

**Freestate Happy Wanderers Chesapeake Beach, Maryland 5K & 10K Year-Round Event  
(Y1087), an AVA Sanctioned Year-Round Event**

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Where Tom Clancy wrote his novels. The trails pass historic homes, antique stores, eateries, marshland, and along a boardwalk. Enjoy views of the Chesapeake Bay while walking on the boardwalks in Chesapeake Beach and also in the neighboring town of North Beach.

**Trail Description:**

This event consists of two 5KM/10KM options starting from the Rod N Reel Resort. Each option has a 5KM and a 10KM route. The 10KM routes go to the neighboring town of North Beach.

1. Boardwalk 5KM/10KM option: The 5KM route takes you by businesses along MD Rt 261 and in neighborhoods of Chesapeake Beach. You will see views of the Chesapeake Bay while walking the full length of the boardwalk. The 10KM route will split off and take you to North Beach where you will see historic homes and also walk along the North Beach boardwalk. The walk is on paved roads, sidewalks and boardwalks. There is one steep downhill street leading to the Chesapeake Beach boardwalk, which is not suitable for wheelchairs.
  
2. Wetlands 5KM/10KM option: The 5KM route takes you by businesses along MD Rt 261 and in neighborhoods of Chesapeake Beach. It also takes you through a wetland area of Chesapeake Beach. The 10KM route will split off and take you to North Beach where you will see historic homes and also walk along the North Beach boardwalk. The walk is on paved roads, sidewalks and boardwalks. This route is suitable for strollers, but not wheelchairs.

**Special Programs:**

Par-For-The-Course; Step to the Beat and Walking with America's Veterans

**Freestate Happy Wanderers Website:** <https://sites.google.com/svsvc.org/fhw/home>

**Start Point:**

Rod N Reel Resort 4165 Mears Ave, Chesapeake Beach, MD 20732. (410) 257-5596.

Hours are 6am to 6pm. Walk only during daylight hours. Pets are not allowed in the resort, although they are allowed along the routes.

(GPS: Lat: **38.69064**, Long: **-76.53317**)

**Amenities:**

Restrooms are located at the start point inside the Rod N Reel resort.

**Driving Directions:**

From I-495/I-95 (DC) - Take exit 11, Rt 4 S. Just before Calvert County line, exit right to Rt 260. Proceed to Chesapeake Beach. When Rt 260 intersects Rt 261, at light, turn RIGHT to next traffic light, turn LEFT to Mears. Rod N Reel Resort is at the end of the street. Park in the parking garage. PLEASE obey all local parking restrictions.

From Baltimore I-695 - Take I-97/Rt 3/Rt 301 corridor S to Rt 4, near Upper Marlboro. Go South on Rt 4 and proceed as above.

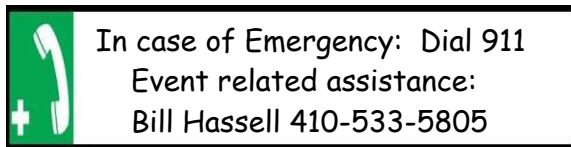
**Walk Registration:**

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.

Note: The sponsoring club only receives credit for an OSB participation when an OSB registration has been completed online by entering your participation date, distance and any special program using the OSB. See below.

**Walk Completion and Walk Credit:**

Once you have physically completed the walk, please log in to your Online Start Box account, click on the “My Start Box” tab, then the “Finish Table” tab, and 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.

**Emergency Numbers:**

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# CHESAPEAKE BEACH BOARDWALK 5 KM and 10 KM TRAILS

