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YRE Description

Montgomery Village is a large, planned suburban community, developed in the late 1960s and 1970s just outside Gaithersburg's city limits.

There are two trails; Lake Whetstone and North Creek Lake. These trails go through different residential and recreational areas of Montgomery Village on paved paths and sidewalks. There are a few small hills that will be encountered, but none are very long or steep. Pets are permitted on trails as long as they are on a leash. There is a 5k option available for each trail and both 10k trails can be combined for 20k.

Registering for the walk

- Participant Fee: The Seneca Valley Sugarloafers Volksmarch club charges a \$4 per person participation fee for all participants aged 13 and older. This fee helps cover event costs.
- Ensuring Your IVV Credit: To ensure you receive IVV event and distance credit for your walk, please do NOT check the "No Credit" box during registration if you are 13 years or older. This step is important for tracking your progress in Volkssporting!

Accessing Walk Information (OSB PDF Download)

For your convenience, you can download a comprehensive PDF file containing detailed walk information, maps and instructions for your chosen route.

- There is a small, upfront \$2 download fee for this PDF.

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- Reimbursement for the PDF: We'll credit this \$2 download fee back to you when you complete your walk using the OSB "Finish Table" and pay the \$4 participant fee. Think of it as a prepayment that gets returned when you finish!

After You Have Completed the Walk

After completing your walk, please return to the OSB and log your finish at the "Finish Table" within 60 days. Be sure to include the walk date, distance, and any AVA Special Programs. If walking for IVV credit, your event and distance credits will be recorded automatically.

Directions to Trail Start

Address: Lidl Supermarket, 19225 Montgomery Village Ave, Montgomery Village, MD 20886

GPS Coordinates: 39.17232, -77.20292

Plus code: 5QCW+WRG Montgomery Village, Maryland

Plus codes are based on latitude and longitude. By using a simpler code system, they are intended to be shorter and easier to use than traditional global coordinates.

From I-270:

Take Exit 11 (Rt 124 E) Montgomery Village Ave.

Cross Rt 355 (N. Frederick Ave.)

Pass Lakeforest Mall on right.

Pass Lake Whetstone on right.

Pass Stedwick Road on left.

Turn Right into the parking lot for the Lidl supermarket.

Lake Whetstone Trail

5k – AVA rating 1A,
10k – AVA rating 2A


There are restrooms at the Lidl when open. There are other restrooms along this trail.

In case of Emergency: Dial 911.
For event assistance contact Pat King at (301) 997-1302

With your back to the Lidl store entrance,

1. **Turn Right** on Montgomery Village Ave to the traffic light at Centerway Dr.
2. **Turn Right** on Centerway Dr to traffic light (Club House Rd).
3. **Turn Left** on Club House Rd using the crosswalk and pedestrian signal.
4. **Turn Left** at the first driveway on left on the flagstone pathway to the Christ the Servant Lutheran Church parking lot.
5. **Turn Right** at the end of the pathway through the parking lot to a red brick walkway on the right.
6. **Turn Right** on the brick pathway to the labyrinth (surrounded by several small bushes).
7. **Retrace your steps** to Club House Rd.
8. **Turn Left** on Club House Rd to Montgomery Village Ave at the traffic light.
9. **Carefully Cross and Turn Left** on Montgomery Village Ave, passing Auto Care and McDonald's (restrooms) on right.
 - a. Cross Stedwick Rd
10. At the sign for Center Stage (on right), **Cross** the driveway for the townhouse community, **Turn Right** on driveway then **Immediate Left** on asphalt path with a metal gate.
 - a. Continue downhill on asphalt path.
 - b. Pass the Gordon W. Bowie Music Pavilion
 - c. Pass a pavilion.
11. **Turn Left** at T-intersection.

- a. Ignore first path on right.
12. **Bear Right** towards ball field surrounded by fence.
13. **Bear Left** at the fork (keeping ball field on right).
 - a. Cross bridge.
14. **Turn Right** to walk through gazebo.
15. **Cross** next bridge (pond on each side). At path "T", turn
16. **Turn Right**, passing tennis courts.
17. At end of path, **Cross and Turn Left** on Walker House Rd (no sign).
18. At stop sign (Walker's Choice Rd - no sign), **Turn Right** on sidewalk, going around bend in road.
 - a. Cross road to stay on sidewalk.

