

Virginia Volkssport Association
Year Round Walk
Harrisonburg
5/10 KM Trail Directions

START POINT: Harrisonburg Tourism and Visitor Services, 212 S Main St
GPS: N38° 26.8309' W78° 52.1489'
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	<p>Emergencies or Safety Concerns: Call 911 Directions Contact: Chris Kelly (804) 909-9916</p>
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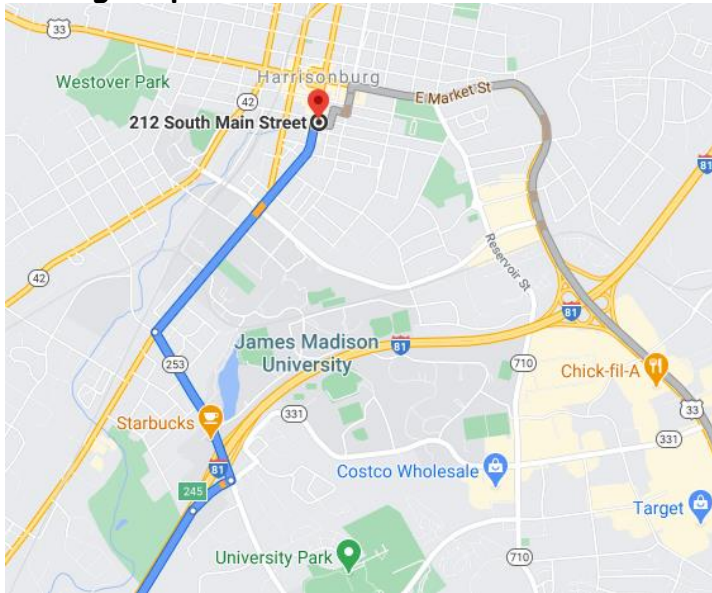
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Driving Directions:

1. Take I-81 to Exit 245 toward Harrisonburg.
2. Turn LEFT onto VA 253W/Port Republic Rd.
3. Turn RIGHT onto Lee Hwy/S Main St
4. Turn RIGHT onto E Bruce St.
5. Immediately turn RIGHT into parking lot for the Visitor Center.

Restrooms available in the Visitor Center.

Driving Map:



Special Programs:

Find the LOVE (Virginia): #56

Rockin' Around the Clock: #4, 19

Town Hall/City Hall: #52

Par-For-The-Course #13, #24

Virginia Independent Cities: Harrisonburg

Walking the USA A-Z: "H" for Harrisonburg

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The earliest documented English exploration of the area prior to settlement was the "Knights of the Golden Horseshoe Expedition" led by Lt Gov Alexander Spotswood.

Harrisonburg, previously known as "Rocktown," was named for Thomas Harrison, a son of English settlers. In 1737, Harrison settled in the Shenandoah Valley, eventually laying claim to over 12,000 acres situated at the intersection of the Spotswood Trail and the main Native American road through the valley.

In 1779, Harrison deeded 2.5 acres of his land to the "public good" for the construction of a courthouse. In 1780 Harrison deeded an additional 50 acres. This area is now known as "Historic Downtown Harrisonburg."

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On June 6, 1862, an American Civil War skirmish took place at Good's Farm, Chestnut Ridge near Harrisonburg between the forces of the Union and the forces of the Confederacy at which the C.S. Army Brigadier General, Turner Ashby, was killed.

Walking Directions:

1. From the parking lot, turn LEFT to E Bruce St.
2. Turn LEFT on E Bruce St and continue to the traffic signal at S Main St.
3. Cross and turn RIGHT on S Main St and continue two blocks to Court Square.
4. Turn LEFT and then RIGHT to walk around the Rockingham County Courthouse and continue to Graham St (no sign—1st Presbyterian Church is across the street).

There is a clock on the courthouse tower (Rockin' Around the Clock Special Program).

5. Cross and turn LEFT on Graham St and continue one block to the T-intersection at N Liberty St (no sign).

6. Turn RIGHT on N Liberty St and continue three blocks to W Rock St (sign is on the left but is hard to see—DO NOT ENTER signs are straight ahead).

7. Turn RIGHT on W Rock St two blocks to N Mason St. **(1 KM)**

8. Turn RIGHT on N Mason St and continue one block to E Wolfe St.

The pink building with the blue roof on the right is Kline's Dairy Bar. Take a break and enjoy some delicious ice cream!