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1. Exit from Rod "N" Reel Resort and bear left toward Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum, which was erected in 1898-99.
2. Continue on Mears Avenue walking on left sidewalk to (*CITY CLOCK*) at Rt. 261/Bayside Rd. **CROSS** Route 261 at traffic signal using crosswalk.
3. **TURN RIGHT** and **CROSS** Harbor Rd. at traffic signal. Continue on Route 261 on left sidewalk crossing bridge passing the Chesapeake Beach Water Park.
4. Just past Town Hall, **TURN LEFT** on 26th Street.
5. At stop sign, **TURN RIGHT** on 'D' street. At next stop sign, 5 Km and 10 Km trails split.
6. After passing 8325 'D' Street on your right, **TURN RIGHT** for one block.
7. **TURN LEFT** on Route 261. Pass North Beach Company 1 Fire Station and marsh area.
8. **TURN LEFT** on 1st Street at "Neptune." At corner of First and David is an 'I' House, a rare dwelling type, known as Katydid. Constructed in 1909, it is North Beach's oldest existing residence
9. **TURN RIGHT** on Erie Ave. Continue to 5th Street.
10. **TURN LEFT** on 5th Street continue to Greenwood Ave.
11. **TURN RIGHT** on Greenwood Avenue to 6<sup>th</sup> Street.
12. **TURN RIGHT** on 6<sup>th</sup> Street to Dayton Avenue.
13. **TURN RIGHT** and continue on Dayton Avenue passing the Bayside History Museum at 4025 4<sup>th</sup> St. Continue to 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.
14. **TURN LEFT** on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.
15. **CROSS** Chesapeake at the crosswalk **TURN RIGHT** for one short block to Chestnut St. (No Sign) at Tastee Freez.
16. **TURN LEFT** on Chestnut St. to Bay Ave.
17. **TURN LEFT** at next road (Bay Avenue – no sign here) prior to boardwalk. Not to worry, you will walk the entire boardwalk.
18. **TURN RIGHT** on 7<sup>th</sup> Street for one block.
19. **TURN RIGHT** and follow boardwalk to the end. The Welcome Center is located at 9023 Bay Avenue.
20. At the end of the boardwalk, step onto the bike path as it bears right up First Street to "C" Street.
21. **TURN LEFT** on "C" Street into the parking lot of Sea Gate complex. At the last street (Sea Gate Square) before the dead end.
22. **TURN RIGHT** on Sea Gate Square to Rt. 261.

## **5 Km Walkers:**

**TURN RIGHT** on Route 260 to traffic light at Route 261, cross Rt. 261 using crosswalk and enter Chesapeake Beach Memorial Park. After enjoying the view of the Bay return to Rt. 261 then skip to direction #25

## **10 Km Walkers:**

**CROSS** Route 260 and continue straight on 'D' Street.

23. **TURN LEFT** on Rt. 261/ Bayside Road. Pass the marsh and Fire Station.
24. Continue past Route 260, where the 5 Km trail rejoins the 10 Km trail and enter the Chesapeake Beach Veterans Memorial Park. After enjoying the park and view of the Bay return to Rt. 261.
25. **TURN LEFT** on Rt. 261 and go to the traffic light at Mears and Harbor Rd.
26. **TURN LEFT** on Mears Avenue and continue on Mears to 'C' Street.
27. **TURN RIGHT** on 'C' Street. At the corner of 'C' and '17<sup>th</sup>' is the Seaton-by-the-Bay house, which was built in 1907. Continue past 17<sup>th</sup>, up the hill, as the road bends to the right and becomes 16<sup>th</sup> Street.
28. At "Stop" sign **CROSS** and **TURN LEFT** on Route 261/ Bayside Road.
29. Continue on Route 261/Bayside Road to corner of Route 261 and Old Bayside Road. (School will be on corner to your right.)
30. **TURN LEFT** and carefully cross Route 261 and continue straight on Old Bayside Road to "B" Street.
31. **TURN RIGHT** on 'B' Street. Pass next two "Stop" signs, 11<sup>th</sup> Street, and "Dead End" sign. Continue downhill to end and turn left.
32. Continue on Boardwalk Park, which was dedicated on 4/14/01. Follow boardwalk to end.
33. Proceed straight up road (17<sup>th</sup> Street), keeping townhouses to your right. **TURN RIGHT** on 'C' Street.
34. At sign for "Speed Limit 15", continue straight until you reach Mears Avenue and parking lot for the Rod "N" Reel Resort.

35. **TURN RIGHT** and return to the Start Point.