 **Decision Point: 5k / 10k Trail Split**

5k Trail

19. **Cross** Montgomery Village Ave using the pedestrian signals and Crosswalks.
20. **Turn Left** to follow asphalt path leading down to lake.

- a. Continue on path, going clockwise around lake (lake on right).

21. Continue at instruction #30.

10k Walkers

22. **Turn Right** on Montgomery Village Ave Crossing Walkers Choice Rd.
 - a. Continue on Montgomery Village Ave.
 - b. Pass Midcounty Hwy.
23. **Turn Left** on Lost Knife Rd using the pedestrian signals and Crosswalks.
 - a. Pass Lakeforest Mall (on right).
 - b. Pass Cider Mill Apts. (on left).

Lake Whetstone - 5k, 10k

24. **Turn Left** on Conur Rd (Wendy's on right - restrooms).
25. **Turn Left** on Horizon Run Rd.
 - a. Pass South Lake Elem. School (on right).
26. **Turn Left** immediately after townhouse #9529 on paved path.
 - a. Follow path to and through tunnel under Midcounty Hwy.
 - b. Continue on path, with creek on right and townhouses on left, until you reach boathouse at Lake Whetstone.

==> 5k Walkers rejoin here

- c. Continue on paved path along lake (lake on right) to far side of lake. Just before wooden boardwalk on right, Stop at stone step memorial on left. It is dedicated to one of the developers of Montgomery Village.
 - d. Continue to wooden boardwalk.
 - e. Cross boardwalk to dirt/gravel path.
27. **Turn Right** on dirt/gravel path around edge of lake to access road on left.

NOTE...for spring and early summer....As you approach the access road on left, look for an island on your right. Notice many great blue herons nesting in the tree tops on the left end of the island.

28. **Turn Left** on access road up to neighborhood street, Whetstone Dr (no sign).
29. **Bear Left** crossing street to Keiffer Way (short circular street).
30. **Turn Right** on Keiffer Way, and look between houses #18801 and #18804 for paved path with split rail fence on each side.
31. **Turn Right** on paved path.

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5k Trail

32. At the street (Inaugural Way - no sign), **Turn Left** to stop sign at Whetstone Dr (no sign).

33. Turn Right on Whetstone Dr.

- a. Continue on Whetstone Dr. to median in middle of the road. (It's almost all the way to Montgomery Village Ave.)

34. At median in middle of road, turn Turn Right to paved path.

35. Immediate Left on path to Montgomery Village Ave.

36. Turn Right on Montgomery Village Ave.

37. Turn Right to our start/finish point.

10k Walkers

- a. Cross two roads (no signs - Inaugural Way and Digging Rd), until you arrive at path T- intersection.
38. **Turn Right** on path with split rail fence.
 - a. Pass community swim center on right.
39. **Turn Right** on path at playground on right. (Do NOT enter tunnel.)
 - a. Continue on path, with tennis courts on right and Centerway Rd on left.
 - b. Cross Brook Grove Ct.
40. **Turn Left** on Rhodes Way.
41. **Carefully Cross** Centerway Rd to entrance into Centerway Park.
42. **Bear Right** through parking lot to the playground.
43. **Turn Right** on path in front of picnic shelter.
 - a. Continue downhill on path that loops around ball fields. Ignore all side paths to left leading to ball fields until you return to top of hill.
 - b. Continue on path as it makes left turn to black baseball backstop and trash can.
44. At trash can, **Turn Right** and go across grass to parking lot and out to Centerway Rd.
45. **Turn Right** on Centerway Rd.
 - a. Cross Thomas Farm Rd.
 - b. Cross Club House Rd.

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46. At Club House Rd, **Turn Left** to cross Centerway Rd using the pedestrian signals and crosswalks.

