



The Asheville Amblers  
Welcome You to  
**The Bluffton, SC Walk**  
An AVA Sanctioned Year Round Event



This is a unique walk with many aspects - quiet neighborhoods, home of one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, a truly remarkable church, a tour of an oyster shucking factory, and a bluff overlooking the May River which gives Bluffton its' name. This walk has both 5km and 10km options. Both 5km and 10km options are rated 1A. The walk start/end point is in the Oyster Factory Park Parking Lot.

### **Walk Registration:**

Registration takes place online using that AVA Online Start Box, on 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. The POC does not provide event directions or accept alternate payment methods.

### **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 stamped "virtual" insert cards that you may choose to print out.

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, by registering using the OSB and then completing your event using the PSB nor signing 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.

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**Starting Point Location:**

**From I95 north or south:** Take SC exit 8 (Hwy 278) toward Hilton Head. Drive approximately 12 miles and take a right at the traffic light on Hwy 46 (Bluffton Rd.) Continue on until intersection with May River Rd. where you turn right. Take the 3<sup>rd</sup> left onto Wharf St. The Start/Finish point is the Oyster Factory Park parking lot on the left just after you cross Bridge St. The street address 63 Wharf St., Bluffton, SC 29910.

GPS: latitude is 32.233477 longitude -80.867001

**Restrooms:**

There are restrooms in Oyster Park further down towards the river on the left.

During the walk at the Nicklepumper Gas Station (Step 8 on 5K and Step 21 on 10K) and also at Dubois Park (Step 18 on 5K and Step 38 on 10K).

**Emergency Numbers:**

In case of Emergency: Dial 911  
Event related assistance:  
Debbie Beam 843-298-0540

**Walking Instructions:**

Abbreviations used:

POI - Point of Interest

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

**Walk Directions:****Bluffton, SC 10K**

1. From Oyster Factory Park lot **LEFT** on Bridge St.
2. **RIGHT** on Thomas Heyward St. to May River Rd.
3. **LEFT** on May River Rd. (SC 46) to Stock Farm neighborhood.
4. Cross Stock Farm Rd. and turn **LEFT** on Stock Farm Rd. Walk on right side of road.
5. **RIGHT** on Ginkgo Rd. as it curves right to Smilax Rd.
6. **RIGHT** on Smilax Rd. (gravel) as it curves left to Mistletoe Loop.
7. **LEFT** on Mistletoe Loop to Ginkgo Lane.
8. **RIGHT** on Ginkgo Lane to Guilford Place.
9. **RIGHT** on Guilford Place to Stock Farm Rd.

10. **LEFT** on Stock Farm Rd. to exit Stock Farm neighborhood.
11. **RIGHT** on May River Rd. (SC46) to Guerrard Ave, passing Squat and Gobble Diner across the street on the left.
12. **RIGHT** on Guerrard Ave. to Robertson St.
13. **LEFT** on Robertson St. (no sign) to Wharf St.
14. **LEFT** on Wharf St. to Lawrence St, passing Little Library on right.
15. **RIGHT** on Lawrence St. to Dubois Lane. (POI-9)
16. **LEFT** on Dubois Lane to May River Rd. (SC46)
17. **RIGHT** on May River Rd. (SC46)
18. Double cross Calhoun St. and May River Rd. (SC46) to continue on Promenade St. to Dr. Mellichamp Dr. Enjoy the restaurants in the Promenade area.
19. **RIGHT** on Dr. Mellichamp Dr. to Bluffton Rd. (SC46)
20. **RIGHT** on Bluffton Rd. to Bruin St./May River Rd.
21. At Bruin St. (going right)/ May River Rd. (going left) 4 way stop - carefully double cross Bluffton Rd. and Bruin St. (Restrooms at Nicklepumper's gas station).
22. **LEFT** on Bruin St. (Nicklepumper's on your right) to Pearl St.
23. **RIGHT** on Pearl St. entering small neighborhood to Tabby Shell Rd.
24. **RIGHT** on Tabby Shell Rd. passing the old, small Tabby Roads Post Office to Pritchard St.
25. Cross Pritchard St. and turn **LEFT** on Pritchard St.
26. Cross Bridge St. and continue on Pritchard St. (dirt road) to Pritchard Pocket Park (bluff overlooking May River for which Bluffton was named). (POI-1)
27. Retrace your steps back to Bridge St.
28. **LEFT** on Bridge St. to Boundary St.
29. **LEFT** on Boundary St. to Water St (POI-2 and POI-3)
30. **RIGHT** on Water St. to Calhoun St. (POI-4)
31. **LEFT** on Calhoun St. passing Church of the Cross to pier on May River.
32. Retrace your steps back to Water St. (POI-5)
33. **LEFT** on Water St. to Pope St.
34. **RIGHT** on Pope St. to Allen St.
35. **RIGHT** on Allen St. to Calhoun St.
36. **LEFT** on Calhoun St. to Bridge St. (POI-6)
37. **RIGHT** on Bridge St. to Boundary St.
38. **LEFT** on Boundary St. to May River Rd. (SC46) passing the Thomas Heyward House (POI-10 and POI-11) and Dubois Park (restrooms) on left.

