

Columbus Capital Walk including German Village

Heart of Ohio Hikers

Welcomes You to

Columbus Capital Walk including German Village - 6k and 10k

An AVA Sanctioned Year Round Event

that tours German Village and also a loop

around the State Capitol Building



This walk is mainly in historic German Village with a side trip around the State Capitol building on the 10k. Highlights include Planks Bier Garten, Hausfrau Haven, Golden Hobby Shop, The Book Loft, King Gambrinus in the Brewery District, "Soldiers' Wall of Letters", Schmidt's Sausage Haus, Schiller Park and many lovely German residences. Special programs include: Par for the Course, Walking with America's Veterans (10k only), State Capitol, Walk Ohio 88 Counties, Walking the USA (A-Z) and Walking the United States (50 States). The 6km trail is exclusively in German Village and does not go by the Capitol building.

Both 6k and 10km are rated 1A. The walk start/end point is in the parking lot of Krogers located at 150 W. St., Columbus Ohio. Restrooms are available in Krogers. Walk during daylight hours. Restrooms are also available in Schiller Rec Center.

Walk Registration:

Registration takes place online using that AVA Online Start Box, at 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.

Walk Completion and Walk Credit:

Once you have physically completed 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.

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6km Walking Directions for the Columbus Capital Walk including German Village

Starting Point Location:

From the North I-71 exit 108A-Main St. left on Main St., left on S. Washington Ave, right on Mound St., left on High St, right on W. Sycamore St & right into Kroger parking lot. From the West I-70, Exit 100A, right on S. Front St, right on W. Front St, right on Sycamore St into the Kroger Parking lot.

The street address of the Kroger store is 150 W. Sycamore St., Columbus, Ohio

Restrooms:

There are restrooms in Krogers. Restrooms are also available in Schiller Rec Center in Schiller Park.

Emergency Numbers:

In case of emergency call 911.

Event related assistance:

Mary Gustafson 614-313-2113 (text or call)

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with a signed American Volkssport Association athletic waiver.
All other uses are prohibited.**

Walk Directions for the 6k:

1. Exit the Kroger store (150 W. Sycamore) and turn **RIGHT**. Carefully **CROSS** parking lot and turn **LEFT** on the first street which is **W. Sycamore St.** and stay on the **LEFT**.

2. Continue on **W. Sycamore St.**, crossing **Bank St.**, **S. Front St.** and **S. Wall St.** to **S. High St.**

3. Carefully **CROSS S. High St.** at traffic light and turn **RIGHT**.

4. Turn **LEFT** on **E. Sycamore St.**, crossing **S. Pearl St.** and **City Park Ave.** to **S. 3rd St.**

5. Turn **LEFT** on **S. 3rd St.** to first crosswalk at **Sycamore St.**

6. Turn **RIGHT** in crosswalk crossing **S. 3rd St.**

630 South Third Street is the Saint Mary School. Originally built in 1864 to help German immigrant children learn English.

7. Turn **LEFT** on **S. 3rd St.** crossing **E. Willow St.** and passing German Village Society/Information Center to Beck St.

Stoops, basements and lintels in German Village were made from limestone from Marble Cliff Quarry company. Look for fossils.

8. Turn **RIGHT** on **E. Beck St.** crossing **S. Lazelle St.** Look for the Brothers' House at 316-18 E. Beck. Two brothers built the home together but had a falling out. The roofline, bricks and lintel are different on each side.

9. Turn **LEFT** on **S. 4th St. (1K)** to **Jackson St.**

10. Turn **RIGHT** on **Jackson St.** crossing **Rader Alley**, **Oscar Alley**, **Mohawk St.**, and **Macon Alley**.

11. Turn **RIGHT** on **S. 5th St.**

12. Turn **LEFT** on **Berger Alley** and **CROSS Dixon Alley**.

13. Turn **RIGHT** into small park entrance on the right (Frank Fetch Park). *This park was named for a dedicated city employee who worked hard to obtain land and make an art park where neighbors could rest and enjoy the gardens.*

