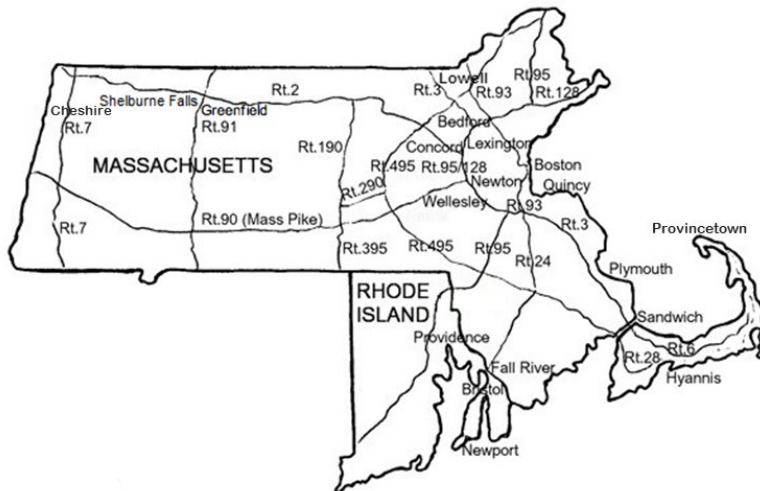


Plymouth, MA – Walk in the Footsteps of the Pilgrims 10km & 5km routes

EVENT ID: 2026 / Y1018

OPEN: April 1 to December 31, 2026

TRAIL DESCRIPTION: Historic sites abound on this walk. The Forefathers' Monument, Burial Hill, Jenney Grist Mill, and Brewster Gardens are visited en route to Plymouth Harbor where Plymouth Rock and Mayflower II, a reproduction of the ship that crossed the Atlantic with the Pilgrims aboard, are located. Additional attractions include the Plymouth Bay Winery and multiple museums featuring the Pilgrims' life as well as expansive vistas of Plymouth Harbor.



The 5km walk route starts in downtown Plymouth and encompasses the historic sites and Plymouth Harbor.

REGISTRATION: Online Start Box (OSB) registration. (<https://my.ava.org>) and Physical Start Box (PSB) at CVS, 330 Court Street (Rt. 3A), Plymouth, MA 0236. Daily 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Walk only during daylight. All walkers must pay the nominal participant fee, whether getting IVV Credit or not.

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.

Group walks with in-person registration and physical stamping of IVV books will be scheduled during the year. Check www.walknmass.org for dates and times.

AWARD: The A award is a fully embroidered patch celebrating the Mayflower's quadricentennial in 2020 and includes the ships' namesake emblem.

For OSB registrants who want an award, send a check in the amount of \$4 payable to Walk 'N Mass Volkssport Club c/o John Christiansen, 1 Sterling Blvd., Plymouth, MA 02360-7514.

TRAIL RATING: With some stairs and several short hills, both walk routes have an AVA rating of 2B and are not suitable for either wheelchairs or strollers.



AVA SPECIAL PROGRAMS:

- Anniversaries Hurrah
- Par-For-The-Course (11km)
- Town Halls/City Halls
- Walking the USA A – Z
- Walking with America’s Veterans

START ADDRESS: The 10km route begins at 10 Cordage Park, Plymouth, MA.

The 5km route begins in the parking area at the top of South Russell Street; behind Plymouth Town Hall at 26 Court Street, Plymouth, MA.

PARKING: Large parking lot (free parking) at 10 Cordage Park (10km route).

Pay parking lot/parking garage at top of South Russel Street: \$1 per hour/\$5 for all day (5km route).

RESTROOMS: At Cordage Park, start point for the 10km route, enter at 10 Cordage Park and walk straight back, passing the intersecting hallway; bathrooms are ahead on the left.

For the 5km, the closest bathrooms to the parking area, walk halfway down the hill (South Russell St.) to bathroom on the left between the two buildings that make up the Town Hall complex.

