

## Annapolis Quiet Waters Park Walk – 5 & 10 KM Year-Round Event Hosted by the Annapolis Amblers

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### Trail Description:

Quiet Waters Park is a hidden gem in the greater Annapolis area. Trail is on paved paths throughout the park. Park is usual open dawn to dusk, but specific hours can be found at <https://www.aacounty.org/recreation-parks/parks/quiet-waters-park>.

**Special Programs:** Par for the Course

**Annapolis Amblers Website:** [www.annapolisamblers.org](http://www.annapolisamblers.org)

### Start Point:

Grump's Café, 117 Hillsmere Dr, Annapolis, MD, 21403

### Amenities:

There are restrooms along the route, but not at the start, with several local eateries to enjoy a nice meal.

### Driving Directions:

Take your best route to US-50. Take exit 22 and follow Aras T Allen (MD-665). Continue as MD-665 changes to Forest Dr. Turn right on Hillsmere Dr. and the left into the parking lot near Grump's Café. Park away from the businesses. Parking within Quiet Waters may require a fee, but there are discounts/free admission for certain groups.

### Walk Registration:

Registration takes place online using the AVA Online Start Box, on [my.ava.org](http://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.



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Event related assistance:  
Janet Brown - 240-483-5325

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## Walk Directions for Quiet Waters Park – 5 KM Walk

1. With your back to Grumps, walk towards the left corner of the parking lot. Cross Hillsmere Drive via the tan brick sidewalk and enter the park.
2. **TURN LEFT** onto the blacktop path and follow it to a “T” intersection.
3. **TURN RIGHT** at the “T,” cross the park entrance road, and enter the woods on the blacktop path. Continue on the path for some distance ignoring any side paths. You will cross a total of four wooden bridges.
4. After crossing the fourth bridge go up a small hill, pass a stop sign at the driveway to a private residence, and continue straight ahead to sign for the Wildwood Trail.
5. Follow the Wildwood Trail to the Composting Demonstration Area, make a counterclockwise loop, and return to the Wildwood Trail. (3K)
6. **TURN RIGHT** on the Wildwood Trail and follow it to the trailhead on your right.
7. **TURN RIGHT** at the path intersection just past the Wildwood Trail sign. Parking lot on your left.
8. **BEAR RIGHT** at the wooden signboard to the Harness Creek Trail (not marked, follow Boat Rental sign). Just past Dogwood Pavilion, **TURN LEFT** on blacktop path. Parking lot on left.
9. Just past the first tan building on your left, **TURN LEFT** and enter the garden. Walk through and exit the opposite side.
10. **TURN RIGHT** on blacktop path, passing a gazebo on the right and head toward the skating rink (looks like a swimming pool in summer). The Welcome Center on your right has restrooms and a water fountain.
11. Continue past the skating rink on the tan path, which turns to blacktop. At the next intersection, **TURN LEFT**.
12. Continue on path (gardens and small pond with fountain on left) to tall iron sculpture. **BEAR RIGHT**, cross road and continue on blacktop path.
13. Continue on path. Path turns left as you approach the park entrance road. Before road, **TURN RIGHT** at the wooden board (kiosk). The path curves left. **TURN RIGHT** at the tan brick walkway and follow it to the exit. Cross road and return to the Bay Ridge Shopping Center parking lot.

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## Walk Directions for Quiet Waters Park – 10 KM Walk

1. With your back to Grumps, walk towards the left corner of the parking lot. Cross Hillsmere Drive via the tan brick sidewalk and enter the park.
2. **TURN LEFT** onto the blacktop path and follow it to a “T” intersection.
3. **TURN RIGHT** at the “T”, cross the park entrance road, and enter the woods on the blacktop path. Continue on the path for some distance ignoring any side paths. You will cross a total of four wooden bridges.
4. After crossing the fourth bridge go up a small hill, pass a stop sign at the driveway to a private residence, and continue straight ahead to sign for the Wildwood Trail.
5. Follow the Wildwood Trail to the Composting Demonstration Area, make a counterclockwise loop, and return to the Wildwood Trail. (3K)
6. **TURN RIGHT** on the Wildwood Trail and follow it to the trailhead on your right.
7. **TURN RIGHT** at the path intersection just past the Wildwood Trail sign. Parking lot on your left.
8. **BEAR RIGHT** at the Dogwood Pavilion onto the Harness Creek Trail. Follow trail to the boat rental area. Porta potties available here.
9. **RETRACE** your steps back to the Dogwood Pavilion, **TURNING RIGHT** onto a path just before the pavilion.
10. Continue straight, passing a large building on your left, and **TURN LEFT** to enter the garden. Walk through the garden, past a statue in a circle, and exit the opposite side.
11. **TURN RIGHT** on blacktop path, passing a gazebo on the right and head toward the skating rink (looks like a swimming pool in summer). The Welcome Center on your right has restrooms and a water fountain. As you pass this building, **TURN RIGHT** and go up the steps to the sculpture of two large birds.
12. Continue straight on the brick path, past the sculpture, to the road. **TURN LEFT** on the road, then a quick **RIGHT** onto the blacktop path and go down the hill.
13. At the “T” intersection turn **RIGHT** onto a blacktop path into the woods. You will pass the Holly Pavilion (no sign) on your left.
14. Continue on the path, passing a viewing area on your right, to the short connecting path to the main road with pavilion a small parking lot on your left. Stay on the path as it curves sharply to the **RIGHT**.
15. **TURN RIGHT** at the “South River Overlook” sign. Sign faces away from you.
16. **BEAR RIGHT** at the “Y” to follow the path downhill and along the river. At the steps, **TURN LEFT** and go up.
17. At the top of the steps, go around the triangle, continue straight on the tan brick walkway and continue on the blacktop path.
18. **TURN RIGHT** at the circular road. Follow the path past a small building on your left and continue towards the dog exercise area.
19. Continue past an open concert stage on your left until you reach the road. (7K)
20. Cross the road and stay on the path to a “T” intersection. **TURN RIGHT** and proceed up the hill. At the top of the hill bear diagonally right across the road and continue on the blacktop path. The Welcome Center will be on your left.
21. Continue on the path, passing gardens and a small pond with a fountain on your left to a tall iron



sculpture with rocks in it. **BEAR RIGHT** at the triangle, cross the road, and continue on the blacktop path.

22. The path turns **LEFT** as you approach the park entrance road. At the wooden kiosk **TURN RIHT**. The path will curve **LEFT**. **TURN RIGHT** at the tan brick walkway and follow it to exit the park.
23. Cross road and return to the Bay Ridge Shopping Center parking lot.

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