RIGHT on the main park road (left curb, no sidewalks) and continue past the guard shack at the entrance to the park.

16. TURN LEFT at Lighthouse Drive and walk to the first small parking area *on your left*. You will see a sign for "Nature Trail".

17. TURN LEFT onto the (paved) nature and follow it around to the end at Lighthouse Drive.

18. CROSS Lighthouse Dr. *You will see the entrance to the Marine Science Center (MSC).*

19. TURN LEFT on Lighthouse Drive to S, Peninsula Dr. (no sign).

IF the MSC IS OPEN, consider *visiting the Center (there is an indoor admission fee) and marvel at the many wonderful displays and the 5,000-gallon ocean aquarium. There is also the Mary Keller Seabird Rehabilitation Sanctuary (no fee), across from the MSC parking lot, where you will see many recovering birds in the large cages.*

EXIT the Sanctuary into the parking lot, then **TURN RIGHT** on Lighthouse Dr. to S. Peninsula Dr. (no sign.)

20. TURN RIGHT on S. Peninsula Dr. and continue through the parking lot crosswalks to enter the park (white picket fenced area) with the *Pirate Ship Playground*.

21. Walk along the sidewalk through the park with the fence *on your left*. (*Note: public restrooms available.*)

22. TURN RIGHT at the restrooms, then ***bear left*** to the *Ponce Inlet Veterans Memorial*.

23. Continue to the lighthouse parking lot and the Start/Finish Point.

Congrats on finishing your AVA walk!

We invite you to walk our other YR and Seasonal Events in the area located on our website.

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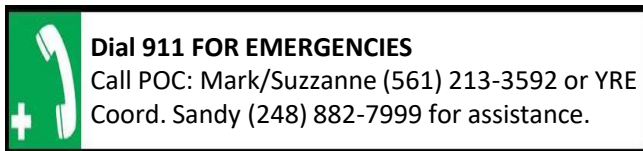
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6. **REVERSE** your direction and retrace your steps back to Beach St.
7. **CROSS** and **TURN LEFT** on Beach St. (narrow sidewalk), to S. Peninsula Dr. (5/11K SPLIT.)
8. **TURN LEFT** on S. Peninsula and continue to the *Ponce Inlet Community Center* (about 1.5 miles).

NOTE: *Restrooms are available at the Community Center during operating hours.*

9. **CONTINUE** past the *Community Center* to Harbour Villages Blvd. and **CROSS** the Harbour Villages entrance to crosswalk on opposite side.

10. **TURN RIGHT, and CAREFULLY CROSS** Peninsula Dr., then walk 1 block to S. Atlantic Ave.

11. **CAREFULLY CROSS** S. Atlantic at the crosswalk.

FOR BEACH WALK – SKIP TO #12 ON NEXT PAGE, OR, choose the alternate route If you do not wish to walk on the beach or weather/tide conditions dictate not to.

ALTERNATE NON-BEACH ROUTE

A. TURN RIGHT onto S. Atlantic Ave. and walk about 2 miles to enter *Lighthouse Point Park*. (No fee for walk-ins.) You will cross to the opposite side of S. Atlantic after passing the large condos w/golf course *on your right*.

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Go to Step #18 to continue.

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12. TURN LEFT, walk past the tennis courts to the parking lot entrance for *Winterhaven Park*, on your right.

13. TURN RIGHT, walk through the parking area to the sidewalk alongside the concrete block building.
NOTE: There are restrooms in this building.

14. Continue past the building to the beach access stairs & ramp.

15. Walk down onto the beach and **TURN RIGHT**. Continue **SOUTH** on the beach for approximately **2.5 miles** until you reach the Ponce Inlet Jetty.

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