

The Liberty Bell Wanderers  
Welcomes You to the  
**Doylestown**  
AVA Sanctioned Year Round Event



This AVA rated 2B 10km / 1A 5km walk is along mostly shaded sidewalks with no significant hills. Walk through the vibrant downtown area, residential areas - many with Victorian style homes, past the James Michener Art Museum, Henry Mercer's two concrete castles (Mercer Museum and Fonthill Castle) and optional visit to the Moravian Tile Works. Doylestown is the County Seat of beautiful Bucks County, recognized by USA Today as having America's "best small-town cultural scene".

**OSB or PSB Walk Registration (not both):**

Please use either the Online Start Box (OSB) or Physical Start Box (PSB) to register and complete the event. Do NOT mix and match. For example, do not register using the OSB, then complete your event using the PSB (nor sign the PSB log sheet). The sponsoring club only receives credit for an OSB participation when an OSB registration has been completed online by entering your participation date, distances, and any special programs using the OSB.

**OSB Walk Completion and Walk Credit:**

When using OSB registration, upon physically completing the walk, please login to your Online Start Box account click on the "My Start Box" tab, then the "Finish Table" tab, then 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.

**Restrooms:**

Location	Route	Type	Distance	Hours - Season
Starting Point - Central Bucks YMCA	10/5km	Bathroom	0km	Mon-Fri 5:00am - 8:00pm; Sat-Sun 7:00am - 5:00pm
Doylestown Bucks County Free Library	10/5km	Bathroom	2.1km	M, T, W, Th: 9am - 9pm F: 9am - 6pm Sat: 9am - 5pm Sun: 1pm - 5pm
Fonthill Castle Welcome Center	10km	Bathroom	6.5km	Tues-Sun: 10:00am. - 5:00pm
Behind Moravian Pottery & Tile Works	10km	Bathroom	6.5km	(Optional 0.2k detour, roundtrip) Tues-Sun: 10:00am. - 5:00pm

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**Starting Point Address:**

Central Bucks YMCA  
2500 Lower State Rd.  
Doylestown, PA 18901  
(215-348-8131)

Free parking in YMCA Parking lot


**PSB Location:**

The start box is located inside the Y. You will need to ask the staff for the "Walk Box".

**Driving Directions:**

From I-276 (PA Turnpike) take Exit 343 (Willow Grove) and merge onto PA-611 North towards Doylestown. Continue on 611 N for 11 miles to the State St. exit. Left on W. State St. Continue 0.2 miles, then Right on Memorial Drive to YMCA on right. Parking lot entrance is on Memorial Drive before reaching Lower State Rd./Court St.

**Emergency Numbers:**

	In case of Emergency: Dial 911
	Event related assistance:
	Carol Talaga (215-429-4307)
	carol.talaga@gmail.com

**Walking Instructions:**

Maps are included for both the 10km & 5km walks.

**Abbreviations used:**

ns – No Sign. There is no street sign.

SP – Special Program

These walk directions and maps may only be used in conjunction with a signed American Volkssport Association athletic waiver. All other uses are prohibited.

1. Exit Start Point towards the parking lot and turn **RIGHT**. Notice the athletic fields {SP} to the left of the parking lot. Follow the sidewalk to Memorial Dr.
2. **RIGHT** on Memorial Dr proceeding on the macadam path (part of the Doylestown Bike and Hike Trials [SP] to Lower State Rd./Court St.
3. **CROSS** Lower State Rd./Court St. then **LEFT** to continue on Court St. to Jefferson St.
4. **RIGHT** on Jefferson St. and continue to the end of the sidewalk to Oakland Ave.

