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Start Point: Doubletree by Hilton – St. Augustine;
116 San Marco Ave, St. Augustine, FL 32084

Driving Directions: From I-95, take Exit 311 towards St. Augustine Beach. Exit and turn right on FL-207 for 4.9 miles to US Rte 1. Turn left onto US 1 and continue 1.8 miles to Old Mission Ave. Turn right (look for the Days Inn Denny's) and drive to San Marco Ave. The Doubletree is on your left side. You can park on Old Mission Ave. at no cost. To park in hotel parking, please ask the front desk for a pass during your walk.



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THE HAPPY WANDERERS WALKING CLUB, INC.
DIRECTIONS FOR 6K YEAR-ROUND WALK Y1128
ST. AUGUSTINE, ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA
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WELCOME to ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA “THE OLDEST CITY IN THE U.S.” (QUALIFIER: ‘S’ Walking the USA A-Z). We hope that you take your time and walk in a city made for walking. There is much to see and enjoy. May you have a marvelous and enlightening experience.

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1. After registering, EXIT the Lobby and proceed to the sidewalk on San Marco Ave. and TURN RIGHT. Continue to the crosswalk on the left. CROSS San Marco Ave. at the crosswalk and TURN RIGHT. **For those walking when The Shrine area is closed, go to 5A on these walk directions.**

2. Follow the sidewalk for a short distance and TURN LEFT just before the Church. Follow the sidewalk past the Church and the Museum, bear right and continue to the bridge on the left. CROSS the bridge. (Included in these directions is a key and map to gardens.) Enter the garden and follow the paths counterclockwise by taking the first RIGHT. We ask that while enjoying the grounds, you kindly respect the fragile conditions of the gravestones, as well as the quiet atmosphere of the Shrine Chapel.

Toward the back corner of the property, you can get a good view of the 208’ tall steel cross said to be the site of the original landing of Don Pedro Menendez de Aviles and the first Mass said in 1565. Continue around the grounds and be sure to visit the Chapel. The original chapel, built around 1615, was the first Shrine ever dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary in the New World.

3. EXIT through the North gate on Ocean Ave.

4. TURN LEFT on Ocean Ave. and walk to San Marco Ave.

5. TURN LEFT onto San Marco to Pine St. At Pine St. TURN LEFT and walk three blocks to Water St.

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6. TURN RIGHT on Water St. You are now in an area of historic homes from circa 1850-1920 (a few are more recent). CONTINUE to the dead end at the gate leading into the grounds of the Castillo de San Marcos National Monument, and which served as a fort during the Spanish Occupation, the American Revolution and the American Civil War.

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7. TURN RIGHT taking the sidewalk to San Marco blvd. TURN LEFT walking along with the Castillo de San Marcos National Monument on your left.

8. BEAR RIGHT on the sidewalk, stay next to the water and walk to Avenida Menendez which parallels the water.

9. Follow either the sidewalk or the seawall path along Avenida Menendez to the Bridge of Lions. Be especially alert to varying traffic patterns at the end of the bridge as you CONTINUE straight ahead, USING THE WALK SIGNALS.

10. Bear left on the sidewalk through the lawn of the St Augustine Municipal Marina. Restrooms and water are available here. Look across the bay to the left to see the St. Augustine Lighthouse. TURN RIGHT, walk parallel to the water past the buildings to the sidewalk parallel to the street on the right. Continue to St. Francis St.

11. TURN RIGHT onto St. Francis St. Note the Veteran's Memorials on your left. The Florida Army National Guard headquarters is on your left, at the corner of St. Francis and Marine. (You might ponder why this is in St. Augustine and not in Tallahassee.)

12. At No. 14 St. Francis St., is the Gonzales-Alvarez House (circa 1650), the 'oldest house in the city'. The house portrays with authentic décor the lifestyle of its owners through three centuries and cultures: Spanish, British and Territorial American. The next house is the Tovar House built in 1763, and then the Llambias House and St. Francis Park, and finally the St. Francis Inn built in 1791.

