

# **Fort McHenry**

**Y 1070**

**Baltimore, Maryland**

**7k, 11k and 14k Walk Event**

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## YRE Description

The 7k event encompasses Fort McHenry, a National Monument and Historic Shrine, and the Under Armour campus on Locust Point. The 11k extends the 7k, to pass by the Baltimore Museum of Industry, the American Visionary Art Museum, and the Inner Harbor. An additional 3k goes to the Katyn Memorial.

The trail is on city and park sidewalks. Shade is limited. Carrying water is recommended.

Rated 1A.

## AVA Special Programs

Little Free Libraries

Walking With America's Veterans

## Registering for the walk

When you register for the walk event you can download the PDF file with walk information. The PDF includes directions to the walk start and walk instructions. The fee for the download is \$2. You will be credited for this fee if you complete the walk event and pay the participant fee within 60 days.

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.

## After you have completed the walk event

Please remember to log back into the OSB's "Finish Table" after completing the walk event. Completion information includes the date the event was walked or cycled, the distance walked or cycled, and applicable special programs.

## Driving Directions to the trail start

Address: McDonald's, Southside Marketplace, 825 East Fort Ave, Baltimore, MD

Contact: 410-385-5364

From I-95 take Exit 55, Key Hwy. If you are coming from the north, use the right hand lane through the McHenry Tunnel to access Exit 55. Follow Ft McHenry signs. Go 1/2 mile to Laurence St; left on Laurence, straight at the light into the Southside Marketplace (crossing Fort Ave.). McDonald's is on your right. Ask for the walk box at the counter. Do not park in the area right next to the McDonald's or you will be towed. There is parking available in the Southside Marketplace parking lot.

## Welcome to the Baltimore Walking Club's (AVA-0418) Fort McHenry (YRE 1030) Walk Event – 7K / 11K / 14K © BWC 2022

1. Leave McDonald's, turn **RIGHT** on Fort Ave. Pass Woodall, Decatur, and Hull Sts (traffic lights). Cross the bridge over the railroad yard. Enter the Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine grounds and walk to the Visitor's Center. **2K**

*Restrooms are available in the Visitor's Center. The National Park Service does not charge a fee to walkers who simply follow the trail directions. There is a fee if you wish to see the exhibits.*

2. Leave the Visitor's Center through the door leading to the water.

3. Turn **LEFT** and follow the paved path.

4. Turn **RIGHT** at the Seaway Trail sign.

5. At the water, walk on the paved path with the water on your left and Fort McHenry on your right. Ignore the first path on the right leading up to the fort. At the fork, bear **RIGHT** (away from the water). Pass the large "Orpheus" statue on the right. Ignore the short path on the left leading to the Civil War Magazine.

6. At the road, (no sign) cross and turn **LEFT** to exit the park. Continue along Fort Ave.

7. Turn **RIGHT** on Hull St (traffic light) to the railroad tracks at Haubert St.

8. Carefully cross the tracks and turn **LEFT** on Key Hwy East. The building on your right has red paneling at the top of the first floor.

9. Turn **RIGHT** at the next street & look for the Under Armour vertical sign on your right at eye level. Pass the sign. Walk to the water. The Baltimore Immigration Memorial is to your right at the waterfront (a bit hard to see).

10. Turn **LEFT** on wooden boardwalk toward the small building. Use the handicap ramp just before the small building to exit the boardwalk.

11. Return to Key Hwy East (no sign) through the opening between buildings. Stay to the left and watch for cars.

12. Turn **RIGHT** at the sidewalk and walk along the side of the Domino Sugar Plant (look for the large reverse sign on top of a building). Cross the railroad tracks and walk to Woodall St. The 11K goes straight at Woodall St.

**11K and 14k walkers skip to step #15.**

13. 7k walkers turn **LEFT** at Woodall St, cross Key Hwy, and walk to Fort Ave (traffic light).

14. 7k walkers cross and turn **RIGHT** on Fort Ave and walk back to McDonald's.

15. 11k and 14k walkers continue on Key Hwy East and Key Hwy. Pass the Museum of Industry on your right.

16. Bear **RIGHT** at Harborview Dr. Stay on Harborview Dr. After Harborview Towers (100 Harborview Dr), turn **LEFT** and follow the white fence.

17. Turn **RIGHT** at the fence opening and walk down the ramp to walk on the promenade. Keep the water on your right.

18. Continue on the promenade past the low rise buildings (Ritz Carlton). After the low rise buildings, the promenade widens and there is a restaurant on the water side of the promenade.

19. Continue on the promenade. As it curves to the right, note the Maryland Science Center on the left and Water Taxi Stop #3 on your right. Continue on the promenade to the **Baltimore Visitor's Center**. (Glass building with gray wavy roof.)