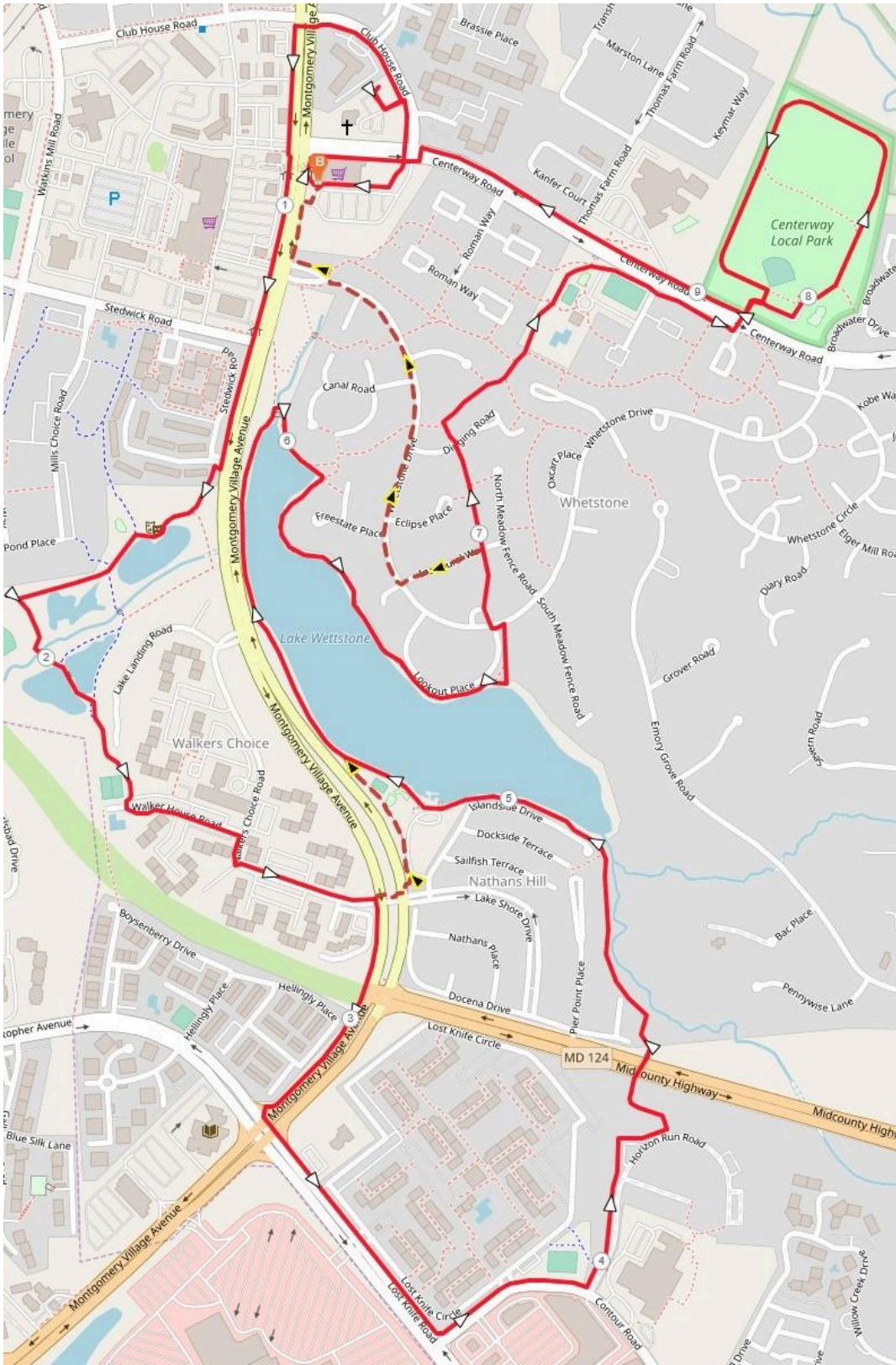
47. **Turn Right** to our start/finish point.

Thank you for walking our Sugarloafer year-round today!

We hope you enjoyed this trail.

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Lake Whetstone - 5k, 10k



10k Route - Solid Red Line,
5k Route - Solid Red and Dashed Red detours
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North Creek Lake Trail

5k AVA rating 1A

10k – AVA rating 2A

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1. **Turn Right** on Montgomery Village Ave to the traffic light at Centerway Dr.
2. **Carefully Cross and Turn Left** on Montgomery Village Ave to Stedwick Rd.
 - a. Pass Truist Bank
 - b. Cross driveway for shopping center
 - c. Pass CVS Pharmacy
3. **Turn Right** on Stedwick Rd.
 - a. Pass Post Office
4. **Turn Left** at Watkins Mill Rd crossing Stedwick Rd with the traffic light to Heron's Cove sign at Smoothstone Way.
5. **Turn Left** on Smoothstone Wy, **and quickly Turn Left** again on paved path to tunnel opposite the benches.
6. **Turn Left** and walk through tunnel under Watkins Mill Rd.
 - a. Continue straight on path following lampposts (ignore side paths).
7. At high voltage power line clearing, **Bear Turn Right** and follow paved path, passing under high voltage power lines to Stedwick Rd.
8. **Cross** Stedwick Rd (no sign) **and Turn Left** using the crosswalk to Wayridge Dr (on left, at pedestrian crosswalk and Ride-On bus stop).
9. **Turn Left** on Wayridge Dr, crossing Stedwick Rd.
10. At house #10616, **Turn Right** on fence-lined paved path.
 - a. Follow path around the grassy slope.
11. **Turn Right** at T-intersection (at a lamppost at far end of grassy slope).