**Congratulations!!!**  
**You have finished the**  
**Chesapeake Beach YRE.**

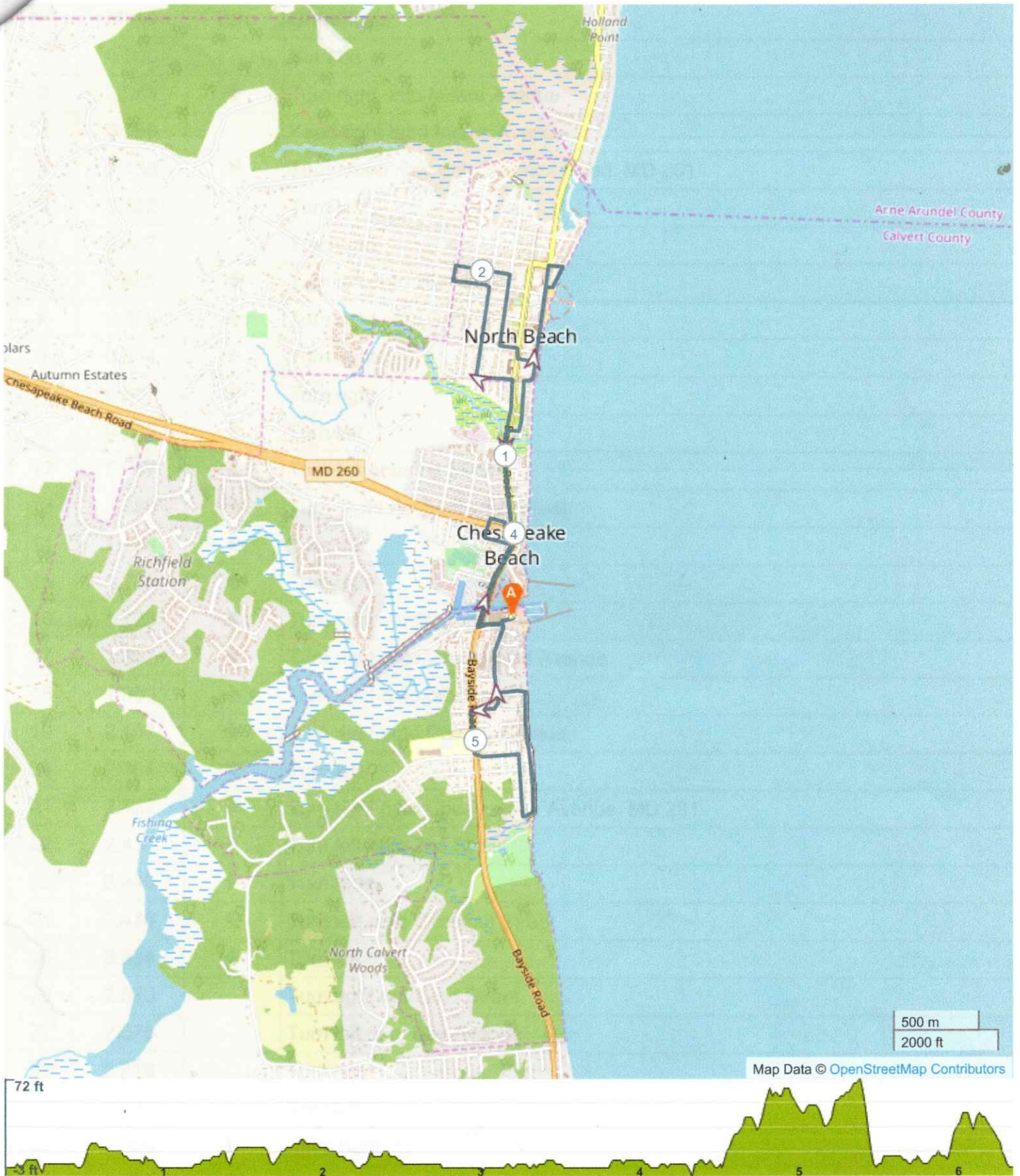
We hope you enjoyed your walk.  
 Thanks for walking with the  
**Freestate Happy Wanderers**

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**In case of Emergency Call 911**

Trail questions Call 410-533-5805  
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# Chesapeake Beach #3



