



# DuPont Historical Walk

YRE# 0995

**Distances: 5K, 10K**

**Difficulty Rating: 1A**

**Walk on sidewalks and groomed trails through the historic City of DuPont and surrounding woods. The 10 km is suitable for strollers, but not wheelchairs. Dirt trails may be slick.**

**Portions of the trails are isolated, so a walking partner is recommended.**

## Introduction

The Nisqually Tribe has always had a presence in the area. The arrival of the European Americans brought extreme change to the Nisqually. The area was mapped in 1792 by Captain George Vancouver. The Hudson's Bay Company established a fur trading post at Fort Nisqually in 1833. Hudson's Bay Company was allowed to continue operating in the area after the land was awarded to the United States in the Oregon Treaty of 1846. Eventually Hudson's Bay Company left. Chemical company DuPont de Nemours, Inc., better known as DuPont, bought some land to establish an explosives manufacturing plant.

A company town was established near the plant. The city was later named DuPont but did not incorporate until 1951. DuPont the chemical company operated in the area until 1975. The land was sold to the Weyerhaeuser Company which eventually developed the town using the *New Urbanism* model, which promotes environmentally friendly habits with walkable neighborhoods using a range of housing and industries. The land where the explosives plant was located is now a golf course. The City of DuPont is surrounded by Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM), home to the U.S. Army I Corps and U.S. Air Force 62nd Airlift Wing.

Iafrati Park was named after former DuPont Mayor John Iafrati and his wife Ruth. The park provides views of private homes that were once the homes of the DuPont Explosives (PowderWorks) plant manager (100 Brandywine) and assistant manager (125 Barksdale). This park information from the City of DuPont website.

## Walk Registration

Register online using the AVA Online Start Box at [my.ava.org](http://my.ava.org). Follow the instructions provided to create a user account and sign the AVA waiver (one time). Instructions for payment are also included. Download the directions and print as needed.

## Walk Completion and Walk Credit

Once you have physically completed 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 a stamped "virtual" insert card that you may print.

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Event Related Assistance:  
Mary Clem 912-248-5868

**Distance:** 5K

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**ESVA Challenges:** 39 Counties (Pierce);

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**Start Point:** Iafrati Park, 120 Barksdale Avenue, DuPont, WA.

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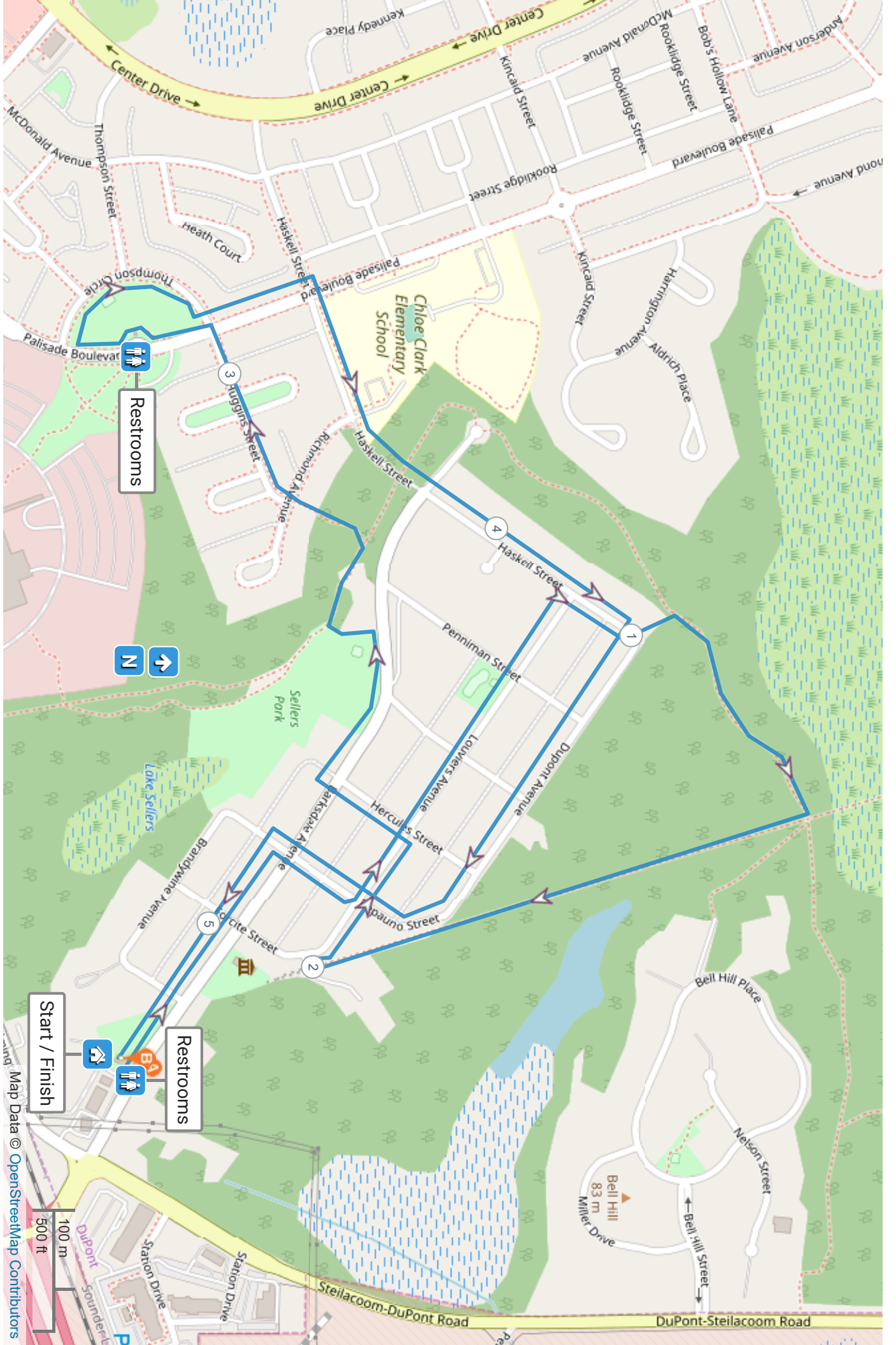
**Caution:** Trail portions may be slick.