Additional (seasonal) public bathrooms along the routes near the Town Wharf (5km and 10km), the 1749 Court House (5km and 10 km), and Nelson Memorial Park (10km).

DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

From the North:

1. I-95/Rt. 128 South to I-93 North to Route 3 South
2. From Route 3, take Exit 18 (Route 3A) toward Kingston/N. Plymouth.
3. **LEFT** onto 3A South/Main Street, which becomes Court St. when entering Plymouth.
4. To 10km Start: **LEFT** at traffic light to Cordage Park and an immediate **RIGHT** on driveway entrance and then **LEFT** to parking lot. 10 Cordage Park is ahead on the left.
4. To 5km Start: Continue past Cordage Park on Court St. and into downtown Plymouth. **RIGHT** on Russel St. to top of hill and **LEFT** on So. Russell St. to parking lot and parking garage.

From the West:

1. I-495 South to Route 44 East.
2. Continue with Route 44 directions below.

From Providence:

1. Route 44 East.
2. Continue with Route 44 directions below.

From Route 44 East:

1. Take exit for MA-80/Cherry Street/N. Plymouth.
2. **LEFT** at top of ramp to end at Nicks Rock Road.
3. **RIGHT** on Nicks Rock Road, which becomes Cherry Street, to end at Rt. 3A/Court St.
4. To 10km Start: **LEFT** on Rt. 3A/Court St. about 0.3 miles to **RIGHT** at first traffic light to Cordage Park and an immediate **RIGHT** on driveway entrance and then **LEFT** to parking lot. 10 Cordage Park is ahead on the left.
4. To 5km Start: **RIGHT** on Rt. 3A/Court St. for about 1.7 miles into downtown Plymouth. **RIGHT** on Russel St. to top of hill and **LEFT** on So. Russell St. to parking lot and parking garage.

REMEMBER: You must log back into the Online Start Box at <https://my.ava.org> to finish online registration procedure after completing this event. Any checkpoints noted in the walk directions are for your own amusement/education and are not validated in OSB.

In case of Emergency: 911

For questions or comments:

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PLYMOUTH, MA
Seasonal Event — 10 km

Walk in the Footsteps of the Pilgrims



Driving directions from CVS Physical Start Box to 10 km walk start point: Exit CVS parking lot at rear and **LEFT** on Cherry St. **LEFT** on Court St. to traffic light (approx. 0.3 mile) to Cordage Park on the right. **RIGHT** and **RIGHT** again, and a quick **LEFT** to enter the parking lot to 10 Cordage Park.

