

**Peninsula Pathfinders**  
Year Round Walk  
**Fort Monroe**  
**5/10 KM Trail Directions**

**START POINT:** Visitor and Education Center, 30 Ingalls Rd, Hampton  
GPS: N 37° 00' 087.4", W 76° 18' 39.3"  
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	<b>Emergencies or Safety Concerns: Call 911</b> Directions Questions Contact: Brad Crandall (757) 604-8045
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**Driving Directions:**

1. Take I-64 to Hampton and take Exit 268 to Phoebus.
2. Turn LEFT at the stop light at the end of the ramp on Mallory St and continue about 0.4 miles to E Mellen St.
3. Turn RIGHT on E Mellen St and continue about 0.7 miles to the traffic signal at the entrance to Fort Monroe.
4. Continue straight on Ingalls Rd and continue about 0.6 miles to the Visitor and Education Center.
5. Turn LEFT into the parking lot just beyond the building.

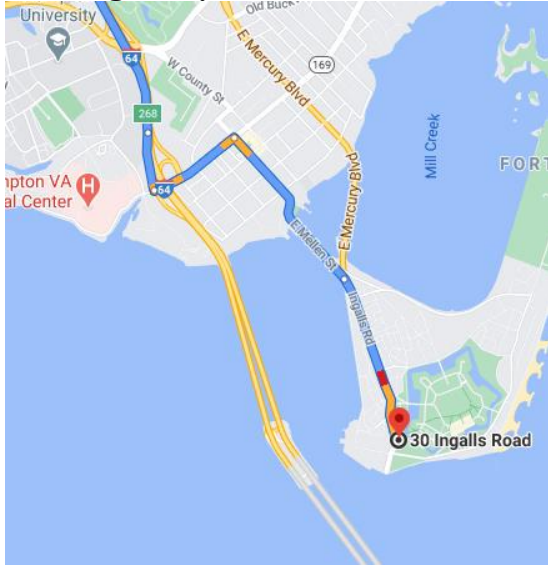
**Restrooms** are available at the Visitor and Education Center.

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### Driving Map:



### Special Programs:

- Airports - Celebrating American Flight: # 28 (10 KM only)
- Rockin' Around the Clock: #30
- Virginia Cities: Hampton
- Walking the USA A-Z: "H" for Hampton
- Walking with America's Veterans: #13

*Fort Monroe started as a defense for Jamestown in 1609 under the name Fort Algernourne. Later, the fort became a strategic post for the Union during the Civil War. During that war, Fort Monroe became a refuge to as many as 10,000 escaped slaves seeking protection in the Union-controlled site. Fort Monroe was named after U. S. President James Monroe. An active military post until September 2013, Fort Monroe is now a National Monument under the guidance of the Fort Monroe Authority and the National Park Service.*

**NOTE:** The walk along the top of the moat is not suitable for strollers or wheelchairs. See the alternate instructions at Direction #5 to bypass this section.

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## Walking Directions:

1. From the parking lot behind the Visitor Center, walk toward the bridge over the moat.
2. Turn **RIGHT** and cross the moat and enter Fortress Monroe through the Postern Gate and continue on the walkway to Bernard Road.
3. Turn **RIGHT** on the sidewalk and continue on Bernard Road until the sidewalk ends at the first traffic light.

*When you reach the light, Building #1, Old Quarters (151 Bernard Road) will be on the left. Here General Benjamin Butler declared three men who escaped from slavery as contraband of war. President Lincoln stayed here while planning the attack on Norfolk in 1862.*

4. **CROSS** to the left side of the road and continue walking on the left side of Bernard Road (facing traffic) to the second traffic light.
5. Just after the second traffic light, turn **RIGHT** and cross Bernard Road using the crosswalk

NOTE: Handicapped walkers and strollers should turn **LEFT** and continue along Bernard Road to the Chapel of the Centurion. At the Chapel, turn **LEFT** on Ruckman Road and then follow the trail directions from Direction #11.

6. Just after crossing Bernard Road, turn **LEFT**, bear **RIGHT**, and proceed up the hill (there is a small sign halfway up the hill that says "Welcome to Freedom's Fortress"). Follow the trail straight ahead with the outer wall of the Fortress to your right.

7. The trail will go by a Pet Cemetery and the Fort's Flagpole. Continue around the outer wall until you reach a white tower building with black circular stairs and windows trimmed in black.