*Clean Restrooms are available in the Visitor's Center.*

**11k walkers: Go back to the Science Center and step #32.**

**For the 3k Inner Harbor walk, follow steps #20 – #31.**

20. Continue walking on the promenade toward the Baltimore World Trade Center (tall five-sided building on the promenade. Pass the ship Constellation.

21. After passing the Baltimore World Trade Center, walk toward the Power Plant building.

22. Turn **RIGHT** at the Power Plant. Continue on the promenade until you reach the end of the building.

23. Turn **LEFT** and cross the footbridge ahead.

24. Turn **RIGHT** before the Pier Five Hotel.

25. Keep the water on your right, the hotel on your left, and follow the promenade. Pass the Seven Foot Knoll Lighthouse and Water Taxi Stop #5 on your left. Turn **RIGHT** and walk toward the Pier Six Concert Pavilion.

26. Cross the pedestrian bridge on the far side of the concert pavilion.

27. Turn **RIGHT** on the promenade, and keep the large hotel on your left.

28. Turn **LEFT**, and cross in front of the hotel. Walk to the large gold statue just beyond the hotel entrance. It is in memory of the members of the Polish National Guard massacred at the Katyn Forest.

29. After leaving the Polish monument, cross back to sidewalk and turn **RIGHT**. You are now on President St. Continue on left side of President St. to the Baltimore Civil War Museum – President Station at President and Fleet Sts.

30. Turn **LEFT** on Fleet St. Continue on Fleet St. and cross the pedestrian bridge at Pier Six Pavilion. Follow the pathway **RIGHT** at the compass rose in the walkway to proceed with the parking lot on your right and the Pier Five Hotel on your left.

31. At the street, turn **LEFT** directly in front of the Pier Five Hotel. Cross the pedestrian bridges toward the Aquarium and the Baltimore World Trade Center and follow the promenade back to the Maryland Science Center.

32. Follow the promenade to the left at the Science Center and turn slight **RIGHT** almost immediately, just after the Kawasaki Memorial.

33. Proceed on the cobblestone roadway to Key Hwy. You are walking away from the water.

34. Turn **LEFT** to Battery Ave. Cross Key Hwy at the Battery Ave light.

35. Continue straight to Warren Ave. Cross Warren Ave and turn **LEFT** to Riverside.

36. Turn **RIGHT** on Riverside for six blocks to the end on East Randall St.

37. Cross E. Randall Street to enter Riverside Park. Go up the steps and around the carousel type structure to the left. At the cannons follow the walkway toward the beige building (Riverside Park Pool).

38. Turn **LEFT** on the wide paved path (goes out of the park) and walk to edge of park.

39. The street in front of you is East Heath St. (No sign at this intersection). Continue straight down East Heath St.

40. At the end of East Heath St, enter the shopping center - through the brick entrance - onto the cement sidewalk. Go to the **LEFT**.

41. Follow the sidewalk to McDonald's and finish.

Thank you for walking with the Baltimore Walking Club.

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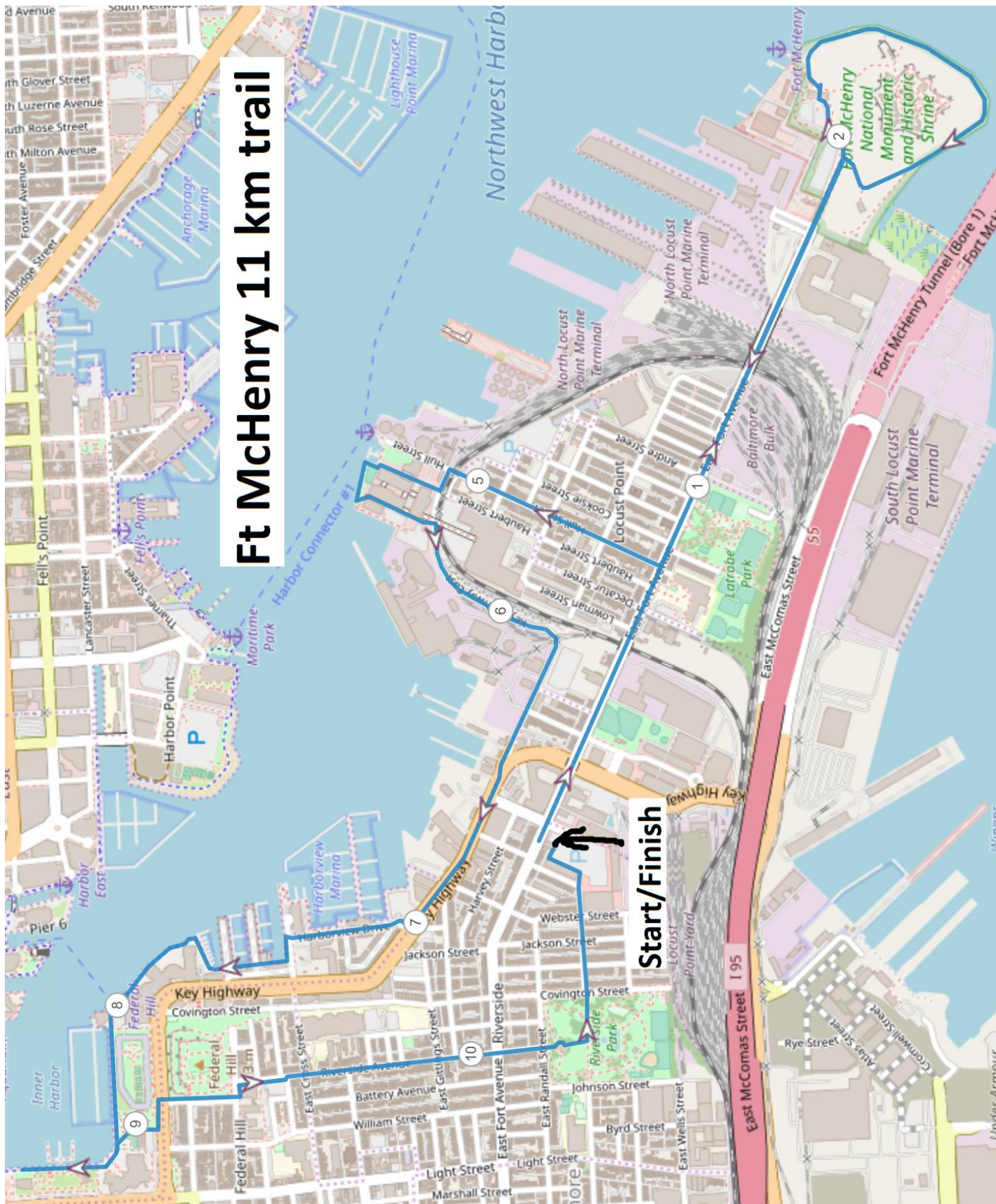