1. Leave Cordage Park and walk to Court St on the paved path by the trees on the left.
2. **LEFT** on Court St.
3. **LEFT** on Hedge Road
4. **RIGHT** on the North Plymouth (Seaside) Rail Trail.
5. **RIGHT** on Robbins Road, across from the “Robbins Wharf” sign.
6. **LEFT** at the end of Robbins Rd., walking on Court St. **CROSS** Court St. when possible.
7. **RIGHT** on Allerton St.
8. Continue on Allerton St., bearing **LEFT** up hill.
9. **RIGHT** to enter the National Monument to the Forefathers Park, walking counterclockwise on the path around the monument and returning to Allerton St.
At 81 feet, this is the tallest solid granite monument in the United States. Built between 1859 and 1889 at the cost of \$155,000, it depicts the ideals of the Pilgrims: Faith, Morality, Education, Law, and Liberty.
10. **CROSS & RIGHT** on Allerton St.
11. **LEFT** at bottom of the hill on Samoset St.
12. **RIGHT** at lights on Court St.
Note the museums on both sides of Court St.
13. **RIGHT** on Russell St.
14. **LEFT** on So. Russell St, bearing **RIGHT** between the garage and parking lot to the entrance of Burial Hill Cemetery.
15. Continue up the main walkway to the top of the hill and **RIGHT** at T-intersection.
To the left is Governor Bradford's burial site. Large white signs indicate where notable Pilgrims are buried.
16. At the top, enjoy the view over the harbor. Bear **RIGHT** to the brick steps down to the First Parish Church.
On the right, the white sign denotes the location of the first fort, Burial Hill Fort, built in 1621.
17. **RIGHT** on crosswalk in front of the First Parish Church.
First Parish Church was built in 1899.
18. **LEFT** down the hill to the 1749 Court House (now a museum—free; open mid-June to mid-Oct—early Plymouth items). Seasonal public restrooms behind 1749 Court House.
The 1749 Court House is the oldest wooden court house and the longest used municipal building in the United States.
19. **CROSS** Market St. and walk to the traffic signal at Main St.
20. **CROSS** and **RIGHT** on Main St. to walk in front of the US Post Office.
21. **LEFT** on the new granite stairs, descending to Brewster Gardens.
22. **LEFT** on path to the Pilgrim Maiden Statue.
23. Follow the **LEFT** path, going past the Immigrant Memorial Monument on the left.
24. Walk through the archway of Brewster Gardens and **LEFT** up Leyden St.
Leyden St. was the first street in Plymouth.
25. **CROSS** Leyden St. at top of hill (stop sign on right) at intersection with Carver St.

26. **RIGHT** on Carver St. approx.. 5km
27. On the right, at the large stone with historic marker, **follow the path around the top of Cole's Hill** to steps on the right.
28. **RIGHT** down the steps and **CROSS & LEFT** on Water St. to Plymouth Rock.
29. A quick **RIGHT** to follow the paved walkway along the shore to the State Pier.
30. **RIGHT** on State Pier, passing the Mayflower II, to the end.
The Mayflower II had a \$7.9 million overhaul in 2019.
31. **Retrace** your steps, continuing straight to Water St. Restrooms in building on the right.
32. **RIGHT** on Water St. to end (Nelson St.). You will pass the scenic waterfront, multiple restaurants, and stores.
33. **RIGHT** at Nelson St. into Nelson Memorial Park. Seasonal restrooms.
34. **Continue straight** on sidewalk that bears left between the parking lot and the beach until you reach the North Plymouth (Seaside) Rail Trail.
35. **RIGHT** on Seaside Trail to end at Hedge Road.
36. **LEFT** on Hedge Road to end at Court St.
37. **RIGHT** on Court St. to Cordage Park.