9. Cross and turn LEFT on E Wolfe St and continue four blocks to the STOP sign at Sterling St.

10. Cross and turn RIGHT on Sterling St and continue two blocks to the traffic signal at E Market St.

11. Cross E Market St and then turn RIGHT to cross Reservoir St.

12. Turn LEFT to walk on the left side of Reservoir St one block to the end of Woodbine Cemetery at Myers Ave. **(2 KM at the speed limit sign)**

13. Turn RIGHT on Myers Ave and continue two blocks to Franklin St.

Spotswood Elementary Playground - Par for the Course

14. Cross and turn RIGHT on Franklin St and continue blocks to S Mason St.

15. Turn LEFT on S Mason St and continue almost a kilometer to E Grace St, just past the University Health Center.

TRAIL SPLIT:

5 KM walkers:

A. Turn RIGHT on E Grace St and continue one block to S Main St.

B. Continue with Direction #52.

16. Cross Grace St and continue straight onto the campus of James Madison University (JMU).

17. Follow the sidewalk as it curves LEFT, passing through a circle with a sundial.

18. Continue on the sidewalk between Carrier Library on your left and Keezel Hall on your right to the end of Keezel Hall.

19. Turn RIGHT on the wide brick sidewalk and continue to Bluestone Dr (no sign, but it's the first street just past the "A" parking lot purple sign on your right). **(4 KM)**

A clock tower is located on the JMU Dining Hall on your left. (Rockin' Around the Clock Special Program)

20. Turn LEFT on Bluestone Dr and continue to the first crosswalk.

21. Turn RIGHT on the crosswalk and then LEFT to continue on Bluestone Dr to the next crosswalk at a STOP sign.

22. Turn LEFT to cross Bluestone Dr and then turn RIGHT to continue on Bluestone across the railroad tracks past the second traffic signal at Carrier Dr to the entrance to parking lot C9 (first lot after Carrier Dr).

23. Turn LEFT into the parking lot and continue through the lot and Duke Dog Alley tunnel to the first wide sidewalk.

24. Turn LEFT on the lower sidewalk around the Rec Center (*Par for the Course*) and onto Driver Dr (no sign) to the first set of steps. (5 KM at the beginning of the asphalt)

25. Go up the steps and across the parking lot to the sidewalk.

26. Turn LEFT on the sidewalk and continue to the crosswalk near an emergency pole with a blue light on top.

27. Turn RIGHT on Driver Dr and continue in the striped pedestrian lane on your right, past the power plant, to the T-intersection at University Blvd, across from an entrance to the Edith J. Carrier Arboretum.

28. Turn LEFT on University Blvd and continue up the hill to the next entrance to the Arboretum. (If you reached the traffic signal, you went too far!)

29. Turn RIGHT and CAREFULLY cross University Blvd to the Arboretum entrance.

30. Enter the Arboretum, walking downhill to the parking lot.

31. Bear RIGHT in the parking lot to the Native Azalea Garden sign.

32. Go down the steps and turn RIGHT to circle the pond counterclockwise, crossing a boardwalk and a bridge, back to the steps. **(6 KM at the bridge)**

33. Turn RIGHT and go up the steps to the bulletin board.

34. Take the paved path, past the Sinclair Memorial Garden, ignoring paths to the right or left, to the street (University Blvd—no sign).

35. Turn LEFT on University Blvd and continue to the traffic signal.

36. Turn RIGHT and cross University Blvd.

37. Turn LEFT to walk on the right side of University Blvd to Driver Dr.

38. Cross and turn RIGHT on Driver Dr and continue on the sidewalk and striped pedestrian lane to the crosswalk. **(7 KM at the yellow pedestrian sign just past the power plant)**

39. Turn LEFT onto the sidewalk, passing the Emergency pole, to the end of the parking lot.

40. Turn RIGHT and go down the steps and continue on the sidewalk around the Recreation Center to its end.

41. Turn RIGHT to Duke Dog Alley and continue through the tunnel through the C9 parking lot to Bluestone Dr (no sign).

42. Turn RIGHT on Bluestone Dr and continue to the first traffic signal at Carrier Dr/Duke Dr.

43. Turn LEFT and continue past the parking lot entrance on your left to the first sidewalk.

44. Take the sidewalk down toward the plaza in front of Zane Showker Field to the Duke Dog Statue.

45. Continue past the statue toward the lake to the end of the stadium/parking garage on your right.

46. Turn RIGHT with the parking deck on your right and the lake on your left and continue around the parking deck to the end of the sidewalk.

47. Continue on the blacktop toward Gate "E" to a bridge on your left.

48. Turn LEFT and cross the bridge, going uphill, to the street (no sign).

49. Cross and turn RIGHT and continue to the STOP sign at Bluestone Dr, crossing the railroad tracks.

50. Bear LEFT up the sidewalk to the crosswalk and Frye Building at Bluestone Dr.

51. Turn RIGHT and cross Bluestone Dr and then LEFT on Bluestone Dr to Main St. You will pass a life-size statue of James Monroe on your right.

