

Johnstown, NY Seasonal Walks

A 5K walk and a 10K walk are available and they are both rated **2A**.

Starting Point: Johnstown City Hall
41 East Main St.
Johnstown, NY 12032

Phone: 518-736-4011 (City Clerk)

Website: www.cityofjohnstown.ny.gov

City Hall normal business hours are Monday through Friday 8 AM to 3 PM. Access to restrooms should be available during normal business hours. However, if access to City Hall is not available for some reason, there is a Stewarts Ice Cream Shop with restrooms just a half a block west on E. Main St.

DIRECTIONS TO START POINT: Johnstown is located approximately 40 miles northwest of Albany. Parking is available behind City Hall and on the street.

From Albany, South and the West: Take I-90 (NYS Thruway) to Exit 28 then take Rt. 30A north to Johnstown. At intersection with Rt. 29 West, turn left (E. Main St). After second traffic light, City Hall will be halfway down the block on the right.

From the North: Take I-87 (Adirondack Northway) south to Exit 15, Turn Right onto Rt. 29 (Washington St.) and travel west approx. 32 miles. At intersection with Rt. 30A South, turn left. At next traffic light (still Rt. 29W), turn right (East Main St). After second traffic light, City Hall will be halfway down the block on the right.

Course Description: The 10K trail passes beautiful homes and several historic sites including Colonial Era Johnson Hall, the birthplace of women's rights advocate Elizabeth Cady Stanton and the Knox Mansion.

The following map & directions may only be used in conjunction with a signed American Volkssport Association athletic waiver. All other uses are prohibited.

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Johnstown, NY 5K Walk

To begin, stand in front of the Police Station/City Hall facing East Main St. (Town Halls/City Halls)

1. **RIGHT** on East Main, walk to and **cross** South William. Note the Fulton County Courthouse.
At the corner of N. William & W. Main is the Court House. The Colonial Courthouse is one of the oldest continuous functioning courthouses in the U.S. It was built in 1773. Aaron Burr tried a case here in 1812.
2. **LEFT** to **cross** West Main and continue on South William to West Montgomery.
The house at 9 South William St, built in 1798, is where both Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony stayed while they penned the third of four volumes of their book, History of Women Suffrage.
Near West Montgomery St, note the blue sign for Talmadge Edwards, Revolutionary War veteran and expert tanner, founded the glove-making industry in Fulton County, New York, with a shop located behind his home.
Further on your left at 200 William St, is James Burk's Inn was moved from the corner of South William and Main to this spot in 1788. It served as an Inn in the Colonial Days and now is currently owned by the Daughters of the American Revolution.
3. **RIGHT** on West Montgomery St to South Melcher.
4. **LEFT** at South Melcher to and **cross** West Montgomery. **Continue** to West Madison.
5. **LEFT** on West Madison. **Continue** to and **cross** South William.
6. **LEFT** on South William. Proceed to and **cross** West Clinton.
7. **RIGHT** on West Clinton. Note the Johnstown Public Library on the corner of South Market and West Clinton.
The Johnstown Public Library is a Carnegie Library funded in 1902. It is one of the 2,509 libraries world-wide funded by Andrew Carnegie. Most are still in use as libraries and many of the other original buildings have been repurposed.
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8. **CONTINUE** on West Clinton, which becomes East Clinton, to Glebe (no street sign). Look for Holy Trinity Catholic Church which is near the corner of Glebe and East Clinton.
9. **RIGHT** on Glebe St to East Montgomery.
10. **LEFT** on East Montgomery to "Y" intersection with New Montgomery St.
11. **LEFT** on New Montgomery to Fon Clair. (no street sign)
12. **LEFT** on Fon Clair to Cady.
13. **LEFT** on Cady to end, at Glebe Street.
14. **LEFT** on Glebe to East Montgomery.\
15. **RIGHT** on East Montgomery to South Perry St. Note the Tryon County Jail on the corner.
The Tryon County Jail built in 1774 is located on the corner of South Perry and E Montgomery. During the Revolutionary War, it was fortified to be used as Fort Johnstown. Lafayette inspected the fort in 1778. During the 1781 Ross Raid, the fort was commanded by Captain John Littel.
16. **CROSS** South Perry and **continue** to South Market St.
17. **RIGHT** on South Market to West Clinton (no street sign).
18. **RIGHT** on West Clinton to South Perry.
19. **LEFT** on South Perry for one block to Colonial Ct.
20. **LEFT** on Colonial Ct. to South Market.
Note the Colonial Little Theater on your left, which has been in operation since 1946.
21. **RIGHT** on South Market to West Main.
22. **LEFT** on West Main to North William.
23. **RIGHT** to **cross** West Main. **Continue** on North William to West Green.
24. **CROSS** West Green St. Note house on corner.
On this corner is the Drumm House 1763, one of the first six buildings built by Sir. William Johnson. Built in 1763 by Sir William Johnson for his first school teacher, Edward Wall. Sir William opened the first public school west of the Hudson. Each house was thirty feet wide and eighteen to twenty feet deep. They were one and a half stories high, with two square rooms on the floor. All were painted yellow.