13. TURN RIGHT onto St. George St. and walk one block to Bridge St. TURN RIGHT on Bridge to Aviles St., a very narrow street.

14. TURN LEFT onto Aviles St., passing the Ximenez Fatio house built in 1790; in 1855 it became a boarding house, operating under the direction of Madame Louisa Fatio.

15. CONTINUE to King St. and TURN LEFT. Across King St. is the City Square, "The Old Market Place", at one time the site of a very profitable slave trade.

16. CONTINUE along King St. to Cordova St. You will pass several art galleries and Trinity Episcopal Church whose Cornerstone was laid in 1825 and which represents the beginning of Protestantism in Florida. CONTINUE straight ahead to CROSS St. George St. Look to your right across the street. At the corner are the Government House Museum and a Visitor Information Center (Note: restrooms and water available). This Museum once served as the District Courthouse.

17. CONTINUE straight until you reach the wonderfully restored Casa Monica Hotel. TURN LEFT and go up the few steps to the entrance door of the Hotel. Walk inside and continue to the lobby. Take a few moments to appreciate this beautiful lobby and lounge area. EXIT the Hotel and descend the steps onto Cordova St. (Across to your left is the Lightner Museum and on the second floor City Hall.) and immediately TURN RIGHT onto Cordova for one block to Cathedral Place. To your left, you can see Flagler College, the former Ponce de Leon Hotel, built as a luxury resort by Henry Flagler in 1888.

18. TURN RIGHT at Cathedral Place, CONTINUE to St. George Street. As you approach St. George St. look for the steeple and clock on the Cathedral Basilica at 38 Cathedral Place.

19. TURN LEFT onto St. George Street, a pedestrian walkway populated with many shops and restaurants. After CROSSING Cuna St., is the Spanish Quarter Village location. Step back in time 250 years, as craftspeople and guides dressed in period costumes of the 1740's recreates the lifestyle of the Spanish colonists; there is an admission fee. At 27 St George St. notice the Colonial Oak Music Park. A bit further along, at 14 St. George St., is the "Oldest Wooden School House".

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about the New Smyrna settlement which began in 1768.

20. At the END of St. George, CAREFULLY CROSS Orange St. and PASS THROUGH the old City Gate constructed of coquina blocks in 1808 to replace the wooden gate built a century earlier.

21. AFTER PASSING through the City Gate, TURN LEFT and CONTINUE on San Marco Ave. On the left is the old Huguenot Cemetery dating from 1821. Just past the Cemetery is the Visitor Information Center. (Note: restrooms, water, snack bar, gift shop and loads of information available inside the Center.) The beginning of the OLD SPANISH TRAIL is indicated by the Zero Milestone Marker. To view, enter the sidewalk just before the Visitor Center and look to the left.

22. CONTINUE on San Marco Ave. several blocks to the Start/Finish Point at Double Tree By Hilton.

CONGRATULATIONS! You have completed the 6K St. Augustine Year-Round Event. Please place your completed Start Card in the Club pre-addressed envelope, along with the appropriate payment (check preferred), affix the proper postage and drop it into the nearest mail facility.