5. **LEFT** on Oakland Ave to Washington St.
  6. **RIGHT** on Washington St, then a quick **LEFT** to continue on Oakland Ave to Franklin St.
  7. **RIGHT** on Franklin St. to Ashland St.
  8. **LEFT** on Ashland St. to Green St.  
*On the left just before crossing Main St. is the School of Rock {SP}.*
  9. **RIGHT** on Green St. (use the crosswalk and signals to safely cross Main & Ashland) to Scout Way.
  10. **LEFT** on Scout Way to end at Pine St.  
*On the left is the **Mercer Museum**, a seven-story building constructed entirely of reinforced concrete and a National Historic Landmark. Built by Henry Mercer between 1913-1916, it houses a collection of over 50,000 artifacts and everyday objects used by early tradesmen.*
  11. **CROSS** Pine St then **LEFT** to continue a short distance to the next sidewalk intersection.
  12. **RIGHT** towards the Bucks County Library (**Restrooms available in the library**), then **LEFT** at the next sidewalk intersection towards the James Michener Art Museum. Turn **LEFT** at the sculpture and go through the archway to return to Pine St. Note the historical plaques as you pass through the archway.  
*The **James Michener Art Museum** was named for Doylestown's most famous son, a Pulitzer Prize winning author and supporter of the arts. The museum is dedicated to the art and cultural heritage of Bucks County. The walls and archway of the Michener Art Museum were once part of the old Bucks County Prison.*
  13. **RIGHT** on Pine St to Ashland St.
  14. **RIGHT** on Ashland St. On the right is the Community Labyrinth at the Michener Museum {SP}. Use the gravel path entrance then walk around the labyrinth following the brick lined path. Return to the Ashland St. and Pine St. intersection.
  15. **CROSS** Ashland St using the crosswalk, then **LEFT** to continue on Ashland St. to Donaldson St.
1. **10km Walkers: Go to Instruction #18.**
  2. **5km Walkers Only:**
    - a. **RIGHT** on Donaldson St. to Oakland Ave.

- b. **LEFT** on Oakland Ave to Main St.
- c. **RIGHT** on Main St. to State St.
- d. **RIGHT** on State St. to Pine St.

*As you turn right on State, note the large brick building on the corner. This is the **Lenape Hall** building. It was built in 1874 and originally served as an indoor market as well as a meeting place. The clock at the top of the building was created by Louis Spieller of Doylestown, who was the inventor of the electric clock.*