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- 25. RIGHT** on West Green to North Market. Note old colonial cemetery on your left.

The Colonial Cemetery, dating from the 1700s, contains graves of veterans of both the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812, including Colonel James Livingston, a Revolutionary War Hero and the grandfather of Elizabeth Cady Stanton.

Also buried here are sisters of author Washington Irving, writer of "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" and "Rip Van Winkle".

- 26. RIGHT** on North Market St and walk up the hill to West Main.

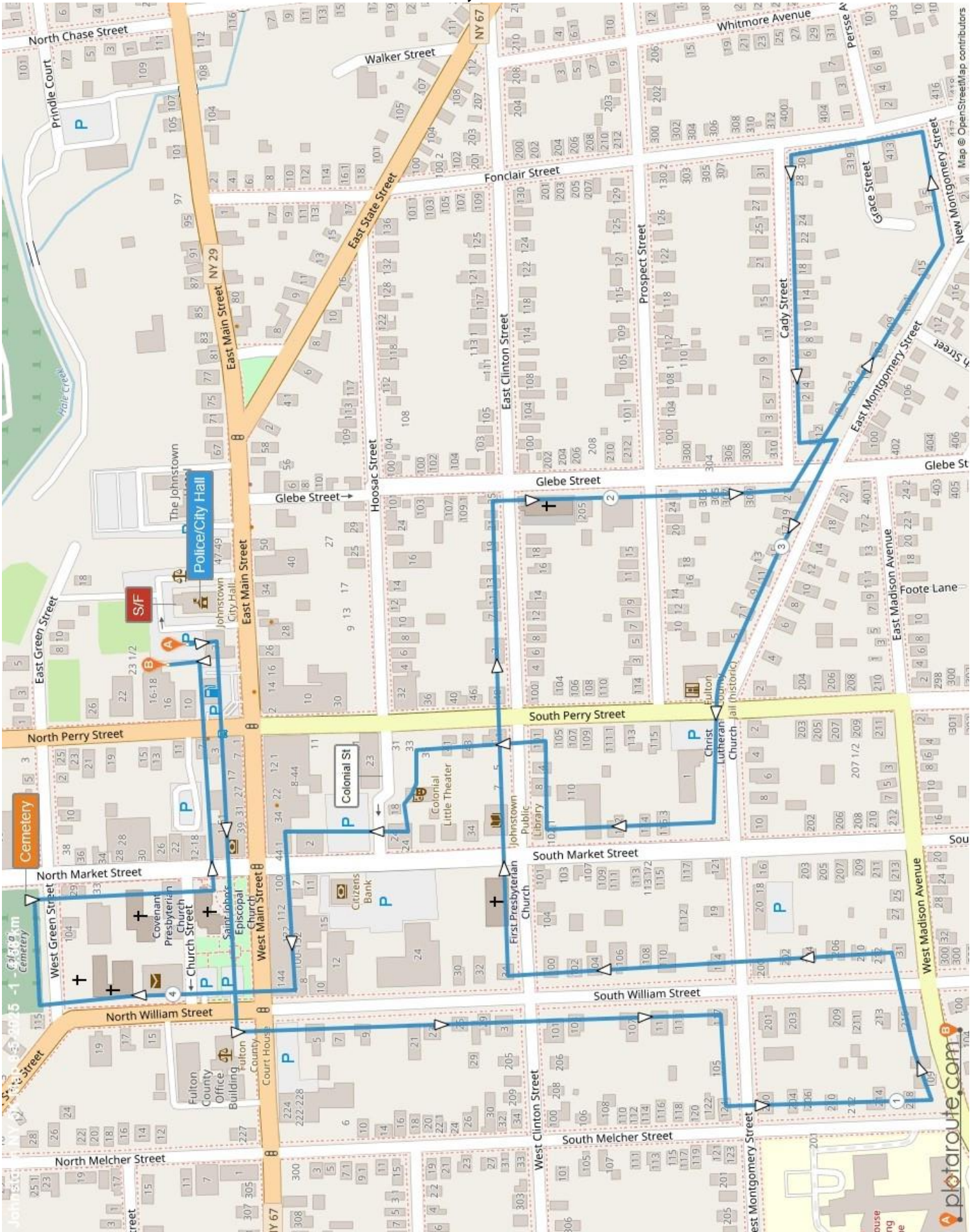
On your right, note the historic St. John's Episcopal Church and the grave of Sir William Johnson. On the left hand side, a blue historic marker has been erected near the corner of North Market and E Main Street, to designate the birthplace of Elizabeth Cady Stanton. The family mansion stood at 51 West Main, which is now a bank building.

- 27. LEFT** on West Main. Walk two blocks to return to the Start Point at Johnstown City Hall and Police Station.

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Johnstown, NY 10K Walk

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1. **RIGHT** on East Main, walk to the first corner, North Perry.
2. **RIGHT** on North Perry. Pass St Patrick's Masonic Lodge, Johnstown Cemetery and the Johnstown Fire Department.