8. Take the paved roadway to your left down to Bernard Road.

9. Cross and turn **LEFT** on Bernard Rd and continue to the Chapel of the Centurion at Ruckman Road.

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10. Cross and turn RIGHT on Ruckman Rd, passing the main entrance to the Chapel of the Centurion.

*The Chapel of the Centurion is the oldest continually used wooden military structure for religious services in the United States. The Chapel is named for Cornelius the Centurion, who is believed to be the first Gentile to convert to Christianity.*

11. Continue on Ruckman Rd to the traffic signal at Bernard Rd.

*Just past the Lincoln Gun on your right is a White Oak Tree. This tree planted with authentic soil from Omaha Beach, Normandy, France, commemorates the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the allied forces landing on 6 June 1944. Planted on 6 June 1984 by Col. Richard E. Mackin, Post Commander and Col. Jean Burel, French Liaison Officer, it stands as a memorial to sacrifices in battle and as a tangible symbol of our heritage. There is a marker in front of the tree.*

12. Cross Bernard Rd at the traffic signal, proceed through the pedestrian passageway, and cross the moat using the bridge.

13. At the end of the bridge, angle RIGHT on Ruckman Rd (no sign) and continue to Ingalls Rd, passing Fire House Coffee 1881 on your right.

*On your left is the Battle of the Bulge Ardennes Veteran's Memorial (Walking with America's Veterans Special Program).*

14. Turn LEFT at the crosswalk, crossing Ruckman Rd, then turn RIGHT and cross Ingalls Rd using the crosswalk, and turn immediately turn LEFT and continue along Ingalls Rd one block to Frank Lane.

15. Turn RIGHT on Frank Lane and continue one block to Tidball Rd.

*St. Mary Start of the Sea is on your right, the ninth oldest parish in the Diocese of Richmond and the oldest Catholic parish on the Peninsula, and held a unique distinction: It was the only diocesan church in the nation located on a military installation, and its upkeep is funded solely by parishioner contributions.*

16. Turn LEFT on Tidball Rd and continue to its end in a parking lot.

17. Cross the parking lot and continue to a fire main at McNair Dr.

18. Turn LEFT on McNair Dr and continue past the Fort Monroe Marina to the end of the road at Fenwick Rd.

19. Cross Fenwick Rd and continue straight through the parking lot to the seawall.

20. Turn LEFT and continue along the seawall to the second pier on the right.

*On your left is the former Chamberlin Hotel which boasts a rich and colorful history. The original hotel to occupy the site was called The Hygeia, opening its doors in 1820. The hotel welcomed a steady stream of important visitors, including Edgar Allen Poe, who recited "The Raven" and "Annabel Lee" on the Hygeia's porch. After serving as a hospital during the Civil War, the Hygeia was torn down. Another hotel was placed on the site, followed closely by the first Chamberlin Hotel. After a fire in 1920, the beautiful and dramatic Chamberlin*

*Hotel still standing today was built in its place. Today the Chamberlin is a premiere senior living community.*

*If you look out to the right across the Hampton Roads Channel you will see the Fort Wool (the island with the US Flag) and the coastal artillery battery on the island. Fort Wool, originally named Fort Calhoun, has been a patriotic symbol of freedom since its construction in 1819. Along with Fort Monroe, Fort Wool was constructed following the War of 1812 to protect Hampton Roads from the British and other would-be invaders.*

21. Turn 45 degrees LEFT and continue up the ramp and continue along the seawall to a paved ramp and parking lot on your left.

**10 KM walkers:** continue with Direction #22 on the next page.

**5 KM walkers:**

A. Bear LEFT down the ramp and continue on the sidewalk to Fenwick Rd (no sign).

B. Turn LEFT on Fenwick Rd and continue to Battery Irwin to the crosswalk.

C. Continue with Direction #29.

22. Continue along the sea wall to the Paradise Ocean Club and the end of the boardwalk.

23. Turn LEFT and continue along the driveway past the parking lot on the left to the road (Rose Circle—no sign).

24. Turn RIGHT on the road and continue to just past the gazebo and before the tennis courts.

25. Turn RIGHT and continue on the grass along the chain link fence to the seawall. The vegetation conceals a gun emplacement which has not been restored.