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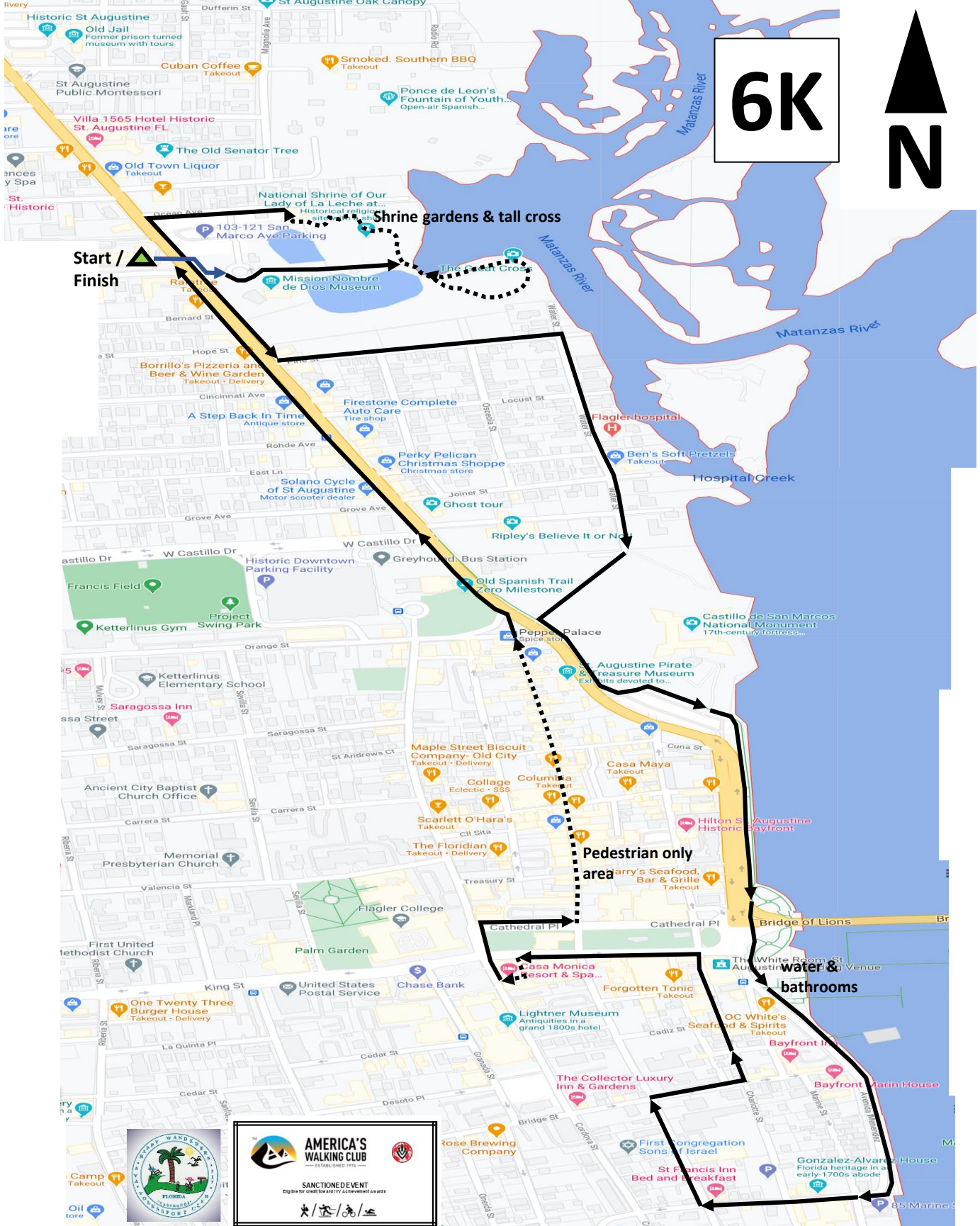
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6K



Start /
Finish

Shrine gardens & tall cross

Pedestrian only
area

water &
bathrooms



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6. TURN RIGHT into the Villa 1565 parking lot and CONTINUE past the Office. You are now approaching what is said to be the “Oldest Living Resident” of the Oldest City; a magnificent oak tree estimated to be over 600 years old. Pause in the shade for a moment and read the Historical Marker.

CONTINUE through the motel parking lot toward the rear ARCHWAY. After PASSING THROUGH the archway, look to your right and left. You are now on

Magnolia Ave. which has been designated one of the Ten Most Scenic Streets in America. TURN LEFT onto Magnolia Ave.

7. Walk to the 2nd Stop sign (Williams & Magnolia). On your right is the entrance to the Fountain of Youth Park. You may enter the Park, walk to the Information Booth and look around a bit. If you wish to visit the actual Fountain of Youth, said to have been discovered by Ponce de Leon in 1513, and sip from the legendary spring, there is an admission fee. If you choose to not visit, CONTINUE to the next stop sign Dufferin/Magnolia).

