

5 km/8 km/10 km/11 km Woodstock Year Round Walk

EVENT ID: 2019/Y1022

TRAIL DESCRIPTION:

This walk offers the choice of a hike up Mt. Tom (rating 3B), a visit to the Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Park, or an easy walk through historic Woodstock (1A), noted for its shops, culture, and town square. Please note, the mountain hike is best after May 1 and before November. The 5k walk has numerous places to good food and water throughout the village. For the 8, 10, and 11 km trails, you are encouraged to carry water, and a walking stick or hiking poles would come in handy. The trail map given is a reduced scale version of the *Walk Woodstock* map (<https://www.nps.gov/mabi/planyourvisit/hiking-trails.htm>). Those doing the longer walks might consider stopping at one of the visitor centers and getting a copy of this map. It is much larger and will show the trails in better detail.

TRAIL RATING:

The 8, 10, and 11 km trails are all rated 3B. They have a significant portion on the dirt trails of the park, and a long, steady climb through the park, with the same descent later. The 5 km trail is rated 1A, using paved surfaces in town. Only the 5 km trail would be suitable for strollers. Leashed pets are welcome on all trails, and you must clean up after them.

AWARDS & Fees:

This is an IVV Credit Only event with online registration (www.cva4u.org). The online system does not allow Free walkers; a minimal charge is incurred for directions.

To register, go to the www.cva4u.org site, follow the left side link, 'Online Start Box', and the instructions provided to sign a waiver and register for this event. Payments for event credit and directions use Paypal. The directions and insert cards are PDFs that you can download and print as needed. The POC does not provide event directions or accept alternate payment methods. The entire online process should take less than 10 minutes for a first time user.

AMENITIES:

At the start of the walk, the Billings Farm Visitor Center is open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., April 1 to October 31. Restrooms are available when the building is open. Admission is \$16 for adults, \$14 for seniors. The Carriage Barn Visitor Center across the road at the Rockefeller Mansion is open Memorial Day weekend to October 31. Admission to the mansion is \$8 for adults, \$4 for seniors. A combination pass for both attractions is \$19 for adults, and \$15 for seniors.

The Chamber of Commerce building on Mechanic Street, open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., has public restrooms. Restrooms are also located at the Town Hall, #31 on the Green, Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to p.m.

The town of Woodstock has many places to eat and shop. All the trails pass through the town, so you can take time to enjoy it.

AVA SPECIAL PROGRAMS

- Ice Cream Parlors (33 Central Street)
- Little Free Libraries (off Central Street, near Lincoln St.)
- Underground Railroad (home of abolitionist and judge Titus Hutchinson, on the green near Elm and Central St.)
- Walking the Path of Inventions (Bunny Bertram, who engineered Vermont's first rope tow, lived on the village green)
- Walking the USA A-Z ("W")

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

- From I-89, take Exit 1, and travel west to Woodstock, about 13 miles.
- As you approach Woodstock Village, bear right at the fork onto Pleasant Street.
- At the end of the street, turn right onto VT Route 12/Elm Street
- Cross the bridge and turn right onto River Road at Billings Farm
- Turn LEFT into the Billings Farm Picnic Area parking lot.

WALK COMPLETION AND WALK CREDIT

You must log back into OLSB to finish the online registration procedure after completing this event. Select the "Maps and Finish" tab. Use the displayed entry form to submit the date and distance of your walk as well as select applicable AVA Special Programs to generate stamped "virtual" insert cards that you may later choose to print out.

OTHER INFORMATION:

In case of Emergency: Dial 911
Event related assistance:
Pat Stark: 802-478-1110

These walk directions and maps may only be used in conjunction with a signed American Volkssport Association athletic waiver. All other uses are prohibited.

