



Volkssport Club at West Point – Hyde Park YRE #1108

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Walk in daylight hours only, and consider walking in groups.

While walking along US Route 9, most of the trail is on hard surfaces, but a portion between the FDR Library and South Drive is alongside the road in the vehicle break down lane. Route 9 is also called “Albany Post Road”. **Be sure to walk as far to the right as possible.**

There are two different routes, one 6k (rated 1A) through village streets that does not go through the Vanderbilt Estate, and one 11k (rated 2A due to some hills) route that does.

About the Walk:

This walk explores Hyde Park as you go from the FDR Presidential Museum and Library and if doing the longer 11K walk, through the grounds of the Vanderbilt Estate. Both are designated National Park Historic Sites.

Directions and Parking:

Take US Route 9 North from Poughkeepsie (at the junction of US Route 44 & NY State 55) north 5 miles to Hyde Park. The FDR Presidential Library and Museum is on your left at 4079 Albany Post Rd (US Route 9), Hyde Park. Parking is available in the parking lot at the Visitor’s Center located at {GPS: 41.7695,-73.9301}

Restrooms:

Public Restrooms are available inside both the FDR Visitor’s Center (Start Point) and the Vanderbilt Estate Visitor’s Center (11k loop only).

Abbreviations used:

ns – No Sign. There is no street sign.
C&P – Cross and/or Pass.
(e.g. C&P: 1st St and Main St.)

Special Programs:

Centurion Challenge, IVV-Americas, Mayflower, Town/City Halls, Walking USA States, Walking the USA A-Z, Walking with America’s Veteran

*Text in italics are historical and informational comments. **Boldface** in the directions indicate walking actions you must heed. Underline indicates a safety reminder.*

Let’s Walk!



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All Walkers start here:

1. **(On Map 1) Enter** the Visitor's Center building from the parking lot. View the map on the floor. There are restrooms, a seasonal restaurant, and a gift shop here.
2. **Take the exit** to the home and museum, and **walk past** on your right the statues of Eleanor and FDR on your right.
3. **Follow the signs** to the FDR Presidential Library and Museum. **Go to** the bust of FDR in front of the museum **and turn left**. Keeping the museum on your right, **turn right** past the flagpole. **Walk down** the path, keeping the museum on your right. Just past the museum, on your right, is a piece of the Berlin Wall. **Turn left** at the end of the path keeping the Rose Garden and Grave site on your right. **Turn right** at the end of the path, and then **turn right** to **enter to** visit the grave sites of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt.

There's no sign, but Fala, and another Roosevelt dog, Chief, are buried under the sundial.

4. **Walk to** the front of the home after visiting the grave site.

From Wikipedia: The home of FDR is known as "Springwood". It is the birthplace, lifelong home, and burial place of our 32nd president of the United States, Franklin D. Roosevelt. Roosevelt's father, James Roosevelt, bought the estate in 1866. The house, which was part of the original purchase, has been greatly modified over the years by both James and Franklin.

Franklin created the nation's first Presidential Library and Museum on the estate during 1939-1940. To date, it's still the only Presidential Library and Museum to be used by an incumbent President. He turned it over to the National Archives on July 4, 1940.

5. **Leaving the home, walk towards the stable** (facing the house, the stable is to your right), and note a gray building on the bottom, with red on the top, with a weathervane that says JR. Either **walk through** the stable, or **walk around** the stable, keeping the stable on your left and the greenhouse on your right. **Walk** to the Trail Head sign on your left.

6. **Continue** on the road as it goes around the parking lot, back to the Wallace Center, and then **follow the road** (FDR Drive) out to Route 9.

7. **(On MAP 2) Turn left** onto Route 9, walking north. **Remember to stay as far to the left as possible.**

8. **Turn left** onto South Drive (in between the Village Square Country Inn and Coppola's Restaurant).

9. **Walk over** the narrow bridge, passing Ravine Rd on your right.

10. **Turn right** onto Horseshoe Drive.