14. Exit park on the South side (just walk straight through the park) and **CROSS E. Beck St.**

15. Turn **LEFT** on **E. Beck St.** crossing **Cedar Alley.**

16. Turn **RIGHT** on **6th St.** crossing **Lear St.**

17. Turn **RIGHT** on **Sycamore St.** passing **Franklin Glass**, and crossing **5th St.** and **Macon Alley.** *Franklin Glass was built in 1922 as US Armory. Franklin Glass makes stained glass for churches, universities, etc.*

18. **CROSS Mohawk St.** and turn **LEFT** on **Mohawk St.** (*Historical marker sign at 673 Mohawk St. This private home use to be St. Mary's School 1887-1968.*) **(2K)** **CROSS Alexander Alley** and **Frankfort St.**

19. Turn **LEFT** on **Columbus St.** crossing **Macon Alley.**

20. Turn **RIGHT** on **5th St.**

21. Turn **LEFT** on **Kossuth St.**, passing Schmidt's Fudge Haus and Schmidt's Sausage Haus (Cream puffs and Bahama Mamas recommended). *Schmidt's was built in 1866 and is the oldest continuously operating business in German Village.* From the front of the Sausage Haus, make a **RIGHT** and **CROSS Kossuth St.** and return back down Kossuth St. (essentially making a "U" turn). **Continue walking straight ahead on Kossuth St., crossing 5th St. and Macon Alley.**

22. **Cross Mohawk St.** and turn **LEFT** staying on the right side of street (Mohawk Restaurant). **Continue walking on Mohawk St., crossing Lansing St., and E. Whittier St.** (Brown Bag Delicatessen).

23. Continue on **Mohawk St.** to **Reinhard Ave.** and **CROSS Reinhard Ave.** (directly across the street) and enter Schiller Park. (You will be walking around the perimeter of the park and back to this point.) **(3K)**

Turn **RIGHT** on first paved path passing "Umbrella Girl" statue on left, continue to the next **LEFT** and turn **LEFT** to view Schiller Statue. Walk up to the statue and look down and read the pavers. Take **RIGHT** from statue, passing the amphitheater on the left, the cross over pond on foot bridge and continue to paved path and turn **LEFT** passing many grand, old 19th century houses on right of Park. Continue **LEFT** around the park on paved path. *Restrooms at Schiller Rec Center. After passing the Rec Center, there is a playground and basketball courts (*Special Program: Par for the Course*).

24. Turn **RIGHT** at fork **(4K)** to where you entered the park.

25. Turn **LEFT** on **Reinhard Ave.**

26. Turn **RIGHT** on **City Park Ave.** crossing **Reinhard Ave, Concord Pl.** (Roosters on left before crossing E. Whittier), **E. Whittier St.** and **Lansing St.**

27. Turn **RIGHT** on **Kossuth St.**

28. Turn **LEFT** on **S. 3rd St.**, crossing **Columbus St.**, (*Historical Marker at Haus Frau Haven Wine Beer*), **E. Frankfort St.**, **Stimmel St.** **(5K)** and **Sycamore St.** to the Book Loft on the **LEFT.**

29. Turn **LEFT** through iron gates of the Book Loft, walk through courtyard, passing the entrance to the Book Loft to **City Park Ave.** and turn **LEFT.** (*The Book Loft is a great place to browse or shop - 32 rooms of books.*) *If before Book Loft gates are closed, continue on S. 3rd St. to Willow St. and turn **LEFT.** Go 1 short block and turn **LEFT** on City Park Ave.