8. At Dufferin St., TURN LEFT and walk 2 blocks to Estey.

9. At Estey, TURN LEFT. After a few meters, you will see on your right, The Old Jail and the Florida Heritage Museum. The jail was built in 1890 and used until 1953. The Heritage Museum houses photos, model trains, Victorian dolls, sunken treasure and priceless Henry Flagler memorabilia (Admission Fees). CONTINUE to Williams. At Williams, TURN RIGHT and walk to San Marco Ave.

10. At San Marco TURN LEFT. You will PASS the Prince of Peace Church on your left, CONTINUE to Pine St.

11. At Pine St., TURN LEFT and walk 3 blocks to Water St.

12. TURN RIGHT on Water St. You are now in an area of historic homes circa 1850-1920 (a few are more recent). CONTINUE to the dead-end and the gate leading into the grounds of the Castillo de San Marcos National Monument, which served as a fort during the Spanish occupation, the American Revolution and the American Civil War.

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13. TURN RIGHT taking the sidewalk to San Marco. TURN LEFT walking along with the Castillo de San Marcos National Monument on your left.

14. Bear right on the sidewalk, stay next to the water and walk to Avenida Menendez which parallels the water. Stay on the water/seawall side of the street.

15. Follow either the sidewalk or the seawall path along Avenida Menendez to the Bridge of Lions. At the base of the Bridge of Lions, VERY CAREFULLY CROSS the street, USING THE WALK SIGNALS.

16. Bear left on the sidewalk through the lawn of the St Augustine Municipal Marina. Restrooms and water are available here. Look across the bay to the left to see the St. Augustine Lighthouse. TURN RIGHT, walk parallel to the water past the buildings to the sidewalk parallel to the street on the right. Continue to St. Francis St.

17. CONTINUE along Menendez on the sidewalk to St. Francis St. TURN RIGHT onto St. Francis, note the Veterans Memorials are on your left here and on Marine St. TURN LEFT on to Marine St. Walk along the sidewalk until you are abreast of the second gate of the National Cemetery. Turn toward the Cemetery, and CAREFULLY CROSS Marine St. and PASS THROUGH the gate into the Cemetery. FOLLOW walkway to center of Cemetery, TURN RIGHT following the walkway through the Cemetery and TURN RIGHT again toward the NORTH gate which EXITS back onto Marine St. TURN LEFT onto Marine St. and walk PAST the Florida Army National Guard Headquarters toward St. Francis St.

18. CROSS St. Francis St. and TURN LEFT. Almost IMMEDIATELY on your right at No. 14 is the Gonzalez-Alvarez house (circa 1650), the ‘oldest house in the city’. The house portrays with authentic décor the lifestyle of its owners through three centuries and three cultures: Spanish, British and Territorial American. The next house is the Tovar House built in 1763, then the Llambias House and St. Francis Park. At the corner of St. Francis and St. George Streets, is the St. Francis Inn built in 1791.

19. TURN RIGHT onto St. George Street and walk one block to Bridge St.

20. At Bridge St., TURN RIGHT. Walk along Bridge St. passing the Kenwood Inn “A Classic Old Florida Inn” (circa 1840) on your left. CONTINUE to Marine St.

21. At Marine St. TURN LEFT, walk one block to Bravo Lane.

22. At Bravo Lane TURN LEFT and walk to Aviles St.

23. At Aviles St. TURN RIGHT. At No. 10 is the Ximenez-Fatio house built in 1790. It began operating in 1855 as a “boarding house” under the direction of Madame Louisa Fatio.

24. CONTINUE along Aviles St. to King St. PASS THROUGH the old City Archway and immediately TURN LEFT. Across King St. is the City Square, “The Old Market Place,” at one time the site of a very profitable slave trade.