## CHESAPEAKE BEACH (WETLAND) 5 KM and 10 KM TRAILS

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1. EXIT from Rod “N” Reel Resort and **bear left** toward CB Railway Museum which was erected in 1898-99.
2. Continue on Mears Ave. walking on left sidewalk to traffic signal (*CITY CLOCK*) at Route 261/Bayside Rd.
3. **TURN RIGHT** and **CROSS** Mears Ave. walking on right sidewalk crossing bridge to traffic signal at Chesapeake Memorial Park.
4. **TURN RIGHT** and enter Park. After enjoying the view return to traffic signal intersection.
5. 5Km walkers **CROSS** Rt. 261 and walk on left sidewalk up Rt. 260. **SKIP TO DIRECTION #23**
6. 10Km walkers **TURN RIGHT** on Rt. 261 walking on right and after sidewalk ends you will reach Sea Gate Square sign.
7. **TURN RIGHT** into Sea Gate Square to the “T” intersection Addison Bridge Place.
8. **TURN LEFT** on Addison Bridge Place it will become “C” St. Continue for a couple of blocks to 1<sup>st</sup> St.
9. **TURN RIGHT** on 1<sup>st</sup> St. to the boardwalk.
10. **TURN LEFT** on boardwalk until you reach the (*CITY CLOCK*) & N. Beach Garden Park at 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Enter the Park to see the bridge. Return to the boardwalk.
11. **TURN LEFT and CONTINUE** on boardwalk as it curves right keeping Chesapeake Bay on right until it ends at 7<sup>th</sup> St. **CROSS** continue on Atlantic Ave. to 9<sup>th</sup> St.
12. **TURN LEFT** on 9<sup>th</sup> for one block (*NO SIGN*) Annapolis St.
13. **TURN LEFT** to 7<sup>th</sup> St. **CROSS**
14. **TURN RIGHT** on 7<sup>th</sup> St. **CROSS** Bay Ave. and immediately
15. **TURN LEFT** on Bay Ave. to 5<sup>th</sup> St.
16. **TURN RIGHT** on 5<sup>th</sup> St. crossing Chesapeake Ave., continue for four blocks to Greenwood Ave.
17. **TURN RIGHT** on Greenwood Ave. to 6<sup>th</sup> St.
18. **TURN RIGHT** on 6<sup>th</sup> St. to Dayton Ave.
19. **TURN RIGHT** on Dayton Ave. walk on right sidewalk passing the Bayside History Museum at 4025 5<sup>th</sup> St. Continue to 1<sup>st</sup>.
20. **TURN LEFT** on 1<sup>st</sup> St. to Chesapeake Ave.
21. **TURN RIGHT** on Chesapeake Ave. (Rt. 261) to 29<sup>th</sup> St.

22. **TURN RIGHT** on 29<sup>th</sup> St. to “D” St. and **TURN LEFT** on “D” St. to Route 260 (NO SIGN). House Number **3823** is on right corner.
23. **USING CAUTION CROSS RT. 260 & TURN RIGHT** walk on left sidewalk (5K & 10K join at this point) crossing “E” & “F” Streets until you reach Cox Road,
24. **TURN LEFT** at Cox Road and follow as it curves right. Walk on the left side of Cox Rd. (use caution due to limited shoulders) to Bayview Hills Rd.
25. **TURN LEFT** on Bayview Hills Rd. Continue on left side of Bayview Hills Rd., which becomes Delores Ct. where it curves right at the end.
26. **TURN LEFT** on the sidewalk by the bench and No Motor Vehicles sign. Keep left on the asphalt path toward the Chesapeake Beach Railway Trail sign. Follow the boardwalk ignoring intersecting boardwalks until you reach the informational sign.
27. **TURN LEFT** at boardwalk intersection keeping the waterway to your right. Walk to the end of the boardwalk. The boardwalk curves left at the end. Walk straight ahead with marina parking lot on your right to the first street, Grdn. Stinnett Ave. (NOT MARKED).
28. **TURN RIGHT** on Grdn. Stinnett Ave. to Rt. 261 (Chesapeake Beach Water Park on your right).
29. **TURN RIGHT** on Rt. 261 walking on right sidewalk crossing bridge until you reach the traffic signal at Rt. 261 and Harbor Rd.
30. **CROSS** Harbor Rd. using crosswalk.
31. **TURN LEFT CROSS** Rt. 261 using crosswalk. Walk on right sidewalk of Mears Ave. to Rod “N” Reel; Resort and **FINISH**.

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# Chesapeake Beach (Wetlands) 5 & 10 KM