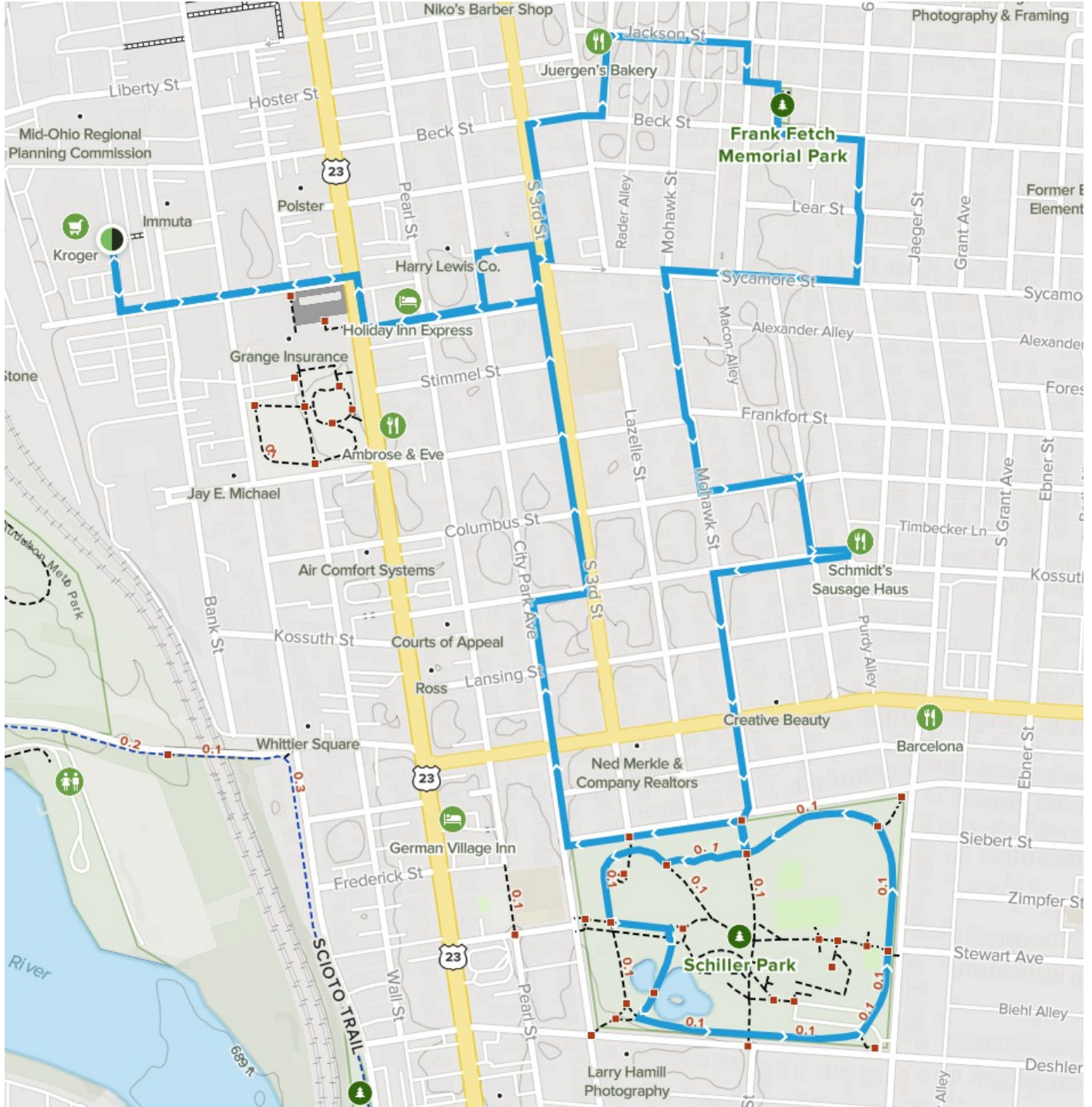
30. Turn **RIGHT** on **E. Sycamore St.** crossing **S. Pearl St.** to **S. High St.**

31. Turn **RIGHT** on **S. High St.** to first traffic light.

32. **CROSS S. High St.** at light to **W. Sycamore St.**, walking West, crossing **S. Wall St., S. Front St.** and **Bank St.**

33. Turn **RIGHT** into Kroger parking lot walking carefully through the lot to finish point in Kroger Store.

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10km Walking Directions for the Columbus Capital Walk including German Village

Starting Point Location:

From the North I-71 exit 108A-Main St. left on Main St., left on S. Washington Ave, right on Mound St., left on High St, right on W. Sycamore St. & right into Kroger parking lot. From the West I-70, Exit 100A, right on S. Front St, right on W. Front St, right on Sycamore St. into the Kroger Parking lot.

The street address of the Kroger store is 150 W. Sycamore St., Columbus, Ohio

Restrooms:

There are restrooms in Krogers. There are also restrooms at Schiller Park Recreation Center.

Emergency Numbers:

In case of emergency call 911.