39. **LEFT** on May River Rd. to Calhoun St.
40. **LEFT** on Calhoun St. to Bridge St. Passing many shops and art galleries.
41. **RIGHT** on Bridge St. to Wharf St. (POI-7)
42. **LEFT** on Wharf St. (restrooms on left) to Bluffton Oyster Factory.  
(POI-8)
43. Enter factory to view shucking but do not disturb shuckers or take pictures of them.
44. Retract you steps on Wharf back to Oyster Factory Park parking area and the Start/Finish point.

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## Bluffton SC 5K

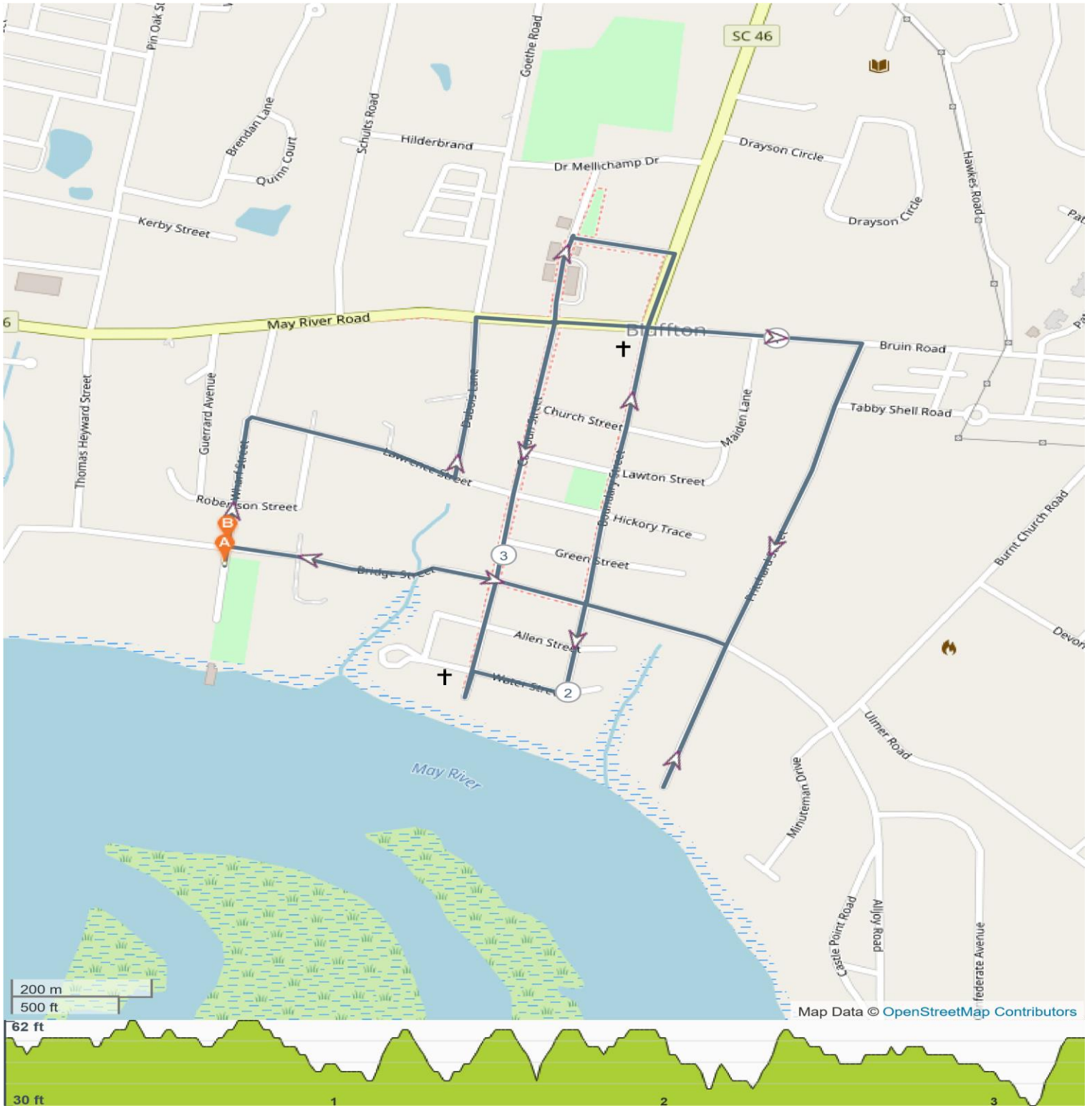
1. From Oyster Factory Park lot continue straight on Wharf St. to Lawrence St, passing Little Library on right.
2. **RIGHT** on Lawrence St. to Dubois Lane. (POI-9).
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### Points of Interest