- e. **LEFT** on Pine St, passing Freedom Square **{SP}** to Court St.  
*Freedom Square is a community-built mosaic memorial that honors all Bucks County post-9/11 military members who have fallen in action. It is quite large and impressive.*
  - f. **RIGHT** on Court St. to Broad St.
  - g. **LEFT** on Broad St. to Main St.
  - h. **LEFT** on Main St.
  - i. **GO TO Instruction #39** to rejoin 10k Walkers.
3. **10km Walkers Only: CROSS** Donaldson St. and continue to the traffic signal, Green St / Main St.
  4. **RIGHT** on Main St to the next traffic signal at Oakland Ave.
  5. **LEFT** on Oakland Ave to Hamilton St.
  6. **RIGHT** on Hamilton St to State St.
  7. **RIGHT** on State St. at the stop sign to Main St. town clock on corner.
  8. **Cross** Main St, then **LEFT** to continue on Main St.  
*As you cross Main St., note the large brick building in front of you. This is the **Lenape Hall** building. It was built in 1874 and originally served as an indoor market as well as a meeting place. The clock at the top of the building was created by Louis Spieller of Doylestown, who was the inventor of the electric clock.*
  9. **RIGHT** on Court St, passing Printer's Alley to Pine St.
  10. **RIGHT** on Pine St. Half-way down the block is Freedom Square **{SP}**  
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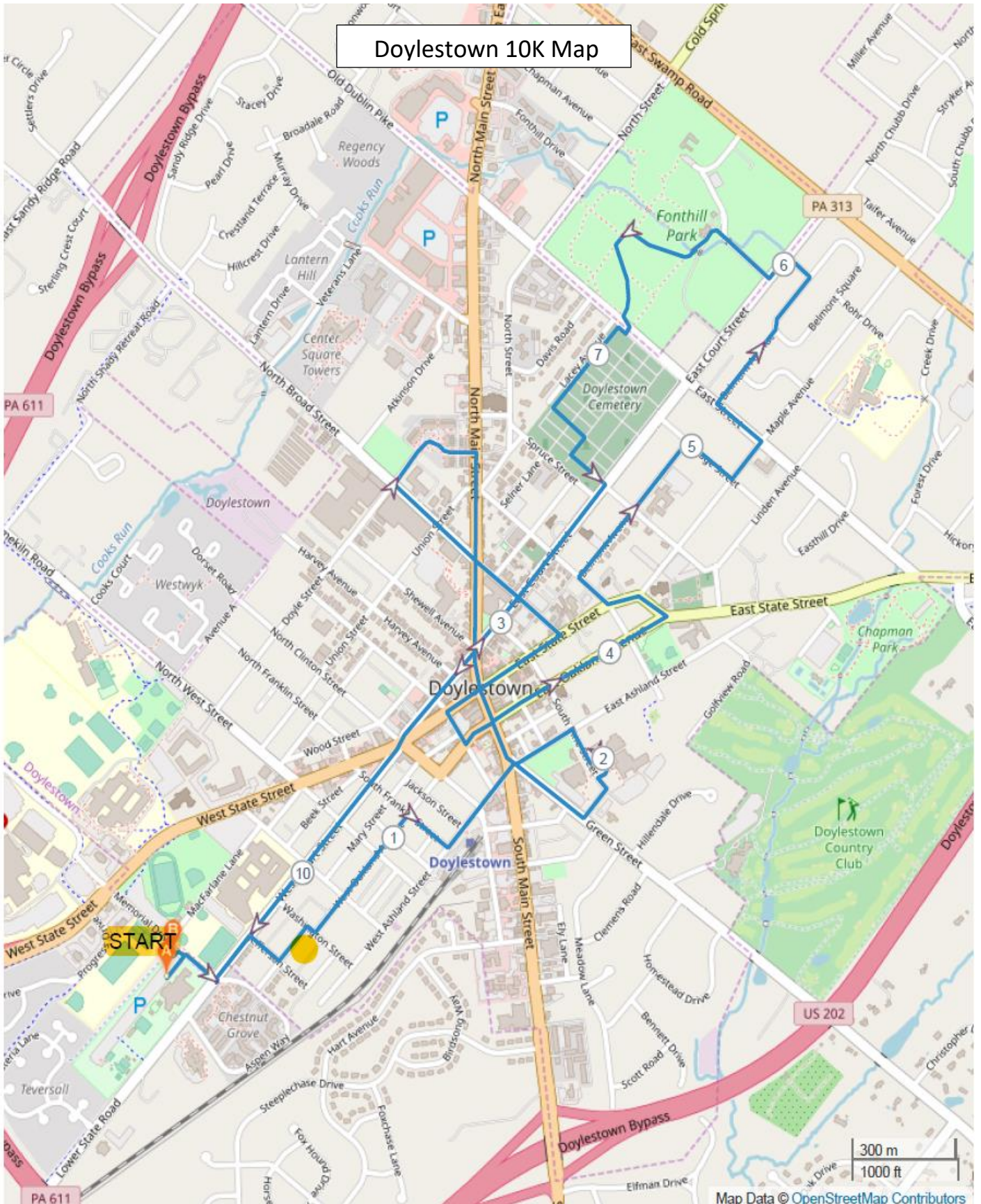
11. At the stop sign, **CROSS** State St, then **RIGHT** to continue on State St to Main St.
12. **LEFT** on Main St to Oakland Ave.
13. **LEFT** on Oakland Ave. to State St.  
*Just before reaching State St. is Burpee Park Playground on the right **{SP}***
14. **LEFT** on State St. Stay on State St. as it curves left. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church is on the right. Continue to Church St.
15. **RIGHT** on Church St, cross to stay on the sidewalk (Bucks County Bar association is on the left) to Belmont Ave.
16. **RIGHT** on Belmont Ave. Continue to the end, Cottage St.
17. **RIGHT** on Cottage St to Maple St. **(5K)**
18. **LEFT** on Maple St o East St.
19. **LEFT** on East St to Belmont Ave.
20. **RIGHT** on Belmont Ave to Belmont Sq.
21. **LEFT** on Belmont Sq to Belmont Ct.
22. **LEFT** on Belmont Ct to Court St.
23. **LEFT** on Court St to entrance of Fonthill Castle/Moravian Pottery & Tile Works
24. **CROSS** Court St. into entrance of Fonthill Castle/Moravian Pottery & Tile Works. Follow the paved road straight back to the castle.  
*Fonthill Castle was the home and showplace of Henry Mercer (1856-1930), archeologist, artifact collector and tile maker. It was built between 1908 and 1910 entirely of hand-mixed concrete and features Mercer's renowned, handcrafted ceramic tiles designed at the height of the Arts and Crafts movement.*  
*Moravian Pottery & Tile Works. Mercer's tile works produced tiles and mosaics for floors, walls and ceilings. Mercer produced the floor tiles for the Pennsylvania State Capitol rotunda and halls depicting 400 scenes in the Commonwealth's history. This building is also a concrete building.*  
*Visit the **Welcome Center** (located to the right of the castle) to learn more about Mercer and his designs for the castle. **Public restrooms** are located inside the Welcome Center.*

