

OSWEGO NY Seasonal Walk 5 KM/10KM

EVENT ID: Y1251

WALK Dates: April 1st through December 31st

START POINT: Breitbeck Park, Lake Street, Oswego, NY 13126, GPS coordinates of the start point (43.275058 -76.315152). **NOTE the start point on the map is the old one, Directions match new start point. Start point is at #5 on the map.**

TRAIL DESCRIPTION: Both courses are on city streets with some small hills, and one set of stairs with several flights that can be bypassed.

TRAIL RATING: 2B

AWARDS AND FEES: This event is available for on line registration only. Go to the AVA on line start box to register (<https://my.ava.org/login.php>). A minimal charge is incurred for the directions. IVV award only.

AVA SPECIAL PROGRAMS

- Walking the USA, A-Z: O
- Walking with America's Veterans – Army Reserve center on the 10K. Veterans Memorial Park on the 5 and 10K.
- Rails to Trails, RR tunnel and route follows old RR on both the 5 and 10K.
- Lighthouse II – Oswego Light visible at the end of the pier from the 5 and 10K
- Walking the United States: New York
- IVV Americas

DRIVING INSTRUCTIONS:

From the South: Interstate 81 North to exit 29 (Route 481). Interstate 481 into Oswego. Route 481 is East 1st Street and ends at Bridge Street. Left on Bridge Street (NY Route 104) and go 8 blocks to West 8th Street (flashing Signal). Right on West 8th Street. 8th Street ends at Lake St. Breitbeck Park is ahead of you. There are two parking lots and on street parking along Lake St.

From the East: New York State Thruway (Interstate 90) to exit 34A, Interstate 481. Follow directions above from the south.

From the North: Interstate 81 South to Exit 34 (NY Route 104 to the town of Mexico). Follow Route 104 into Oswego. Cross the Bridge in the center of town and go 8 Blocks to West 8th St

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From the West: NY State Thruway (Interstate 90) to Exit 40 (Weedsport/Auburn). Left onto state route 34 for 17 miles. Then right on state route 104 (13 miles). West 8th Street will be on your left as you enter Oswego. Left on West 8th Street. 8th Street ends at Lake St. Breitbeck Park is ahead of you. There are two parking lots and on street parking along Lake St.

PETS: Leashed pets are allowed on all walks, and you must clean up after them.

RESTROOMS: Public Restrooms are available at the start point and at two places along the river on the 5 and 10K. Once you cross the river there are many businesses and restaurants that, if open, have restrooms. Public rest rooms are in season (April – November)

AMENITIES: The walk passes a Maritime-themed Museum, and War of 1812 historical forts and sites. The town was a major railroad hub and you will pass through a tunnel where the railroad passed under the town square. Beautiful panoramic views of the Lake from several parks on the waterfront. You also pass through the original town square and early 19th century government buildings and homes around the square (10K only). Oswego is the county seat of Oswego County

REMEMBER: You must log back into OLSB to finish online registration procedures after completing the Event.

Contacts:

In case of Emergency Dial 911

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NFVC website: <https://avaclubs.org/NFVC/>

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OSWEGO NY 10K WALK INSTRUCTIONS