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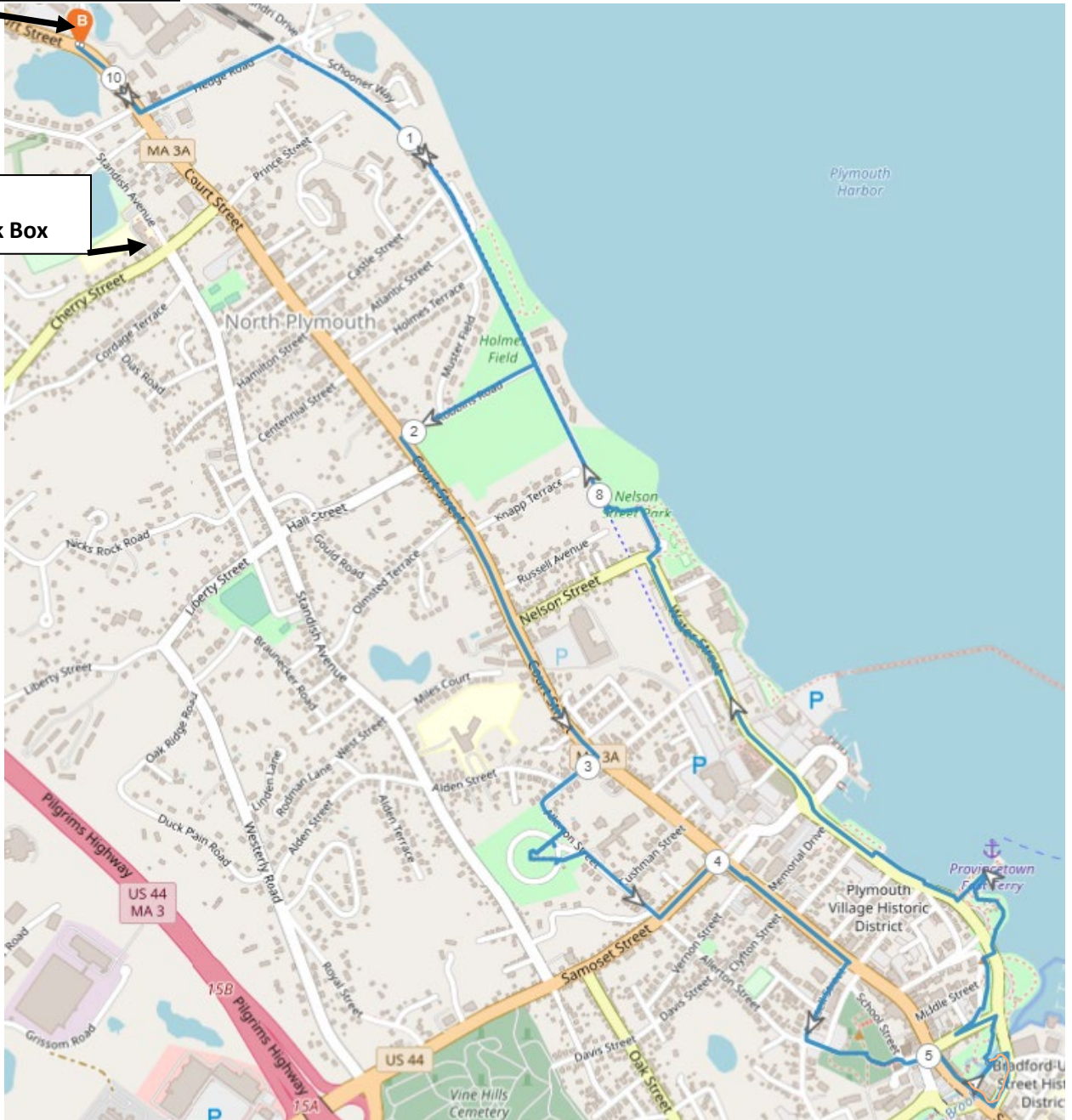
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Plymouth, MA

10km Volkswalk Route

**Cordage Park
10K START/FINISH**

**CVS
Physical Walk Box**



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PLYMOUTH, MA
Seasonal Event — 5 km



Walk in the Footsteps of the Pilgrims

Driving directions from CVS Physical Start Box to 5km walk start point: Exit CVS parking lot at rear and **LEFT** on Cherry St. **RIGHT** on Court St. and drive through 1 set of traffic lights into downtown Plymouth to **RIGHT** on Russell St. (approx. 1.7 miles). **LEFT** on So. Russell St. (at top of hill) where you will find meter parking (2 and 4 hours) on the street or parking garage (garage weekends only).

1. Between parking lot and garage, enter Burial Hill Cemetery through small gate.
2. Continue up the main walkway to the top of the hill and **RIGHT** at T-intersection.

To the left is Governor Bradford's burial site. Large white signs indicate where notable Pilgrims are buried.

3. At the top, enjoy the view over the harbor. Bear **RIGHT** to the brick steps down to the First Parish Church.

On the right, the white sign denotes the location of the first fort, Burial Hill Fort, built in 1621.

4. **RIGHT on crosswalk** in front of the First Parish Church.

First Parish Church was built in 1899.

5. **LEFT** down the hill to the 1749 Court House (now a museum—free; open mid-June to mid-Oct—early Plymouth items).