St. Patrick's (Masonic) Lodge, started by Sir William Johnson in 1760. Sir William became a mason in Albany prior to moving here and wanted the fellowship to continue. It was originally in a room in Johnson Hall. During the American Revolution, the lodge ceased to exist and was reorganized around 1783.

Johnstown Cemetery was formed in the 1840s because the Colonial Cemetery was full. Elizabeth Cady Stanton's father, Judge Daniel Cady is buried here along with other notables.

3. **CONTINUE** on North Perry and look for the rail trail (Rails to Trails) located at the corner of West Decker and Maplewood Streets. Walk on the rail trail to the first cross street, which is Townsend Ave (no street sign).
4. **LEFT** on Townsend Ave to and **CROSS** North Perry at the traffic light.
5. **RIGHT** on North Perry for one block to Elmwood Ave.
6. **LEFT** on Elmwood to and **CROSS** Pleasant Ave.
7. **LEFT** on Pleasant. Walk a number of blocks to West State St.
8. **RIGHT** on West State (Route 29) to Hall Ave.
9. **BEAR RIGHT** onto Hall Ave. Continue to Johnson Hall.

Johnson Hall is the only Baronial Estate in the United States. Now a New York State Historic Site, the land was given to Sir William Johnson by King George II as a reward for his service in the French and Indian War

Sir William Johnson is the founder of the first free integrated school here to educate African Americans, Native Americans and females. He was the first white man to bathe in the springs located in what is now known as Saratoga Springs.

You can stop for a tour. It is open Wed.-Sun. from 10-5. The entrance is at the back of the house.

10. **WHEN FINISHED** exploring Johnson Hall, retrace your steps on Hall Ave and return to the first traffic light on West State St, near the statue of Sir William (on your right).

11. **CONTINUE** on West State (Route 29) walking down the hill. At the next light continue up the hill. The road becomes North William St. as it bends near the intersection with West Green St.

On this corner is the Drumm House 1763, one of the first six buildings built by Sir. William Johnson. Built in 1763 by Sir William Johnson for his first school teacher, Edward Wall. Sir William opened the first public school west of the Hudson. Each house was thirty feet wide and eighteen to twenty feet deep. They were one and a half stories high, with two square rooms on the floor. All were painted yellow.

12. **BEAR LEFT** onto West Green to view the Colonial Cemetery.

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13. After viewing cemetery, **RETRACE** your steps to the corner of West Green and North William.
14. **CROSS** West Green to the left side of North William St. passing the Johnstown Historical Society. **Continue** to West Main St.

The Johnstown Historical Society was founded in 1892 before the city was incorporated. Artifacts located here include Elizabeth Cady Stanton's piano and chair and an original Abraham Lincoln signature. A large display about the life of Rose Knox is also available.

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- 16. RIGHT** onto West Madison for one block to South Melcher St.
- 17. LEFT** on South Melcher. Climb the hill to West Second Ave.
- 18. LEFT** on West Second Ave. for one block to South William (no street sign). On that block, note the large white mansion on the right.
- Olde Knox Mansion. Knox Mansion was built in 1889 at a cost of \$1.2 million by Charles Knox for his wife, Rose. There are 42 rooms, an elevator, a grand staircase and a lava ash fireplace imported from a castle in Italy.*
- Founders of Knox Gelatin. Mrs. Knox ran the business after her husband's untimely death. She was one of the first women to run a business in the U.S. She gave the city the Athletic Complex of Knox Field, which is still one of the best fields for a public school in New York State.*
- 19. RIGHT** on South William (no street sign) for two blocks to West Fourth Ave.
- 20. LEFT** on West Fourth for two blocks to South Perry St. (Slight jog when crossing South Market St.)
- 21. LEFT** on South Perry (no street sign) for 3 blocks to West First Ave, passing Knox Field and Knox Junior High on the right. (Par for the Course)(Step to the Beat)
- 22. LEFT** on West First Ave for one block to South Market.
- 23. RIGHT** on South Market to West Montgomery.
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- 27. CROSS** South Market then **immediate RIGHT** to **continue** on the left side of South Market to West Main St.
- 28. CROSS** West Main, and note the park, tomb and church on this corner.
- In this park area you will find St. John's Episcopal Church and Sir William Johnson's grave, as well as several historical markers. St. John's Episcopal Church was founded by Sir William Johnson. This is the third edifice. Inside are Sir William Johnson's Bible, Prayer Book and Silver Chalice. His grave was originally under the High Altar of the second church. After it burned down, the church was relocated on the lot facing East; the grave ended up outside and to the left of the present structure.*
- 29.** After viewing the landmarks **go back to the corner** of North Market St and West Main St. and **CROSS** North Market St.
- A blue historic marker has been erected near the corner of North Market and W Main Street, to designate the birthplace of Elizabeth Cady Stanton. The family mansion stood at 51 West Main, which is now a bank building.*
- 30. CONTINUE Straight** on West Main for two blocks back to the Start Point at Johnstown Police Station/City Hall.

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