



AVA Online Startbox

Happy Wanderers Walking Club [AVA -0717]

Mt. Dora, FL - YRE 0726

5K & 10K Walks

Start Point: Lakeside Inn, 100 Alexander St, Mt Dora, FL 32757


Driving Directions: From I-4W take Exit 101C (from I-4E take Exit 101B) (SR46) and drive west to North Highland St in Mt Dora (approximately 18.5 miles). Turn right onto N. Highland St and drive 4 blocks to traffic signal at E. 5th Ave. Turn left onto E. 5th Ave and drive approximately 0.5 mile to Donnelly St. Turn Left on Donnelly St. Park in the public parking garage on Donnelly St., which is behind The Lakeside Inn. Please do not park in the hotel parking lot because of limited space for guests only. Volkssport Walk Box is located at the Inn's front desk.

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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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2025 Special Program list for:

SN: 127944 - 2025 / Y0726 MT DORA, FL

5K: Walking the USA A-Z (M), IVV- Americas, Walking with America's Veterans: #5, Step to the Beat: #5 Community building and Par for the Course: #5 pickleball courts, #12. Walking with the Wild Things: #13 located on the right at 317

Continues though December 2025 for current participants ONLY: Town Halls/City Halls :#5

10K: Walking the USA A-Z (M), IVV- Americas, Walking with America's Veterans: #14, Step to the Beat: #14 Community building and Par for the Course: #14 pickleball courts, #20 bocci courts, #13 on the right. Walking with the Wild Things: 38 look closely at the beach huts along the lake to spot the gargoyle, #21 located on your right at 317..

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1. From the beautiful, broad front porch and the row of relaxing rocking chairs of *The Lakeside Inn*, **TURN RIGHT** onto N. Alexander St. Continue a half block to 3rd Ave.

2. TURN LEFT on 3rd Ave to McDonald St. (No sidewalk, stay on left curb.)

3. TURN RIGHT on McDonald St. passing the Mt. Dora Yacht Club, then **CROSS** to the sidewalk *on the right side*, after the RR tracks. Continue 5 blocks to 8th Ave.

Immediately after crossing 5th Ave., look across McDonald left-front along US-441 leaving town to spy the Van Gogh House – painted blue with the famous “Starry Night” visible.

4. TURN RIGHT on 8th Ave.; continue 3 blocks to Baker St.

5. TURN RIGHT on Baker St. After crossing 6th Ave., you will pass the Community Building and City Hall across S. Baker St. *on the left*. Continue to 5th Ave. Note the *Veteran’s Memorial* at the corner of 5th and Baker.

(Note: Restrooms and water available in the Donnelly Building located in the park on the right.)

6. CROSS & TURN LEFT onto 5th Ave and walk one block to Tremain St.

7. TURN RIGHT, on Tremain St. and continue until the sidewalk ends after crossing 3rd Ave. then **CROSS** to the opposite side sidewalk, on Tremain, passing **UNDER** the railroad trestle.

8. After passing under the railroad trestle, **CROSS** Charles St. and **BEAR RIGHT** onto the sidewalk (*Lighthouse Walk*) entering *Gilbert Park*.

9. At the first circle, **BEAR LEFT** and follow the sidewalk leading to the Mt. Dora Lighthouse and Lake Dora.

10. CROSS the boat ramp then, **TURN RIGHT** and walk out to the lighthouse. Circle the lighthouse and **RETRACE** your steps back to the *Lighthouse Walk*.

11. TURN RIGHT onto the sidewalk and walk to the entrance gate of Palm Island.

12. ENTER onto boardwalk on Palm Island and **CIRCLE** Palm Island using the boardwalk and dirt paths.

13. EXIT Palm Island and follow the sidewalk back through the park as you keep the lake *on your left*. **Stay left** at the marina and follow along Charles St. to N. Donnelly Street. Note the bocci ball courts *on your left*.

14. TURN RIGHT on N. Donnelly, and **CROSS** to the **LEFT** side after the RR tracks. Continue on N. Donnelly, then about 60 feet past 4th Avenue, **TURN LEFT** into the brick covered breezeway with shops.

(NOTE: If the entrance to the breezeway is closed, continue on N. Donnelly to #15.)

15. At the end of the breezeway, go down the steps and **TURN RIGHT** onto the brick road to the next street: 5th Avenue.

16. TURN LEFT on 5th Avenue to N. Alexander.

17. TURN RIGHT on N. Alexander to 7th Ave.

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18. TURN RIGHT on 7th Ave. and walk one block to N. Donnelly St.

19. CAREFULLY CROSS N. Donnelly **and TURN RIGHT.** Continue one block to 6th Ave.

20. TURN LEFT onto 6th Ave. Walk about 50 feet on the sidewalk along the park, then **TURN RIGHT** onto the sidewalk into the park. You will pass by a shuffleboard court and the Donnelly Park Building *on your left, fountain on your right.*

Note: *restrooms and water available in The Donnelly Park Building.*

21. CONTINUE to corner of 5th Ave. and N. Donnelly. **CROSS** 5th Ave. and continue on N. Donnelly.

22. TURN RIGHT on 3rd Avenue and walk to N. Alexander St.

23. TURN LEFT onto N. Alexander **CROSSING** the railroad tracks. You have reentered the grounds of *The Lakeside Inn.*

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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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Immediately after crossing 5th Ave., look across McDonald left-front along US-441 leaving town to spy the Van Gogh House – painted blue with the famous “Starry Night” visible.

4. **TURN LEFT** on W 11th Ave., walk Overlook Drive / Dora Rd. where just ahead, the road splits at *Stein Park*.

5. **CROSS** into the park and use the **crosswalk on your right** to **CAREFULLY CROSS** W. 11th Ave. then

6. **TURN LEFT** and **CONTINUE straight ahead** on (now) Heim Rd., which then becomes Old Hwy. 441, to Morningside Drive.

7. **TURN RIGHT** on Morningside Dr., to Park Pl. Continue straight (no sidewalk) along Sylvan Shores Park *on your right*, to Gertrude Place.

8. **BEAR RIGHT** along Gertrude Place until the sidewalk in the park *on your right*, meets it.

9. **TURN HARD RIGHT** to follow the sidewalk >

through *Sylvan Shores Park* and along *Lake Gertrude* with the houses *on your right*. The sidewalk continues to bend left along the lake, with Oakland Dr. (becomes Sylvan Dr.) until ending at Avalon Way.

10. **TURN RIGHT** on Avalon Way and go one block uphill to Overlook Dr.

11. **TURN RIGHT** on Overlook Dr.; continue past Purple Heart Way and Pine Way to W. 11th Ave. Then **CAREFULLY CROSS** W. 11th Ave.

12. **TURN LEFT**, then continue several blocks back to N. Donnelly St.

13. **TURN RIGHT** on N. Donnelly for 3 blocks to W. 8th Ave., passing the *1896 House*.

12. **TURN LEFT** on 8th Ave. for 1 block to N. Baker St. *The Colonel Alexander House is on the corner.*

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 22. **TURN RIGHT** on N. Donnelly, and **CROSS** to the **LEFT** side after the RR tracks. Continue on N. Donnelly through the downtown area enjoying the stores, antique shops, boutiques and restaurants, passing the *Butts House* and the *Donnelly House*, to 7th Ave.
 23. **TURN LEFT** on 7th Ave. for 1 block to N. Alexander St.
 24. **TURN LEFT** on Alexander, passing the *Alexander House*, *Hill House* and the *Mount Dora Chamber of Commerce*.
 25. **CONTINUE** across the railroad tracks. You have reentered the grounds of the *Lakeside Inn*.
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