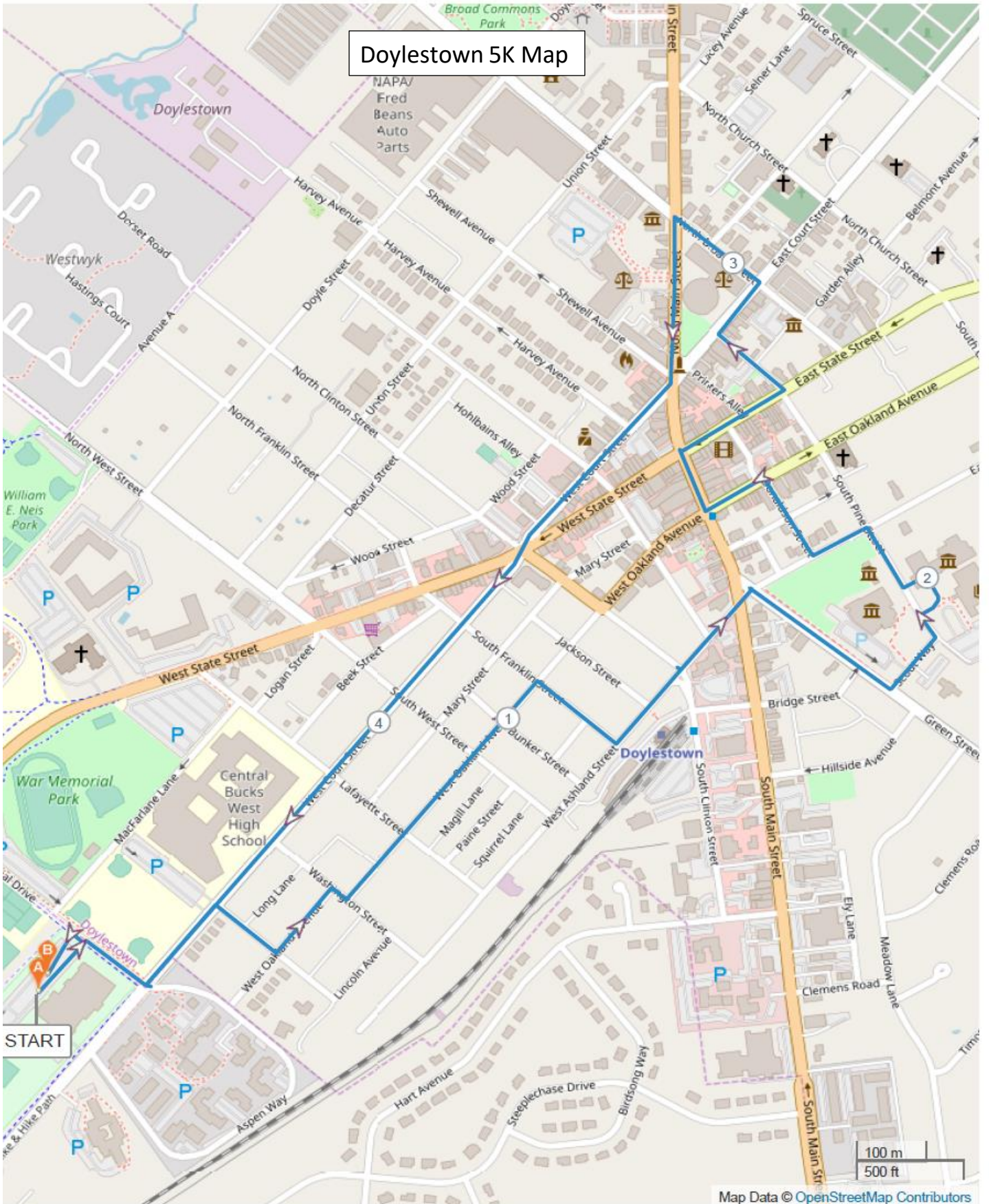
**Option:**

Follow the paved road as it goes past the Welcome Center and downhill to the Moravian Pottery & Tile Works where you can purchase handmade reissues of the tile designs that were originally produced here. **Public restrooms located behind the tile shop.**