Event related assistance:

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1. Exit the Kroger store (150 W. Sycamore) and turn **RIGHT**.
2. Carefully **CROSS** parking lot and turn **LEFT** on the first street which is **W. Sycamore St.** Proceed to **S. Front St.**
3. **CROSS S. Front St.** and turn **LEFT**. Pass the King Gambrinus statue, location of former brewery, on the opposite side of street. Continue walking north on **S. Front St.**, crossing **W. Beck St.** and **Hooster St.**
4. Turn **RIGHT** on **Blenkner St.**
5. Turn **LEFT** on **High St.**, crossing **Brewers St**, **Livingston Ave.**, crossing over the **I-70/I-71** bridge, **Fulton St.**, and **Mound St.**
6. **CROSS Main St.** and turn **LEFT**, crossing **Wall St.**, **S. Front St.**, and **Ludlow St. (1K).**
7. **CROSS 2nd St.** and turn **RIGHT**, crossing **W. Cherry St.** and **W. Rich St. 2nd St.** becomes **S. Civic Center Dr.**
8. Proceed north on **Civic Center Dr.** along the Scioto River to **Broad St.**, crossing **W. Town St.** To your left across the river is the Center of Science and Industry (**COSI**) which was the location of old Central High School. In front of **COSI** is **Genoa park** amphitheater. Continue on **S. Civic Center Dr.**
9. Before you Turn **RIGHT** at **W. Broad St.**, look across the river at the New National Veterans Memorial building. Continue on **W. Broad St.**, crossing **S. Civic Center Dr.**, **S. Front St. (2K)**, **S. Wall St.** and **High St.** The Ohio State Capitol is on your right. Notice the "Lincoln at the State House" historical marker (*Presidential Walk*).
10. Turn **RIGHT S. 3rd St.** passing the Historical marker.
11. Turn **RIGHT** just after crossing garage driveway to the first "Soldiers Wall of Letters". Take second walkway **LEFT** up an incline past the East State House entrance to the other side to view the other wall of "Soldiers Letters". (*Special Program: Walking with America's Veterans*).