11. **Turn left** onto Garden St. at the next stop sign. (be careful - the street sign on the right hand side of the street says Calmer Pl).

12. **Continue walking** on Garden St. until you come to the intersection of Garden St. and Fuller Lane.



If walking 11K, proceed to Reference 1 on Page 3.



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6K walkers only at this point.

13. **Continue straight** on Garden St. until it ends as the road turns right, becoming Kirchner Avenue. **Turn right** onto Kirchner Ave.

14. **Turn right** at the end of Kirchner Avenue on Route 9, walking south.

-> **Jump to Reference Point 2 on page 4.**

Reference Point 1: 11K only walkers at this point!

15. **Turn left** onto Fuller Lane.

16. **Bear left** at the Maple Lane intersection, continuing on Fuller Lane. You'll be walking downhill.

17. **Turn right** onto River Road when the road ends at the "T" intersection.

18. **Bear left** at the intersection of Curry Lane, continuing on River Road with the Hudson River on your left.

19. **Pass** Riverfront Park on the left and you will come to the Hyde Park Train Station.

There is a sign at the park discussing the Poughkeepsie deep water, a trough of salt water under the fresh water of the river. The train station, built in 1913 is open occasionally and has very interesting displays. It was from here that the King and Queen of England left after visiting FDR in Hyde Park in 1939.

20. **Continue walking along** River Road to its end, and **turn right** at the "Hyde Park Trail" sign directly ahead of you.

21. **(On Map 3) Walk** uphill past Curry Lane on your right and, **turn left** (opposite #7 River Road) onto Coach House Drive, entering between the stone gates onto the grounds of the Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Site.

→ **If snow blocks the way, jump to Reference Point #3 below.**

22. **Turn right** at the end of Coach House Drive at the "T" intersection and the "One Way" sign.

23. **Continue** following the drive, keeping Crum Elbow Creek on your right until you approach the white bridge over the creek. This is Vanderbilt Park Road.

24. **Turn left** on Vanderbilt Park Road at the stop sign.

→ **Jump to Reference Point 4 below.**

Reference Point 3: Alternate 11k Snow Route:

25. **Walk up the hill** on Dock River Road, (which becomes Market Street, or County Highway 41) to its intersection with Route 9.

26. **Turn left** onto Route 9.

27. **Turn left** just past the main gatehouse through the park entrance gate and Vanderbilt grounds on Vanderbilt Park Road.

28. **Continue walking. crossing** the White Bridge.



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Reference Point 4: 11K snow route and non-snow route meet here.

29. **Walk up the hill** on Vanderbilt Park Road, passing the Vanderbilt Gardens on your left, as it circles up and to the right.

30. **Turn left** after reaching the top at the “T” intersection (where the automobiles are prohibited to travel) and **walk** to the mansion along the auto circle, walking clockwise.

31. **Walk past** the Mansion (nice views looking down and across the Hudson River should you wish to go around the back side for a quick peek).

From Wikipedia: The property was one of several homes owned by Frederick William Vanderbilt, a railroad industrialist and philanthropist and his wife Louise Holmes Anthony. He was one of Cornelius (The "Commodore") Vanderbilt's grandsons. The 54-room Vanderbilt mansion was designed by the preeminent architectural firm McKim, Mead & White. Construction occurred between 1896 and 1899. Their niece, Margaret "Daisy" Van Alen, inherited the property when Frederick Vanderbilt died in 1938 and in turn, she donated the property to the National Park Service in 1940.

32. **Walk to** (on your left) and **take the concrete foot path** to the Visitor's Center for a visit and bathroom break.

33. **Return to** the mansion along the same concrete foot path upon leaving the Visitor's Center.

34. **Turn left** at the auto circle. **Walk clockwise** along the auto circle (great views of the Mansion on the far side), and **turn left** at the “T” intersection to **walk down** the hill you previously walked up earlier.

35. **Cross over** the white bridge, **walk up** the incline, and **turn right** (south) onto Route 9 (Albany Post Road) at the end.

36. **Walk down** Route 9 southbound on the right side. You will pass both the Hyde Park Town Hall and Library on your right.