WOODSTOCK, VERMONT Y1022
5 KM SEASONAL WALK

1. From the parking at the junction of River Road and VT 12, cross the street into the Billings Farm & Museum. Restrooms here when it is open, and tickets available for purchase if you want to visit the museum and/or the mansion.
2. Exit the museum, crossing VT 12 on the crosswalk towards the Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller mansion. There is a visitors center here, too.
3. Facing away from the visitors center, walk on the driveway past the mansion, then down the driveway to VT 12.
4. Turn RIGHT on VT 12, following to River St., just before the bridge.
5. Turn RIGHT on River St., passing the small River Street Cemetery on your right.
6. At the first intersection, LEFT to walk through the covered bridge. Turn around, then cross River Street onto Mountain Avenue. Follow Mountain Avenue past Faulkner Park on your right. The historic Faulkner Trail, restored in 2004, switchbacks its way up to Mt. Tom.
7. At the end of Mountain Avenue, at a 3-way intersection with Church and River St, sharp left on Church Street, crossing the Ottauquechee River.
8. Follow Church Street to the village green. The green was built in the shape of a battleship.
9. Walk through the center of the green. On your right are the county court house and the Woodstock Inn.
10. Near the end of the green, cross the street and turn LEFT on the sidewalk. The Norman Williams public library is near the intersection with Court St.
11. Continue on the sidewalk through the village, staying RIGHT at the fork with Elm Street. You are now following Central St. On your right will be the Mountain Creamery.
12. Turn RIGHT on Mechanic St. and follow a short distance to the Woodstock Visitor Center (restrooms and a lot of info). Turn around to return to Central Street.
13. RIGHT on Central Street to complete your stroll through town. Note the veteran's monument on left in a small park.
14. At the monument, sharp LEFT on Pleasant Street. Notice the Congregational Church (1808) at the end of the street.
15. At the end of Pleasant St., RIGHT on Elm Street, and cross the Iron Bridge over the river. Continue up and down a small incline, passing the first entrance to Billings Farm.
16. Fork RIGHT on River Road to return to your car.

5 KM WALK

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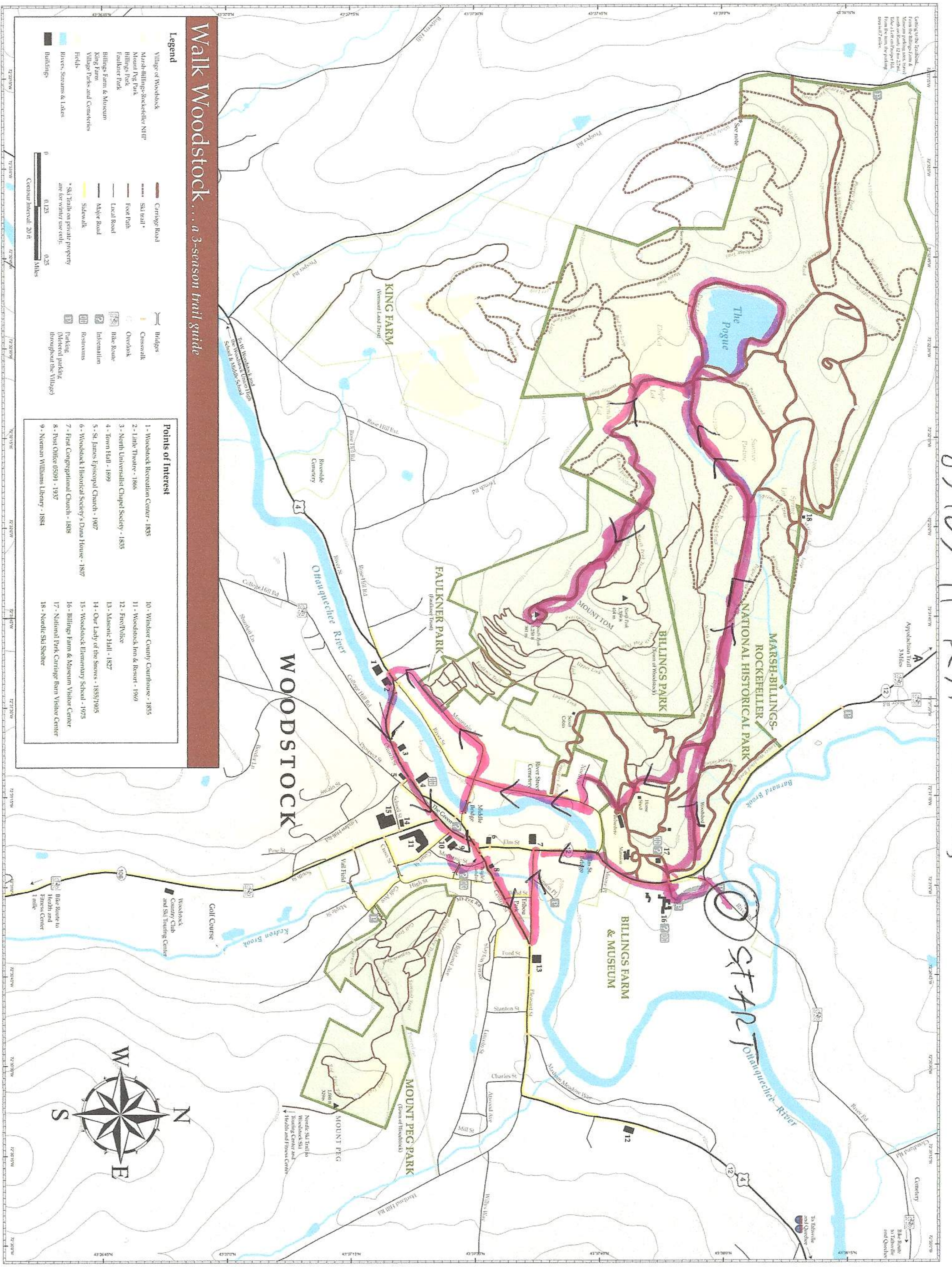