### **Driving Directions:** I-5: Take Exit 119.

Northbound turn left / Southbound turn right on Dupont-Steilacoom Road. Continue straight through the traffic signal (becomes Barksdale Avenue). The entrance to Iafrati Park is on the left, just past the 76 Gasoline Station and a barber shop and just prior to the stone markers on both sides of the avenue. **Parking is limited, but please do not park in business parking lots. Find on-street parking further down Barksdale Avenue or on side streets.**

1. **LEFT** on Barksdale Ave. to Rapauno Ave.
2. **RIGHT** on Rapauno Ave. to Louviers Ave.
3. **LEFT** on Louviers Ave. to Haskell St.
4. **RIGHT** on Haskell St to DuPont Ave.
5. **LEFT** on DuPont Ave., through post, down steps to gravel trail.
6. **RIGHT** on gravel trail to 4 corner gravel trail.
7. **IMMEDIATE RIGHT** on JJ 0.0 Trail (bench left, play area on left) to the end of the trail (recycling container).
8. **RIGHT** at recycling container, then **RIGHT** **AGAIN** at unmarked Louviers Ave. to Hercules St.
9. **LEFT** at Hercules St. to Barksdale Ave.
10. **CROSS** and **RIGHT** on Barksdale St. to Sellers Park (on left) at Penniman St.
11. **LEFT** into the gravel parking lot for Sellers Park, walk through to the blacktop trail.
12. **RIGHT** on blacktop trail to black top/ cement trail on left.
13. **LEFT** on small black top trail exiting at Richmond Ave./Huggins St. (small wood bench on right).
14. **STRAIGHT** on Huggins St. to Palisades Blvd.
15. **CROSS** and **LEFT** at Palisades Blvd.
16. Walk under arbor passing Clock Tower (Restrooms inside Clock Tower) to Thompson Circle.
17. **RIGHT** on Thompson Circle back to Palisades Blvd.
18. **LEFT** on Palisades Blvd. to Haskell St.
19. **CROSS** and **RIGHT** on Haskell St. to DuPont Ave.
20. **RIGHT** on DuPont Ave. (curves right to become Rapauno Ave.)
21. **CROSS** and **LEFT** at Barksdale Ave. to finish at Iafrati Park.