The 1749 Court House is the oldest wooden court house and the longest used municipal building in the United States.

6. **RIGHT** on Market Street (after Court House Museum) to Summer St. Seasonal public restrooms behind 1749 Court House.

7. **RIGHT** on Summer St. (John Carver Inn).

8. **At crosswalk, CROSS** and **RIGHT** to cross Spring Lane and continue on Summer St.

9. **CROSS and LEFT** on Willard Place to end.

10. **LEFT** at end, going over the bridge. Follow path on **LEFT** along the water to Grist Mill.

The Plimoth Grist Mill is a reconstruction of the original Jenney Grist Mill that was built in 1636.

***** While construction of path next to Grist Mill is ongoing, follow this detour and then continue at #15.**

- **RIGHT** at crosswalk and **LEFT** past the mill to return to Summer St.
 - **RIGHT** on Summer St., then bear right onto Market St.
 - **CROSS the bridge to crosswalk** at start of Sandwich St. *Watch for traffic from several directions (no traffic light).*
 - **Follow sidewalk**, passing LaBamba Tacos on the right, to next crosswalk.
 - **CROSS** at Sandwich Street. *Watch for traffic from several directions (no traffic light).*
 - **LEFT** on sidewalk; continue up the hill.
 - **RIGHT** on granite steps descending to Brewster Gardens and Plymouth Maiden Statue.
 - **Continue** through Brewster Gardens using **path on the left**. Note Immigrant Memorial Monument on left just before the archway.
11. **RIGHT** at crosswalk and straight on walking path with Grist Mill on the left. 1.3 km
 12. **Follow** path along Town Brook to **LEFT** over wooden footbridge in Brewster Gardens.
 13. **LEFT** on path to the Pilgrim Maiden Statue.
 14. Retrace path to footbridge and take path on **LEFT**, going past the Immigrant Memorial Monument on the left.

15. Walk through the archway of Brewster Gardens and **LEFT** up Leyden St.
Leyden St. was the first street in Plymouth.
16. **CROSS** Leyden St. at top (stop sign on right) at intersection with Carver St.
17. **RIGHT** on Carver St.
18. On the right, at the large stone with historic marker, **follow the path around the top of Cole's Hill** to steps on the right. 1.8 km
19. **RIGHT** down the steps and **CROSS & LEFT** on Water St. to Plymouth Rock.
20. A quick **RIGHT** to follow the paved walkway along the shore to the State Pier.
21. **RIGHT** on State Pier, passing the Mayflower II, to the end. 2.4 km
The Mayflower II had a \$7.9 million overhaul in 2019.
22. **Retrace** your steps, continuing straight to Water St. Restrooms in building on the right.
23. **RIGHT** on Water St., passing the scenic waterfront, multiple restaurants, and stores.
24. Using crosswalk, **CROSS** and **RIGHT** on Water St. (East Bay Grille at 173 Water St. on the right).
When passing the Hotel 1620, look up and to the left to see the National Monument to the Forefathers. At 81 feet, this is the tallest solid granite monument in the United States. Built between 1859 and 1889 at the cost of \$155,000, it depicts the ideals of the Pilgrims: Faith, Morality, Education, Law, and Liberty
25. **LEFT** up Lothrop St. to end at Court St.
26. **LEFT** on Court St. **CROSS** Route 44 (Samoset St.) at traffic light and continue on Court St. into downtown Plymouth.
27. After museum at 75 Court St., use crosswalk to **CROSS** and **LEFT** to continue on Court St.
The Pilgrim Hall Museum is the oldest public museum in the United States in continuous operation, having opened in 1824. Open 9:30 to 4:30 (fee).
28. **RIGHT** on So. Russell St., going up hill to parking area and FINISH. Restrooms on right halfway up the hill.

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5km Volkswalk Route



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---> Dashed arrows show detour route while Town Path to Brewster Gardens is being renovated.