12. **Turn Left** at T-intersection (at lamppost).
 - a. Continue on path, passing tennis courts on right.
 - b. Cross Wayridge Dr. (no sign).
13. **Turn Right and immediately Turn Left** on Gallatin Ct.
14. **Turn Right** on paved path after house #19509 to first street, Battleridge Pl (no sign).
15. **Turn Left** on Battleridge Pl, walk on left side of road.
16. At Burlingame Way (on right), **Cross** Battleridge Pl to the path on the opposite side of the road and continue along Battleridge Pl.
 - a. Continue uphill past Worsham Ct to paved path on right.
17. **Turn Right** on path to Watkins Mill Rd. (no sign - pool across the street).
 - b. Cross Watkins Mill Rd (no sign) using the crosswalk.

Decision Point: 5k / 10k Trail Split

5k Trail

18. **Turn Right** on Watkins Mill Rd.
19. **Turn Left** on Club House Rd.
20. **Cross and Turn Right** on Montgomery Village Ave, using the pedestrian signal and crosswalk.

10k Trail

21. **Turn Left** on Watkins Mill Rd (pool on right). Walk quite a distance to Apple Ridge Rd at traffic light. (Watkins Mill High School sign on left).

North Creek Lake - 5k, 10k

22. **Turn Right** on Apple Ridge Rd.
 - a. Pass Darlington Dr (on left).
23. At Dellcastle Rd, **Cross** Apple Ridge Rd and continue on the other side of Apple Ridge Rd in the same direction.
 - a. Cross Torrey Pond Pl.
24. At gazebo, **Turn Left** on Shadow Oak Dr.
 - a. Cross Maple Leaf Dr.
 - b. Cross Forest View Pl.
 - c. Cross Meadow Pond Pl.
 - d. Cross Shadow Oak Ct.
25. After Crossing Shadow Oak Ct, **Turn Left** on path leading to lake.
26. **Turn Left** at path intersection just before lake. Stay on path. Please do not walk on the grass.
 - a. Continue on paved path, going clockwise around lake (lake on right) past Nature Center building on left.
27. **Turn Right** on paved path and Cross bridge.
28. At next path intersection, turn **Turn Right** to continue walking clockwise around the lake.
29. **Bear Turn Left** at split in path (playground on right) and go uphill.
30. **Turn Left** on Shadow Oak Dr.
31. **Turn Right** on Montgomery Village Ave.
 - a. Cross Shadow Oak Dr.
 - b. Cross Apple Ridge Rd.
 - c. Cross Meadowcroft Ln.
 - d. Cross Duffer Way.
 - e. Cross Cheryl Forest Ct.
 - f. Cross Brassie Pl.
 - g. Cross Posterity Ln.
32. At Club House Rd, **Cross** Montgomery Village Ave using the pedestrian signal and crosswalk to the other side of Montgomery Village Ave and continue in the same direction.