# DuPont 5K Historical Walk





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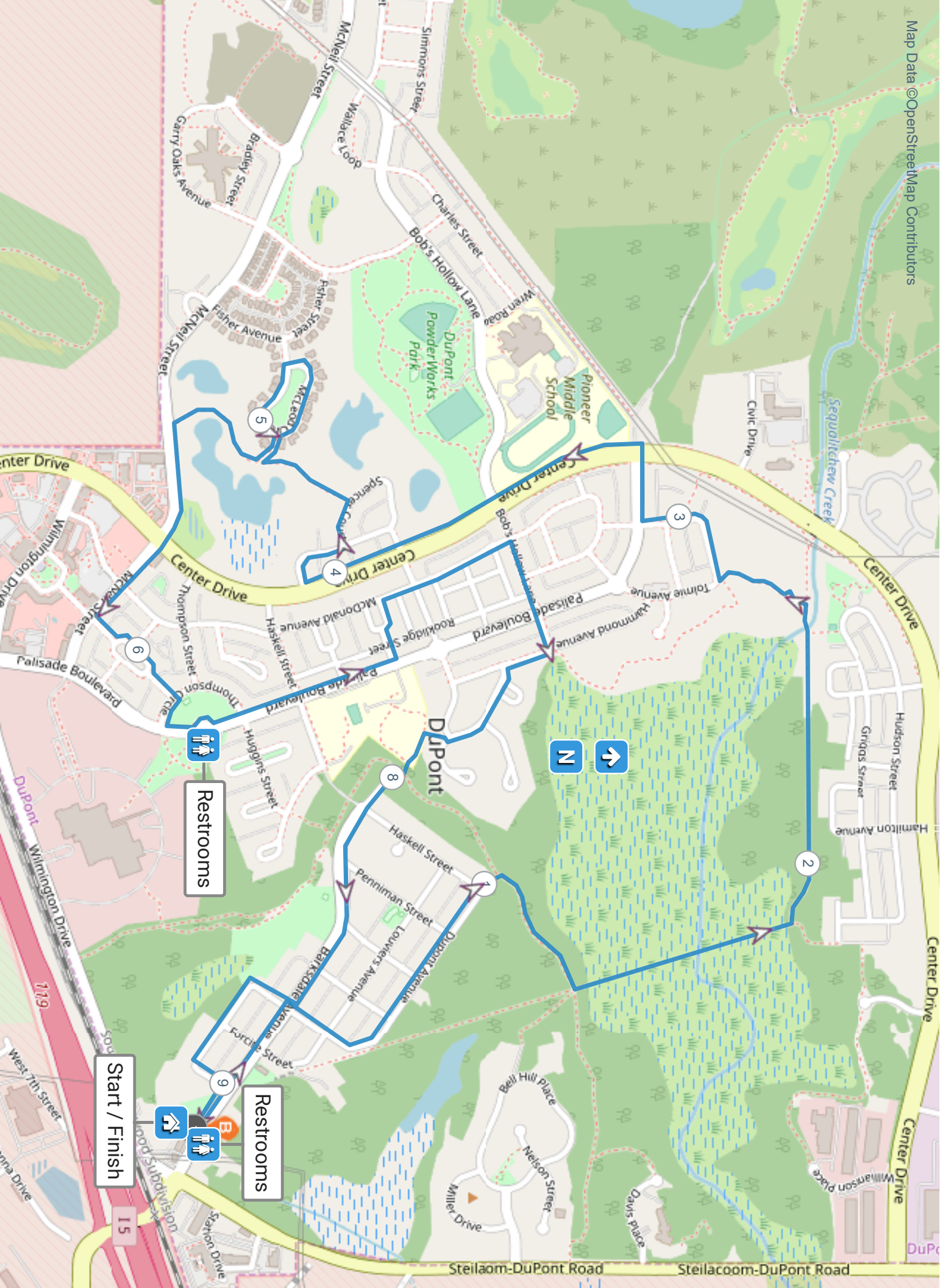
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- 1 **LEFT** on Barksdale Ave. to Repauno Ave.
- 2 **CROSS** and **RIGHT** at Repauno Ave.
- 3 **CURVE LEFT** on unmarked DuPont Ave., then **STRAIGHT** to stairs down to the trail (at corner of Haskell St. and DuPont Ave.).
- 4 **RIGHT** on the gravel/dirt trail to the intersection (fire hydrant on right).
- 5 **LEFT** at the intersection, following the BB trail sign.
- 6 **LEFT** at dog waste bin (Sequalitchew Bridge .4 mile sign).
- 7 **LEFT** at the blacktop trail (after the bridge and before the chain link fence) to corner of Tolmie St./Tolmie Ave.
- 8 **RIGHT** on Tolmie St., curves left becoming McDonald Ave. (pioneer cemetery) to Palisade Blvd.
- 9 **RIGHT** at Palisade Blvd to Center Dr.
- 10 **CROSS** Center Dr. and **LEFT** about 1K to Kennedy Pl.
- 11 **RIGHT** at Kennedy Pl. to Spencer Ct. (first street on left).
- 12 **LEFT** on Spencer Ct. to blacktop trail on left (dog waste bin; across from #1770 Kennedy Pl.).
- 13 **LEFT** on the trail (Memorial Trail).
- 14 **RIGHT** to another trail just past the crest of the hill (unmarked McLeod Circle).
- 15 **WALK AROUND** McLeod Circle in either direction and re-enter the black top trail which lies between house #1766 and house #1742.
- 16 **RIGHT** at the T on black top trail to the street (unmarked at McNeil St.)
- 17 **LEFT** at McNeil St.