1. From where you parked, go down to where the restrooms are and turn right into the park. Follow the sidewalk path through the park past the Bell (Kingsford Bell Arch) and along the perimeter of the park to loop all the way back to Lake Street. Public restrooms are in the park (April to November).
2. At Lake Street, turn left up the hill to the 3 Seaway Trail Signs. Keep going past Wright's Landing, and the International Marina. They will be on your left.
3. At the bottom of the hill turn left at West 1st Street (no sign) onto the pier and follow along the water to Enter the Oswego Historic Maritime District.
4. FOLLOW along the left side by the water to the tugboat and H. Lee White Museum (War of 1812 exhibit). Find the Seaway Trail Oswego Harbor blue sign.
5. Go back out of the Maritime District to the intersection and stay STRAIGHT on West 1st Street and cross the Intersection. (NOTICE there is a rock on the right with information about Fort Oswego).
6. At West Schuyler Street turn LEFT toward the river path.
7. Enter the West River Walk at the river. (NOTE for wheelchairs and strollers stay on the sidewalk of West 1st Street. Stay on the East side of the street. Enjoy shopping along West 1st Street. Pick up the route below at West Utica Street and turn right into the Harbor rail trail.
8. After the 2nd over pass along the River Walk, take the stairs to the top and take the pedestrian path to the right across the river (the Harbor Rail Trail Bridge).
9. After crossing the bridge, the Seaway Trail Gateway and Peace Garden (1812) will be on your right.
10. Carefully CROSS East 1st Street at the crosswalk, FOLLOW the Harbor Rail Trail into the railroad tunnel. The tunnel will come out at Bridge St and East 3rd Street.
11. Cross Bridge St to East 3rd. The River RR trail continues straight parallel to East 3rd street.
12. Follow the trail across E Cayuga St
13. At the Fire Museum Building keep going past the left side of the museum. (See the Mural on the building)
14. CROSS E Cayuga at E 4th Street, keep going on E Cayuga.
15. At E Schuyler St the rail trail ends and you can go straight into Fort Ontario Historical Park.
16. ENTER the park grounds and walk along the sidewalk uphill to where the lookout over Lake Ontario is, keeping the old fort on your left. **The old fort is not part of the walk.**
17. FOLLOW the sidewalk around to go out of the park. You will pass the old post cemetery on your left. The

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18. Cross Michell and stay on the sidewalk, past the Army Reserve Center.
19. Take a LEFT at E. 7th Street toward the Safe Haven Museum. Read the sign in front of the museum
20. Take a RIGHT on Barbara Donahue DR. Walk pass Building 23 and 31 on your left and turn left at the Ontario Players Building (Sign on building)
21. Cross the parking lot to E. Schuyler
22. Cross E. Schuyler to E. 5th St and go straight down E. 5th three blocks to E Bridge St
23. RIGHT on E. Bridge St to E. 4th St
24. Cross E. 4th at E. Bridge then LEFT across E. Bridge St
25. CONTINUE up E. 4th Street 3 blocks to E. Utica Street
26. RIGHT on E. Utica to E. 3rd St.
27. RIGHT on E. 3rd St. (NOTE the Richardson Bates House Museum on the right)
28. LEFT on E. Mohawk Street
29. RIGHT on E. 2nd Street. (Cross E. Bridge St again) FOLLOW East 2nd Street all the way to E. Schuyler.
30. LEFT on E. Schuyler and your will come to E. 1st Street.
31. LEFT on E. 1st Street
32. RIGHT on E. Bridge St & cross the bridge over the Oswego River
33. At the first traffic light, turn RIGHT onto W. 1st Street
34. At the first intersection take a LEFT onto W. Cayuga to go up the hill
35. Keep going until you pass Franklin Square on your right starting at 3rd St and going to 5th
36. After W. 4th Street notice the house on the left (corner brick building). The Bronson-Poucher-Culkin House (1836) is a late Federal house considered as a variation of the Greek Revival Style. The house was built by Alva Bronson who played a prominent part in the War of 1812 as a U.S. government agent in charge of supplies bound for the military-naval base at Sackets Harbor. Bronson later became a state senator and helped organize the Oswego and Syracuse Railroad. He lived in the house until age 98.
37. Continue up W. Cayuga and take a RIGHT onto W. 5th Street
38. FOLLOW W. 5th along the park, keeping Franklin Park on your right.
39. Walk two blocks and then turn left on W. Schuyler Street
40. Walk uphill, crossing W. 6th Street and pass by Montcalm Park (gated entrance)
41. Take a RIGHT on Montcalm Street, go along the gated fence to the stop sign.
42. CROSS the street and read the big stone marker about Fort George.
43. Keep following Montcalm Street down the hill to the Lake Street.
44. At the "T" intersection cross Lake St and then turn left on Lake Street along the water side of the road.
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