Reference Point 2: 6k Route and 11k Walkers join at this point to the end of the walk.

37. **Continue walking** south (**walk as far on the right side as possible**) of Route 9.

38. **Turn right** to enter the FDR Presidential Library and Visitor's Center (FDR Drive) at the traffic lights.

39. **Continue** along FDR Drive to the parking lot and your car.

You finished!

Thank you for walking with us! **Remember to use the “Finish Table” function of the Online Start Box to complete your walk.**

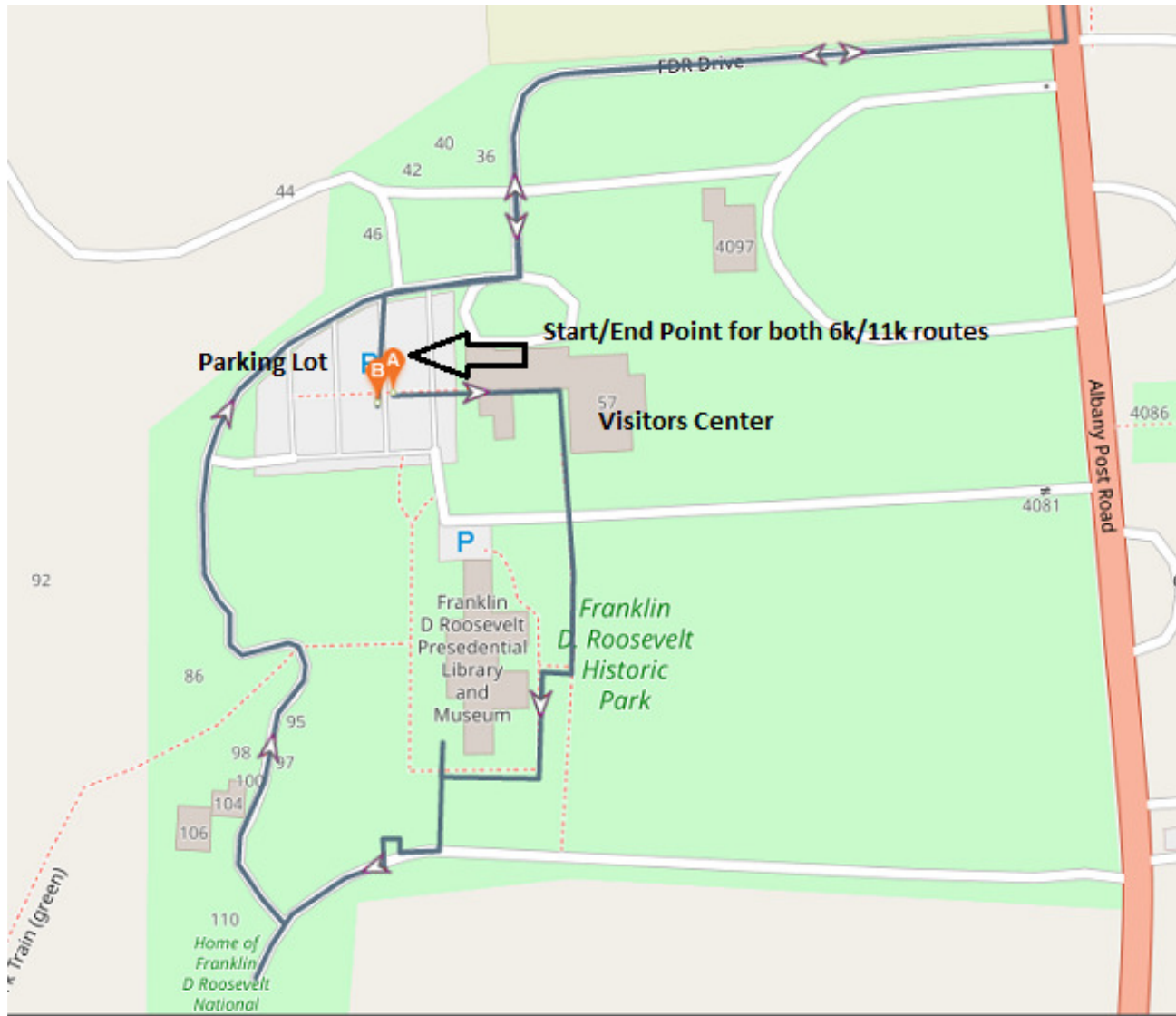
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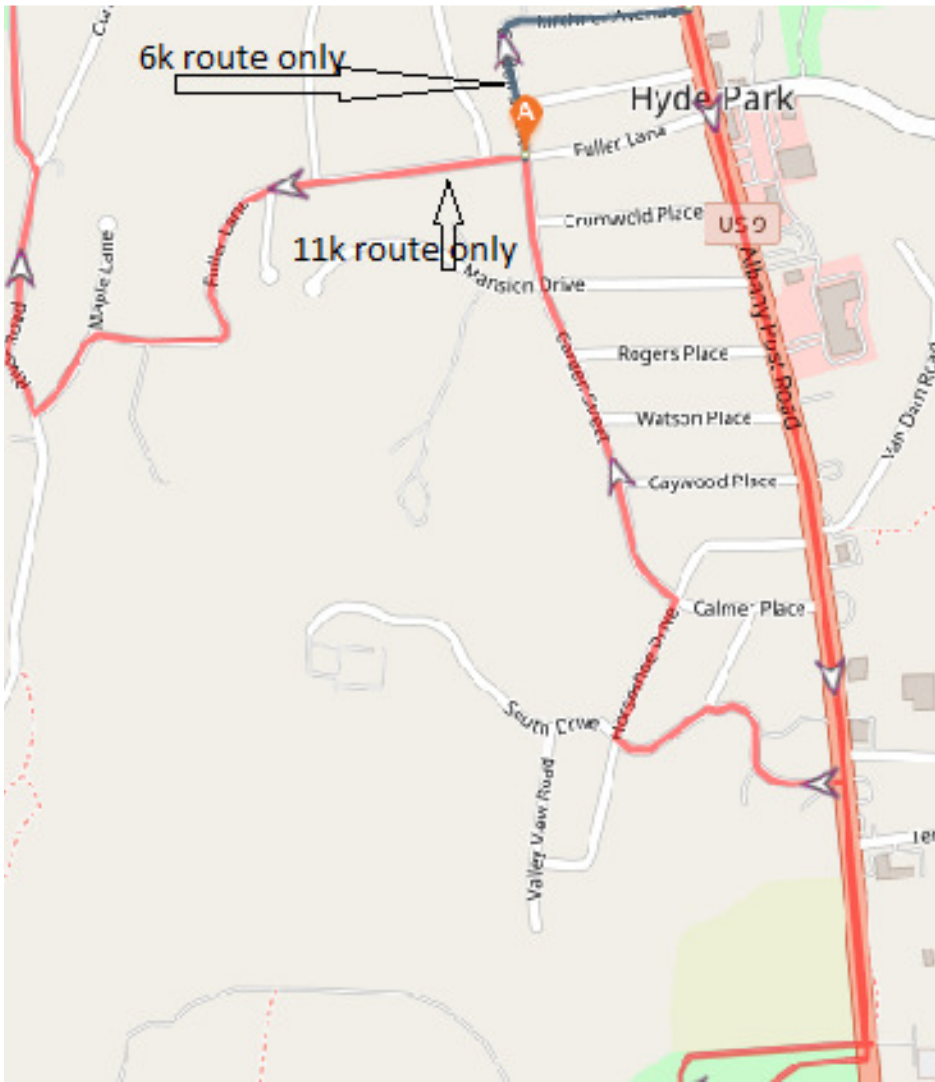


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Map 1 of 3 – First third and return end of the route



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Map 2 of 3 – Middle Section (and 6k portion) of the route



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Map 3 of 3 – Upper third (11k only) of the route; the 6k portion had turned off at the very bottom of the picture