25. CONTINUE along King St. to Cordova St. You will pass Trinity Episcopal Church whose Cornerstone was laid in 1825 and represents the beginning of Protestantism in Florida. At the corner of St. George St. and King St. LOOK ACROSS King St. On the NORTHWEST corner of this intersection is the Government House Museum and Visitor Information Center. Restrooms/water located in Government House. This museum once served as the District Courthouse.

26. When you approach James Coleman Fine Arts on your LEFT, go up on the porch; enter the second door which is the entrance to the wonderfully restored Casa Monica Hotel. Take a few moments to appreciate the beautiful, ornate lobby and lounge area, TURN RIGHT and EXIT the Hotel onto Cordova St., DESCEND the steps and immediately CROSS Cordova St. and ENTER the grounds of the Lightner Museum on the LEFT.

27. Stroll through the garden area toward the statue of Don Pedro Menendez de Aviles. PASS the statue and CONTINUE THROUGH the archway into the inner courtyard area of the former Hotel Alcazar.

28. TURN RIGHT when you reach the courtyard and then TURN LEFT. Walk to the mid-point of the courtyard where a sidewalk leads off to your left and ACROSS a stone footbridge. Just BEFORE reaching the bridge look to your right and you will see the gravesite of Otto C. Lightner who purchased the old Hotel Alcazar in 1946 from the Henry Flagler Estate. Mr. Lightner moved his extensive collection of Victoriana into the building and donated the building to the City of St. Augustine in 1948. The Hotel Alcazar was originally constructed and opened as a luxury hotel in 1887 by Henry Flagler. CONTINUE

ACROSS the stone bridge spanning the ornate fishpond. Pause for a moment to observe the beautiful and magnificent Koi, some of which weigh over eight pounds.

29. AFTER CROSSING the bridge, TURN RIGHT onto the sidewalk and continue to the FIRST RIGHT turn. Public Restrooms are just to your left.

30. TURN RIGHT, passing the magnificent Lightner Museum and on the second floor the City Hall. If you have the time, visit this historic museum; there is an admission fee. At the very least take a moment to step inside the recently restored lobby/ballroom area (no charge).

31. CONTINUE past the Lightner to the next RIGHT. TURN RIGHT, you are now headed BACK toward the entrance archway through which you entered. You will have made a complete circuit of the lovely courtyard. EXIT through the Archway, walk PAST the Menendez statue; BEAR LEFT at the Fountain. EXIT the garden at the corner of King & Granada Streets.

32. CAREFULLY CROSS Granada and IMMEDIATELY TURN RIGHT. CAREFULLY CROSS King St. toward Flagler College. In front of the Main Gate to Flagler College is a statue of Henry Flagler. If you have the time, it is well worth a visit to the very ornate main lobby of the College (no charge). Tours of the building are offered twice daily for which there is an admission fee.

If you choose not to visit the interior of the College, TURN LEFT and CONTINUE PAST Flagler College which was the former Ponce de Leon Hotel, a luxury resort built by Henry Flagler in 1888.

If you visit the interior, exit the College past the water fountain and through the gate and TURN RIGHT.

33. Cross Sevilla St and TURN RIGHT on Sevilla watch for the Alumni house at #48. Take the walkway to the back of the property to discover the Labyrinth return to Sevilla St and proceed.

34. TURN LEFT on Valencia St. And right on Sevilla At the corner of Valencia and Sevilla is the Memorial Presbyterian Church built in 1890 by Henry Flagler in memory of his daughter Jennie. Flagler, his wife, daughter and granddaughter are all buried in an attached mausoleum.

35. TURN LEFT onto Sevilla St. and CONTINUE to Orange St. There is a slight jog to the RIGHT as you cross Saragossa St., continue on Sevilla.

36. At Orange St. TURN RIGHT and proceed to Cordova St. At the corner of Orange and Cordova is the “Oldest Drug Store” built over a century ago and is unique because of its cypress siding that has never been painted.

37. TURN RIGHT onto Cordova St. and stroll approx. 4 blocks to Cathedral Place. You will pass several wonderful old Bed and Breakfast Inns, all built around 1900.