- 12. CROSS E. State St.** and turn **RIGHT** passing the "Naiads Fountain" and the Ohio Theater (NRHP). As you pass the Ohio Theater, look across the street to see the Holocaust Memorial.
- 13.** Turn **LEFT** on **S. High St.** At this corner look up to notice the original Planter's Peanuts sign from 1940, continue on **S. High St.**, turn **LEFT** into the entrance to the John F. Wolfe Columbus Commons (**3K**). (*Columbus Commons is a six-acre park in downtown Columbus with more than 240 programs and events each year. From large scale concerts and local bands to free fitness classes to family activities, Columbus Commons is a gathering place for the community.*)
- 14.** Pass the fountain of Bronze Lilly pads and turn **RIGHT** down the path until you see the Carousel on the **LEFT**. Turn **LEFT** toward the Carousel, past the Carousel and Jeni's Ice Cream stand.
- 15.** Turn **RIGHT** at Jeni's on footpath to **Rich St.**
- 16.** Turn **RIGHT** on **E. Rich St.** to **High St.** Turn **LEFT** on **S. High St.**, staying on **LEFT** side of street, crossing **E. Rich St.**
- 17.** Turn **LEFT** on **E. Main St.**, (*at E. Main St. is the Old Great Southern Hotel now called The Westin*).
- 18.** Turn **RIGHT** on **S. 3rd St.**, crossing **E Noble St.**, **E. Mound St.**, **E. Engler St.**, **E. Fulton St.**, over the **I-70/I-71** bridge, and **Livingston Ave.** After crossing **Livingston Ave.**, on your right is **Katzinger's Deli**, a great lunch stop. **Continue on S. 3rd St.**, crossing **E. Blenkner St.** and **E. Hoster St.**
- 19.** Turn **LEFT** on **E. Beck St.** crossing **S. Lazelle St.**, **S. 4th St.**, **Rader Alley**, **Mohawk St.**, **Macon Alley**, **S. 5th St.** and **Dixon Alley**.
- 20.** Turn **LEFT** into **Frank Fetch Park** and walk straight through the small park and out the other end to **Berger Alley**. *Fetch Park was named for a dedicated city employee who worked hard to obtain land and make an art park meant for neighbors to rest in and enjoy.*
- 21.** Turn **LEFT** on **Berger Alley** crossing **Dixon Alley**.
- 22.** Turn **LEFT** on **S. 5th St. (5K)** crossing **E. Beck St.**
- 23.** Turn **RIGHT** on **Sycamore St.**
- 24.** Turn **LEFT** on **Mohawk St.** (*Historical marker sign at 673 Mohawk St. This private home use to be St. Mary's School 1887-1968*). **CROSS Alexander Alley**, and **E. Frankfort St.**
- 25.** Turn **LEFT** on **Columbus St.**, crossing **Macon Alley**, **5th St.**, (**6K**) **Purdy Alley**, **6th St.**, **Jaeger St.** and **S. Grant Ave.**
- 26.** Turn **RIGHT** on **Ebner St.**, crossing **E. Kossuth St.**
- 27.** Turn **RIGHT** on **E. Whittier St.** brown historical sign in front of **Giant Eagle** parking lot. This is the site of the first **OSU** home game, played on November 1, 1890.
- 28.** **CROSS** and turn **RIGHT** on **Jaeger St.**
- 29.** Turn **LEFT** on **Kossuth St.**, passing the famous **Schmidt's Sausage Haus** on right. Continue walking past **Red Barn** on **LEFT** and **Fudge House** on **RIGHT**. Continue straight ahead (west) on **Kossuth St.**, crossing **5th**, (**7K**) and **Macon Alley**.
- 30.** Turn **LEFT** on **Mohawk St.** (*Mohawk grill across the street*). Stay on **LEFT** side of street, crossing **Lansing St.**, **E. Whittier St.**, and **Concord Pl.** **CROSS Reinhard Ave.** and enter **Schiller Park** directly across the street. (You will be walking around the perimeter of the park back to this point).
- 31.** Turn **RIGHT** on first paved path passing **Umbrella Girl** statue on your left, after you pass that turn **LEFT** to walk up to the **Schiller Statue** (walking up to the statue look down and read the pavers). Turn **RIGHT** from statue, passing the amphitheater on the left, then cross over pond on foot bridge and then go back to paved path and

turn **LEFT** passing many grand, old 19th century houses on right of Park **(8K)**. Continue left around the park on paved path. *Restrooms at Schiller Rec Center. After passing the Rec Center, there is a playground and basketball courts (*Special Program: Par for the Course*). Turn **RIGHT** at fork to where you entered the park.

32. Turn **LEFT** on **Reinhard Ave.** then **RIGHT** on **City Park Ave.**, continue on passing **Concord Pl.**, **E. Whittier (9K)** (Roosters Restaurant is before you cross E. Whittier), and **Lansing St.**

33. Turn **RIGHT** on **Kossuth St.**

34. Turn **LEFT** on **S. 3rd St.** crossing **E. Columbus**, **E. Frankfort**, **Stimmel St.** and **E. Sycamore St.**

35. Turn **LEFT** through Iron gates of "Book Loft", walk through the courtyard, passing the entrance to the Book Loft to **City Park Ave.** and turn **LEFT** (great place to browse - 32 rooms of books). If before 10am when store opens, continue on **S. 3rd St.** to **E. Willow St.** and turn **LEFT** to **City Park Ave.**

36. Turn **RIGHT** on **E. Sycamore St.** crossing **S. Pearl St.**

37. Turn **RIGHT** on **S. High St.** to first traffic light.

38. **CROSS** **S. High St.** at traffic light to **W. Sycamore St.** crossing **S. Wall St.**, **(10K) S. Front St.** and **Bank St.**

39. Turn **RIGHT** into Kroger parking lot, walking carefully through the lot to finish point in Kroger Store.

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Special Programs for Columbus Capital Walk including German Village

1. **Par for the Course:** Schiller Park along Jaeger St.
2. **State Capital:** Columbus, Ohio
3. **Walk the 88 Ohio Counties:** Franklin
4. **Walking the United States (50 States):** Ohio
5. **Walking with America's Veterans** (10k only)
6. **Walking the USA - A-Z:** Columbus