1. Pritchard House, 131 Pritchard (12) – Original site built in 1800 and burnt during the Civil War. Rebuilt in 1890, it embodies the charm and simplicity of the Carolina farmhouse along with Queen Anne style ornamentation. Restored in 1996 when two wings were added.

2. Card House, 34 Bridge (15) – Built in 1825 and renovated in 1998, this house was known for its late night poker games in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century. Its straight lines and symmetry make it look like a house made of cards.

3. Fripp House, 48 Bridge (15) – Built in 1835, this 3 story frame building was built on 8 foot high piers.

4. Pine House, 85 Bridge (16) – Built in 1905, reminiscent of a home along the New England coast with its pine shingles and true basement, the home features 13' ceilings, wide pine flooring, pine paneled walls and a 14'x14' finished basement which original owner used to store wine. It was the first home in Bluffton with indoor plumbing.

5. Church of the Cross (17) – Built in 1857 for \$5000, this Gothic cruciform building was spared by Union troops during the firing of Bluffton but was severely damaged by the great storm of 1893. The copper standing seam roof, diamond paned rose glass windows and palmetto frond shutters were added later.

6. Seven Oaks, 82 Calhoun (22) – Built in 1860, it was a popular boarding house for salesmen and summer visitors in the 1920s during the heyday of Bluffton's prosperity as the commercial center of the area. The interior has been unchanged through time.

7. Orage Cottage, 92 Bridge (23) – Built in 1930, this is a prime example of Low Country simple shot gun cottage. Original pine lap siding and exposed rafter tails can be seen.

8. Bluffton Oyster Factory (24) - Built in 1940 on site of previous factories, this is one of SC top ten oldest continuously operating businesses. One of the last such factories on the east coast, it represents an important industry in the Low Country.

9. John A. Seabrook House, 47 Lawrence (31) – Built in the early 1850s, it is a fine example of home during Bluffton's last resort boom.

10. Campbell Chapel AME Church, 23 Boundary (34) – Built in 1853, it shows the good use of board and batten siding, 16/16 lite windows and the finest Greek temple style portico in Bluffton. Partially damaged by fire in 1863 burning of Bluffton, it was sold to AME church in 1874.

11. Thomas Heyward House, 70 Boundary (34) – Built in 1840, it was named for Thomas Heyward, Jr., signer of the Declaration of Independence for SC, by his grandson who was the first to live there. This simple timber framed house is an excellent example of Carolina Farmhouse Style brought from the West Indies and popular from colonial times up to the Civil War. It is only one of 8 antebellum homes remaining in Bluffton. It has not changed much in 170 years. It is open Mon-Sat for tours (fee).

<b>AVA SPECIAL PROGRAMS</b>					
<b>Program Name</b>	<b>Years</b>	<b>10K</b>	<b>5K</b>	<b>__ K</b>	<b>Information</b>
Airports - Celebrating American Flight	(2020 - 2023)				
Appalachian Trail	(2018 - 2028)				
Border Crossing	(2014 - 2023)				
Carousels	(2019 - 2022)				
Little Free Libraries	(2019 - 2022)	X	X		On Wharf Street
Mayflower - 400th Anniversary Walk	(2020 - 2023)				
Rockin' Around the Clock	(2020 - 2023)				
Underground Railroad	(2017 - 2020)				
Walk Like an Olympian	(2018 - 2020)				
<b>AVA NATIONAL PROGRAMS</b>					
<b>Program Name</b>	<b>Years</b>	<b>10K</b>	<b>5K</b>	<b>__ K</b>	<b>Information</b>
50 States / 51 Capitals	(no end date)				
Walk the USA (A To Z)	(no end date)				

### **Ambler Lowcountry Walks**

- Beaufort
- Bluffton
- Charleston Historic District
- Charleston Ravenel Bridge
- Hilton Head
- Magnolia Plantation
- Pinckney Island