26. Turn LEFT and follow the sea wall to the first roadway on the left.

27. Turn LEFT and continue down the ramp to the first road (Fenwick Rd—no sign). (*Port-a-potties are on the left*)

28. Turn LEFT on Fenwick Rd and continue back toward the main fort to the crosswalk at Battery Irwin.

*On your left are the rear portions of Battery Parrot, Battery DeRussy, Battery Battery Church, and Battery Ruggles. These are former Chesapeake Bay Coastal Defense Artillery emplacements used in the defense of Hampton Roads (1898-1943). There are only 7 artillery emplacements remaining of the original 14 constructed). When you reach Battery Church you will see the former Walker Army Airfield on your right. It is now used as a training area for the Hampton Police. There is no control tower visible, however, there is a one-story brick structure on the airfield.*

*Walker Army Airfield counts for the Airports Special Program.*

29. Turn RIGHT and cross Fenwick Rd and then LEFT to continue on the right side of Fenwick Rd to Ingalls Rd.

*You will pass Old Point Comfort Light built in 1802 and still an active navigation aid. The brick housing on your right (#29, #33, AND #37 Fenwick) were assigned to the 4-star Commander, Deputy Commander and Command Sergeant-Major assigned to the US Army Training and Doctrine Command before the Fort was decommissioned.*

30. Turn RIGHT on Ingalls Rd and return to the Visitor and Education Center parking lot.

*As you turn the corner the first building on your right is the Fort*

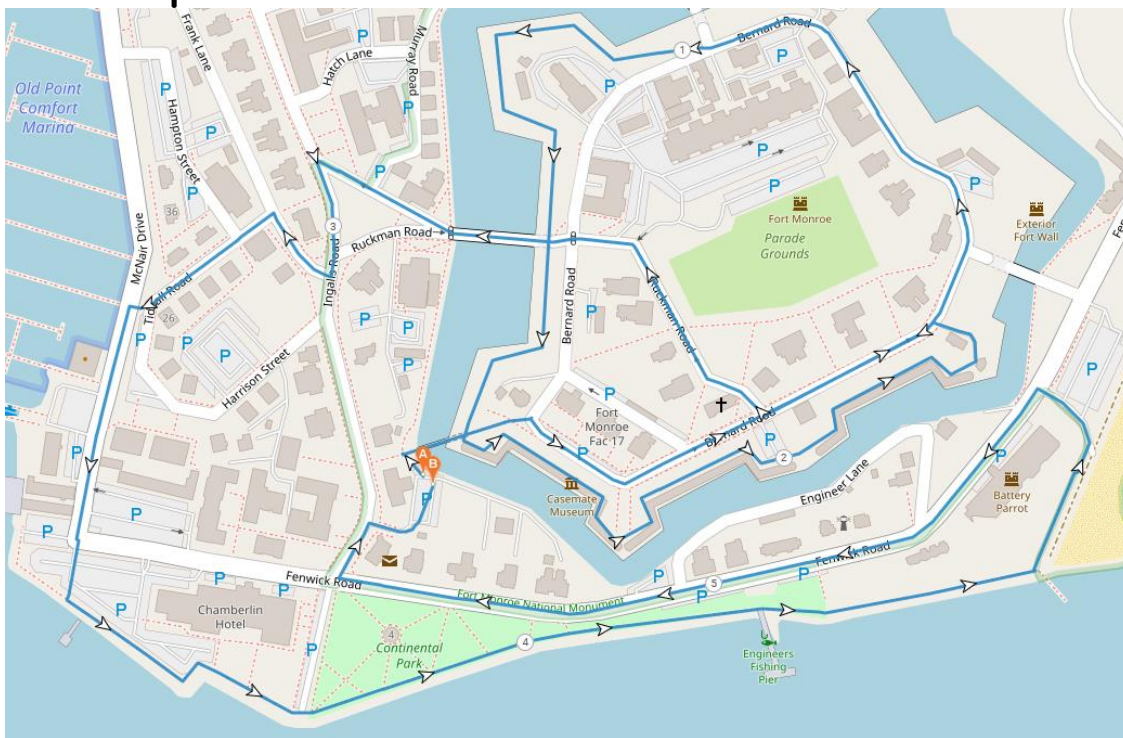
*Monroe Authority building. Look to the bell tower on the left front of the building. You will see two clocks in the tower. (Special Program Rockin' Around the Clock).*

We hope you enjoyed your walk in Fort Monroe. There is also a year-round walk in nearby Historic Hampton to help round out your day.