25. Turn **LEFT** past the castle.
26. Bear **RIGHT** at the light pole and follow the path into the woods.
- The woodland trails surrounding the Fonthill Castle are undergoing a transformation and cleanup known as the Fonthill Woodlands Project. This is a work-in-progress and some of the trails may still be rough.*
27. A short distance past the light pole, turn **RIGHT** at the first junction. Follow this bark chip trail to a stone building known as the "Little House in the Woods".
- This house came with the property when Mercer purchased it in 1907 (estimated to have been built between 1765 and 1775). It probably served as a tenant house. In 1917, he offered it to the Doylestown Nature Club for their use. A tile mosaic of the club's emblem, a bird, and the Latin phrase "silva vocat" (the forest calls) is embedded in the top center of the front wall of the house. Across the front eave, tile letters spell out a saying coined by Mercer: "Who learns will love and not destroy, the creature's life, the flower's joy". Over the years, this house had been damaged by vandals and the elements. In 2019, volunteers set out to clean up its exterior. It is unlikely that it will ever be fully restored; although, steps have been taken to prevent further vandalism.*
28. **LEFT** at the stone building. Continue straight **passing** a narrow trail on the right and then a narrow trail on the left.
29. **LEFT** at the next intersection (do not go towards the street).
30. Another **LEFT** at the "Y" (again, do not take the path to the street). Trail becomes rough and goes uphill.
31. **RIGHT** at the "T" at the top of hill. Exit the trail through the stone pillars. You will be facing the Doylestown Cemetery.
32. **CROSS** the street (East St.) and turn **LEFT** on the sidewalk (cemetery on the right) to wide asphalt on the right.
33. **RIGHT** on the wide asphalt path into the cemetery. Follow this path to the stone wall at the back of the cemetery.
34. **LEFT** at the stone wall to Court St. and exit the cemetery to Court St.
35. **RIGHT** on Court St. and continue to Broad St.
36. **RIGHT** on Broad St. to the light at Main St.
37. **CROSS** Broad to the left, then **CROSS** Main St. and turn **LEFT**.
38. **5km and 10km Walkers:** Continue on Main St. to the intersection of Main, Court & Shewell Sts.
- On the right is the Bucks County Courthouse.*
- On the left is a courtyard containing the Vietnam War Memorial {SP}.*
- At the intersection is the Civil War Monument. Erected in 1868, it was one of the first in the nation.*
39. **CROSS** Shewell St. and turn **RIGHT** on Court St. Continue on Court to Clinton St.
40. **CROSS** Clinton St. Go a short distance to the next crosswalk and **CROSS** State to Court St. Continue on the right side of Court St. passing Mesquito Grill.
- There are many historic homes on this section of Court St. including the childhood home of anthropologist and author **Margaret Mead** on the corner of West & Court. Born in Philadelphia in 1901, she was raised in Doylestown and attended the old Doylestown H.S. She authored over 20 books and was the recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom. She died in 1978.*
41. Continue on Court St. several blocks to Memorial Dr. **CROSS** Memorial Dr. then **RIGHT** to return to the Start Point at the YMCA.
42. **LEFT** on the sidewalk next to the YMCA parking lot to the Start Point.

Liberty Bell Wanderers hope you enjoyed our Doylestown walk and hope you will return to enjoy it again.





## 2026 KSVVA Special Challenges and AVA Special and National Programs

<b>WALK NAME: DOYLESTOWN</b>					
<b>NUMBER: Y1187</b>					
67 Counties (no end date)			Bucks		
AT Thru Hike (2017 -2023) in PA only			N/A		
<b>AVA SPECIAL PROGRAMS</b>					
Program Name	Years	10K	5K	K	Information
A-MAZE-ing Labyrinths	(2024 - 2026)	X			Community labyrinth at the Michener Museum, Pine & Ashland Sts.
Anniversaries Hurrah	(2026)	X	X		Celebrate 250 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of U.S. 50 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of AVA
IVV-Americas	(2023 - No end)	X	X		
Par For The Course	(2023 - 2025)	X	X		Burpee Park Playground Playground & athletic fields at the YMCA
Rails-to-Trails	(2022 - 2026)	X	X		Doylestown Bike and Hike Trails
Step to the Beat	(2024 - 2026)	X	X		School of Rock on Man St. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church (10K)
Walking with America's Veterans	(2021 - 2028)	X	X		Vietnam Veterans Memorial World War II Memorial Freedom Square
Washington-Rochambeau National Historic Trail	(2021 - 2031)				
<b>Closed Programs on Route</b>					
Mayflower - 400 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Walk	(2020 - 2022)	X	X		Lenape Hall named for Lenni Lenape Indians
Rockin' Around the Clock	(2020 - 2022)	X			Corner of State & Hamilton Sts.
<b>AVA National Prdograms</b>					
Program Name	Years	10K	5K	K	
50 States / 51 Capitals	(No end date)	X	X		Pennsylvania
Walk the USA (A to Z)	(No end date)	X	X		D