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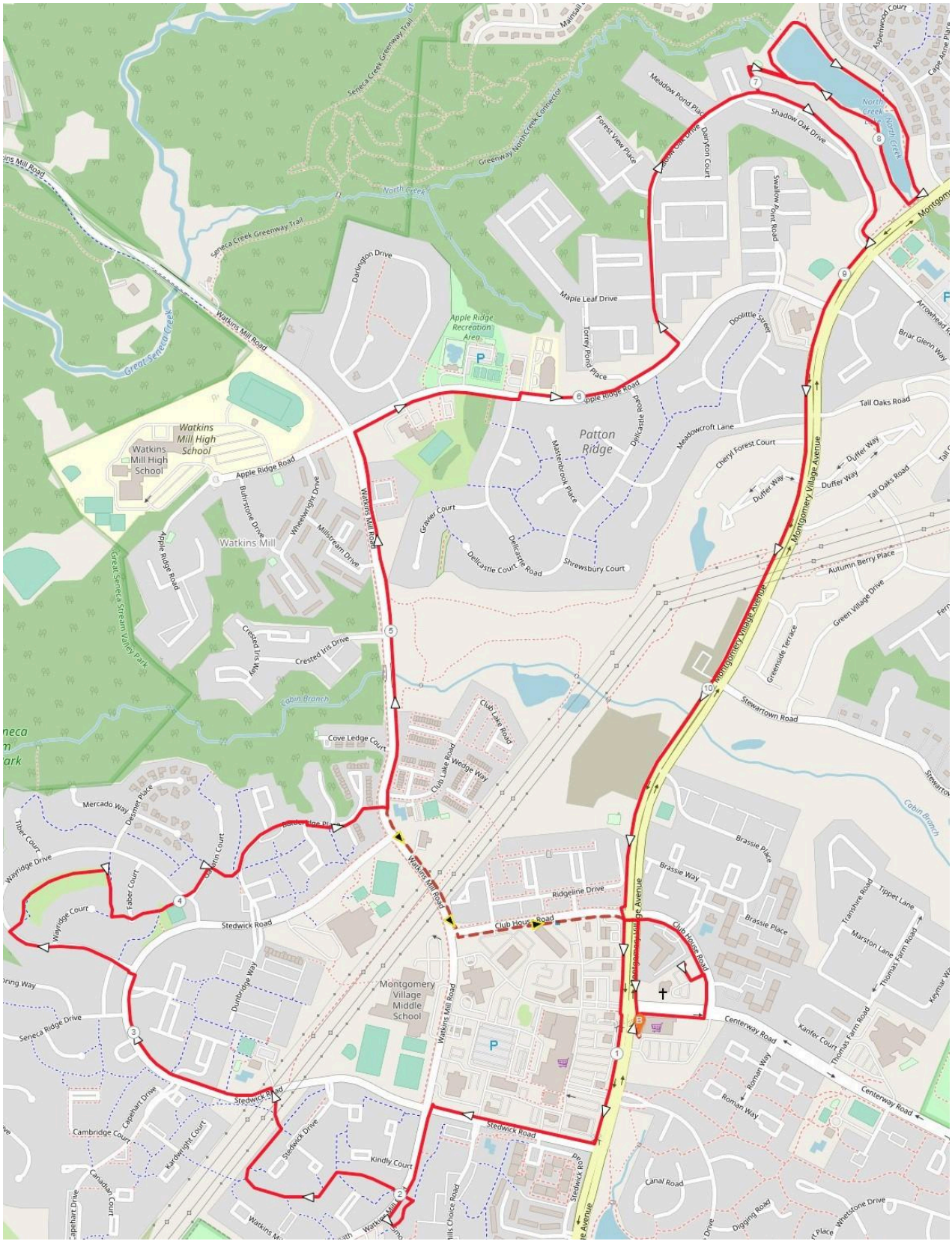
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⇒ 5K Trail Rejoins here

- a. Cross Centerway Dr.
33. **Turn Left** to our start/finish point.

North Creek Lake - 5k, 10k



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Internet Resources

Montgomery Village: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Montgomery_Village,_Maryland

Geographic region: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Piedmont_\(United_States\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Piedmont_(United_States))

Club Information: [Seneca Valley Sugarloafers Volksmarch Club](#)

AVA National Programs

This YRE qualifies for all AVA National Programs:

- Walking the United States (51 Capitals) → Washington D.C.
- Walking the USA (A - Z) → W for Washington
- Centurion Achievement Challenge → 1 event
- IVV-Americas

AVA Special Programs

LW5→ Lake Whetstone - 5k

LW10→ Lake Whetstone - 10k

NC5 → North Creek Lake- 5k

NC10 → North Creek Lake - 5k

Program Name	Years	LW5	LW10	NC5	NC10	Information
A-MAZE-ing Labyrinths	2024 2027	X	X			
Anniversaries Hurrah	2026 2026					
Appalachian Trail	2018 2029					
Grain Elevators: Monarchs of the Plains	2025 2028					
Lighthouses II	2023 2026					
Par for the Course	2023 2026	X	X			
Rails-to-Trails	2022 2027					
Step to the Beat	2024 2027	X	X			
Walking with America's Veterans	2021 2028					
Walking With the Wild Things	2025 2028					
Washington-Rochambeau National Historic Trail	2022 2032					