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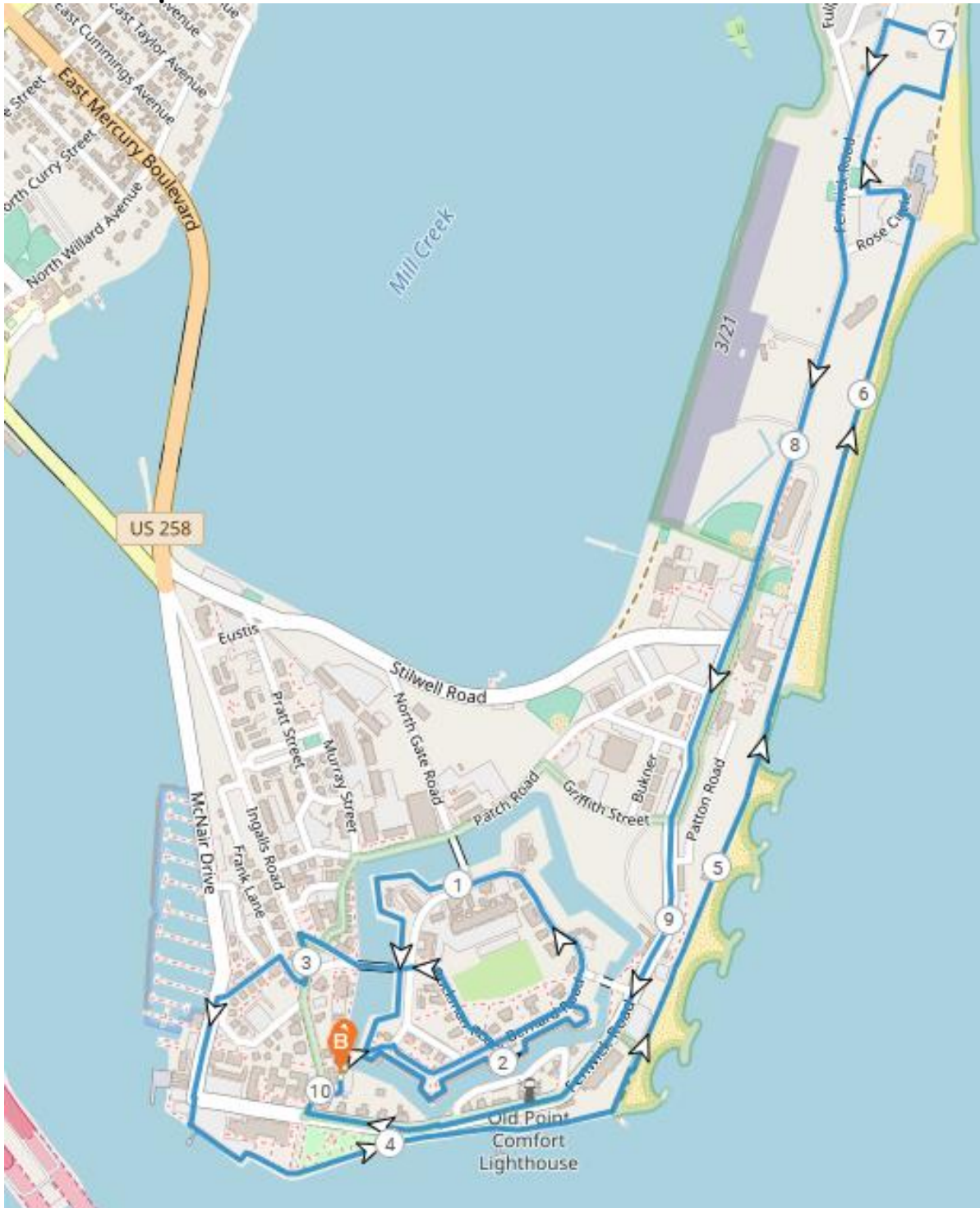
Don't forget to log into the OSB system to complete your walk and the registration process. If you are interested in obtaining the A-Award, mail a check for \$7 payable to Peninsula Pathfinders to Brad Crandall at 132 Plainfield Dr, Newport News, VA 23602.

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