- 18 **CROSS** Center Drive to Ross Ave.
- 19 **LEFT** at Ross Ave. to Thompson Circle  
(Ross curves to the left at the pool bldg.).
- 20 **CROSS** and **RIGHT** at Thompson Circle  
past the Post Office to Palisade Blvd.
- 21 **LEFT** at Palisade Blvd. to Kittson St.  
(restrooms in the clock tower bldg.)
- 22 **CROSS** and **LEFT** at Kittson St. to  
McDonald Ave.
- 23 **RIGHT** on McDonald Ave (watch for  
uneven sidewalks) to Bobs Hollow Lane.
- 24 **RIGHT** at Bobs Hollow Lane to Hammond  
Ave (sign often missing but at T at the end of  
lane)
- 25 **CROSS** and **RIGHT** at Hammond Ave. to  
Harrington Pl.
- 26 **LEFT** on Harrington Pl. to Kincaid St.
- 27 **CROSS** Kincaid St and continue on right side  
or Harrington PL. a short distance then an  
immediate **RIGHT** on gravel trail.
- 28 Trail **URNS LEFT** at the big tree (do not  
enter school grounds).
- 29 **RIGHT** at the T in the trail, then through the  
wood posts to the cul-de-sac (unmarked  
Barksdale Ave.)
- 30 **LEFT** at Barksdale to Repauno Ave.
- 31 **RIGHT** at Repauno Ave.
- 32 **CURVE LEFT** on unmarked Brandywine  
Ave.
- 33 **LEFT** at Santa Cruz St.
- 34 **RIGHT** at Barksdale to finish at Iafrati Park.

# DuPont 10K Historical Walk



# ESVA/OTSVVA/AVA SPECIAL CHALLENGE PROGRAMS - 2026

For more information on ESVA go to: <http://www.esva.online/challenges/>

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## CURRENT ESVA SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Please note the years [in brackets] that each challenge is active.

39 COUNTIES - (ONGOING)	<b>P (Pierce)</b>			
DISCOVER YOUR STATE AND NATIONAL PARKS [2026-2028]				
TELL ME A STORY [2025-2027]	<b>X</b>			
THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT [2024-2026]	CULTURAL <b>X (5K)</b>	FAIRS, FESTIVALS, ARCADES	CRAFTS/HOBBIES	SPORTS VENUES

## PREVIOUS ESVA SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Patches for books received past the end date will be sent while supplies last. No refunds.

FRONTLINE HEROES [2021-2023]	MEDICAL CENTERS	DELIVERY SERVICES	SUSTENANCE PROVIDERS	ESSENTIAL SERVICES
ON THE ROAD AGAIN [2022-2024]	ONLY APPLIES TO TRADITIONAL EVENTS			
STROLLING ALONG THE RIVERS [2023-2025]				

## CURRENT OTSVA SPECIAL PROGRAMS

For more information on OTSVA go to: <https://www.otsva.org/challenges.html>

BUTTERFLY [2026-2028]	
PEACE POLES [2024-2026]	

## CURRENT AVA SPECIAL PROGRAMS

For more information on AVA go to: <https://cb.ava.org/specprog.php>

Most programs allow the participants up to 12 months from the official end date to complete.

50 STATES/51 CAPITALS	[ONGOING]	<b>Washington</b>
A-Z (Walking the US A-Z)	[ONGOING]	<b>D (Dupont)</b>
A-MAZ-ING LABYRINTHS	[2024-2026]	
ANNIVERSARIES HURRAH	[ONLY 2026]	<b>All AVA sanctioned events qualify for Anniversaries Hurrah.</b>
GRAIN ELEVATORS: MONARCHS OF THE PLAINS	[2025-2027]	
IVV-AMERICAS	[2022-NO END]	<b>All AVA sanctioned events qualify for the IVV-America's Special Program.</b>
LIGHTHOUSES II	[2023-2025]	
PAR FOR THE COURSE	[2023-2025]	
RAILS TO TRAILS	[2022-2025]	
STEP TO THE BEAT	[2024-2026]	<b>X</b>
WALKING WITH AMERICAN VETERANS	[2021-2027]	
WALKING WITH THE WILD THINGS	[2025-2027]	<b>X</b>