**Fort McHenry  
7 km trail**

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Event Assistance, call Jim at 443 504 5552.



**Ft McHenry 11 km trail**

**Start/Finish**



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# Internet Resources

State of Maryland: <https://maryland.gov>

City of Baltimore: <https://www.baltimore.org>

Fort McHenry: <https://www.nps.gov/fomc>

Under Armour: <https://underarmour.com>

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Under\\_Armour](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Under_Armour)

Domino Sugar: <https://www.facebook.com/DominoSugarBaltimore>

Baltimore Museum of Industry: <https://www.thebmi.org>

American Visionary Art Museum: <https://www.avam.org>

Baltimore Visitor Center: <https://baltimore.org/plan/baltimore-visitor-center>

Constellation: <https://historicships.org/explore/uss-constellation>

World Trade Center: <https://www.wtcbalto.com>

National Aquarium: <https://www.aqua.org>

Seven – Foot Knoll Lighthouse: <https://www.historicships.org/explore/sevenfootknoll-lighthouse>

Kawasaki Memorial: <https://publicartaroundtheworld.com/public-art-in-the-usa/public-art-in-baltimore/yuai-sculpture>

Katyn Memorial: <https://katynbaltimore.org>

Baltimore Walking Club: <https://www.baltimorewalkingclub.com>

# Fort McHenry Event Trivia

1. The Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine (2400 E. Fort Avenue) is a 43 acre park.\*
2. Domino Sugar is the last major manufacturer still operating in Baltimore's Inner Harbor.
3. According to the Baltimore Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Highway, virtually all of today's electric drills descend from the original hand-held drill patented in 1917 by S. Duncan Black and Alozo Decker, in Baltimore.\*\*
4. On the northern side of the park in Federal Hill Park are cannons from the Civil War that are symbols of those positioned by Union troops to face the city as a warning to Confederate sympathizers.\*
5. USS Constellation is a sloop-of-war, the last sail-only warship designed and built by the United States Navy. She was eventually decommissioned in 1955 after 100 years of service. The vessel is the only surviving ship from the Civil War Era. She is now a National Historic Landmark.
6. During World War 1, Fort McHenry was "home to the U.S. Army General Hospital No. 2, the largest military hospital in America. One hundred buildings covered nearly every foot of the parks 40-plus acres. Today one remains."\*\*
7. Riverside Park, 303 E. Randall St., is the city's oldest park.\*\*
8. The American Visionary Arts Museum, 800 Key Hwy, is home to self-taught and intuitive artistry.
9. The private residence at 200 ½ E. Montgomery T. is only 9 ½ feet wide – the narrowest house in Baltimore.\*\*
10. Visionary entrepreneur Kevin Plank is a self – made man who began his billion – dollar company, Under Armour, out of the trunk of his car in the late 1990s.\*\*

\* Moon Maryland, Michaela Riva Gaaserud, Second Edition, 2017.

\*\*111 Places in Baltimore That You Must Not Miss, Allison Robicelli, 2017