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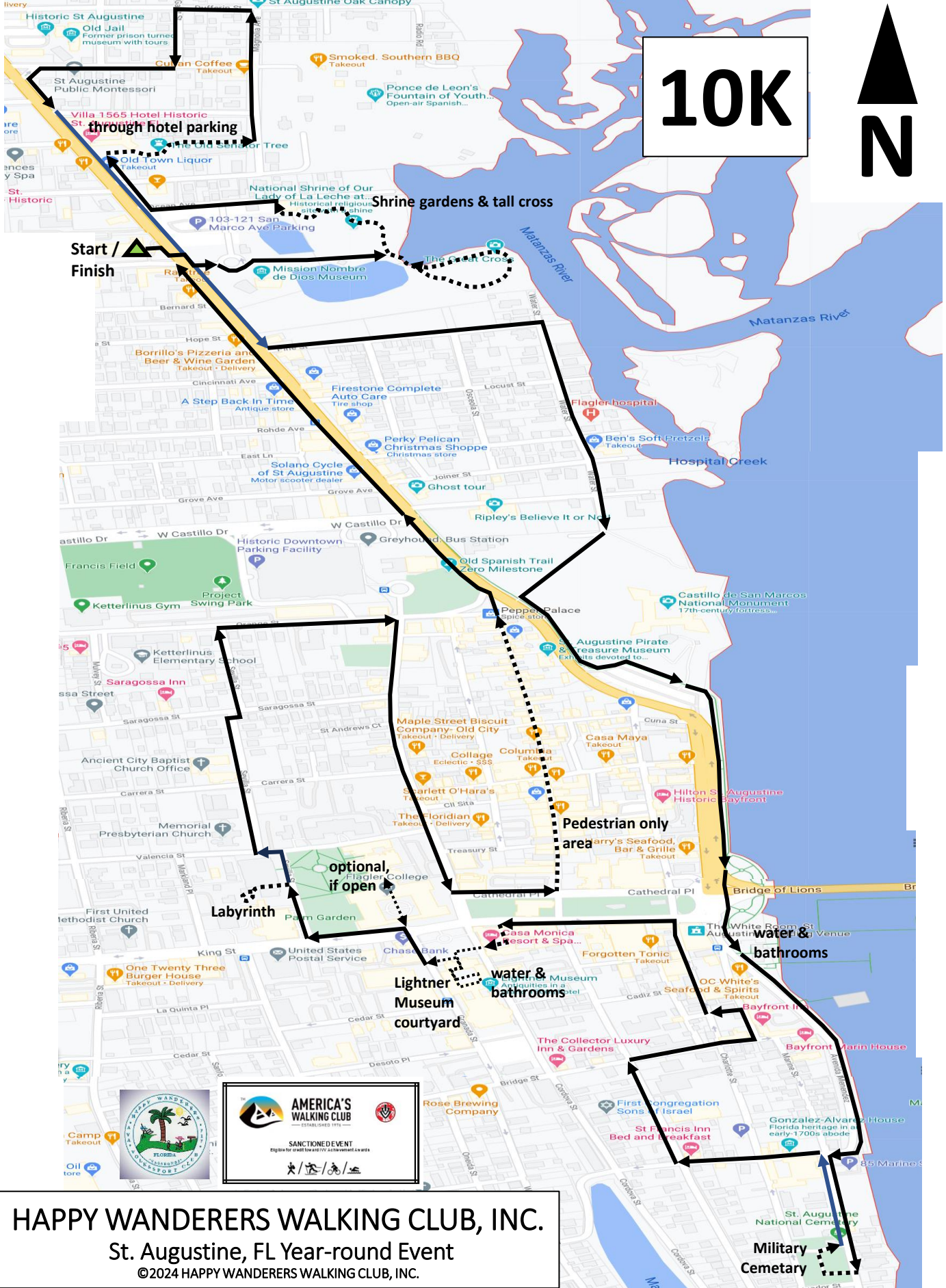
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