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8, 10, and 11 km SEASONAL WALK

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2. Exit the museum, crossing VT 12 on the crosswalk towards the Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller mansion. There is a visitors center here, too.
3. Exit the Visitors Center and take the carriage trail on your LEFT – Mountain Road, before you reach the highway. Continue walking up the mountain road.
4. After about 1.5 km, you reach a “Y” intersection with a stone water trough. Bear LEFT at this intersection, staying in Mountain Rd. towards the Pogue.
5. At the next 4-way intersection, note a second water trough and a sign pointing towards South Peak. **8 km walkers continue straight here and go to instruction #**
6. **For 10 and 11 km walkers:** Follow the wide trail passing between the fields and ascending to the peak of Mt. Tom. At the top, you will have a great view of Mt. Ascutney and the village of Woodstock far below. Retrace your steps and return to the intersection with the water trough.
7. At intersection, LEFT towards the Pogue..
8. Continue a short distance up the hill to the Pogue. *The Pogue was previously a marshy spring-fed fen. Frederick Billings dredged and dammed it in the 1880s to provide water for his estate.*
9. **11 km walkers:** Walk around the Pogue until you return to where you are now. Enjoy this wide carriage trail and look for turtles sunbathing on the dead trees on the water. **All walkers:** Turn around and begin your descent into town.
10. At the next intersection (Upper Meadow Trail), RIGHT. Follow it past the horse shed to the Gardens on your right, keeping the white building on your right.
11. Enter the gardens. After admiring the flowers, go the RIGHT, and walk along paths to the other end of the gardens.
12. Exit gardens to the RIGHT and go a few feet to turn LEFT on a lane.
13. Follow this trail to a “T” junction. Turn LEFT (North Street, no sign), descending to River Street.
14. Turn RIGHT on River St., passing the small River Street Cemetery on your right.
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Walk Woodstock... a 3-season trail guide

Legend

- Carriage Road
- Ski Trail
- Foot Path
- Local Road
- Major Road
- Fields
- Rivers, Streams & Lakes
- Buildings
- Village of Woodstock
- Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller NHP
- Mount Peg Park
- Faulkner Park
- Billings Farm & Museum
- Village Parks and Cemeteries
- Parks
- Ski Trails on private property are for winter use only.
- 0 0.125 0.25 Miles
- Centimeter Interval: 20 ft
- Bridges
- Crosswalk
- Overlook
- Bike Route
- Information
- Restrooms
- Parking
- Motorist parking throughout the Village

Points of Interest

- 1 - Woodstock Recreation Center - 1835
- 2 - Little Theater - 1866
- 3 - North Universalist Chapel Society - 1835
- 4 - Town Hall - 1899
- 5 - St. James Episcopal Church - 1907
- 6 - Woodstock Historical Society's Dana House - 1807
- 7 - First Congregational Church - 1808
- 8 - Post Office 05091 - 1937
- 9 - Norman Williams Library - 1884
- 10 - Windsor County Courthouse - 1855
- 11 - Woodstock Inn & Resort - 1960
- 12 - Fire/Police
- 13 - Masonic Hall - 1827
- 14 - Our Lady of the Snows - 1853/1905
- 15 - Woodstock Elementary School - 1975
- 16 - Billings Farm & Museum Visitor Center
- 17 - National Park Carriage Barn Visitor Center
- 18 - Nordic Ski Shelter



START