5 KM walkers rejoin here:

52. Turn RIGHT on S Main St and continue about 0.7 KM to Campbell St, across from City Hall. **(9 KM at Grace St)**

An American Legion World War I monument is in the middle of the intersection at S Main St and Gratten St. (Walking with America's Veterans Special Program)

The City Hall counts for the Town Hall/City Hall Special Program.

53. Cross and turn LEFT on Campbell St and cross S Main St.

54. Turn RIGHT on S Main St and continue on the left side of S Main St to the driveway at the tiny blue City Hall sign.

55. Turn LEFT on the driveway and continue to the STOP sign.

56. Turn RIGHT in the parking lot and continue to the brown Quilt Museum sign.

The big LOVE sign counts for the Virginia Find the LOVE Special Program.

57. Turn RIGHT on the driveway back to S Main St.

NOTE: There is a nice bakery and museum in the same building as the Visitor Center.

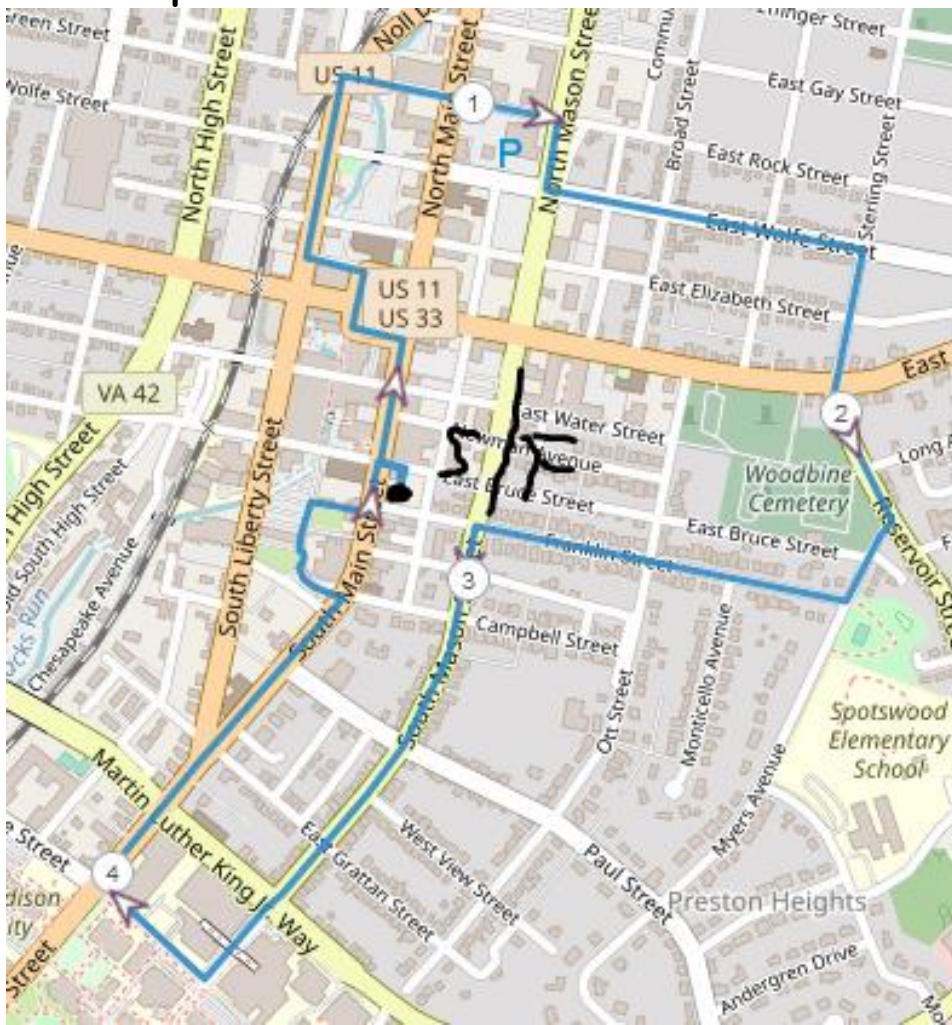
58. Turn LEFT on S Main St to the traffic signal at Bruce St.

59. Turn RIGHT to cross S Main St and return to your vehicle.

We hope you enjoyed your walk in the town of Harrisonburg. There are also year-round walks nearby in Bridgewater, Lexington, and Staunton to help round out your day.

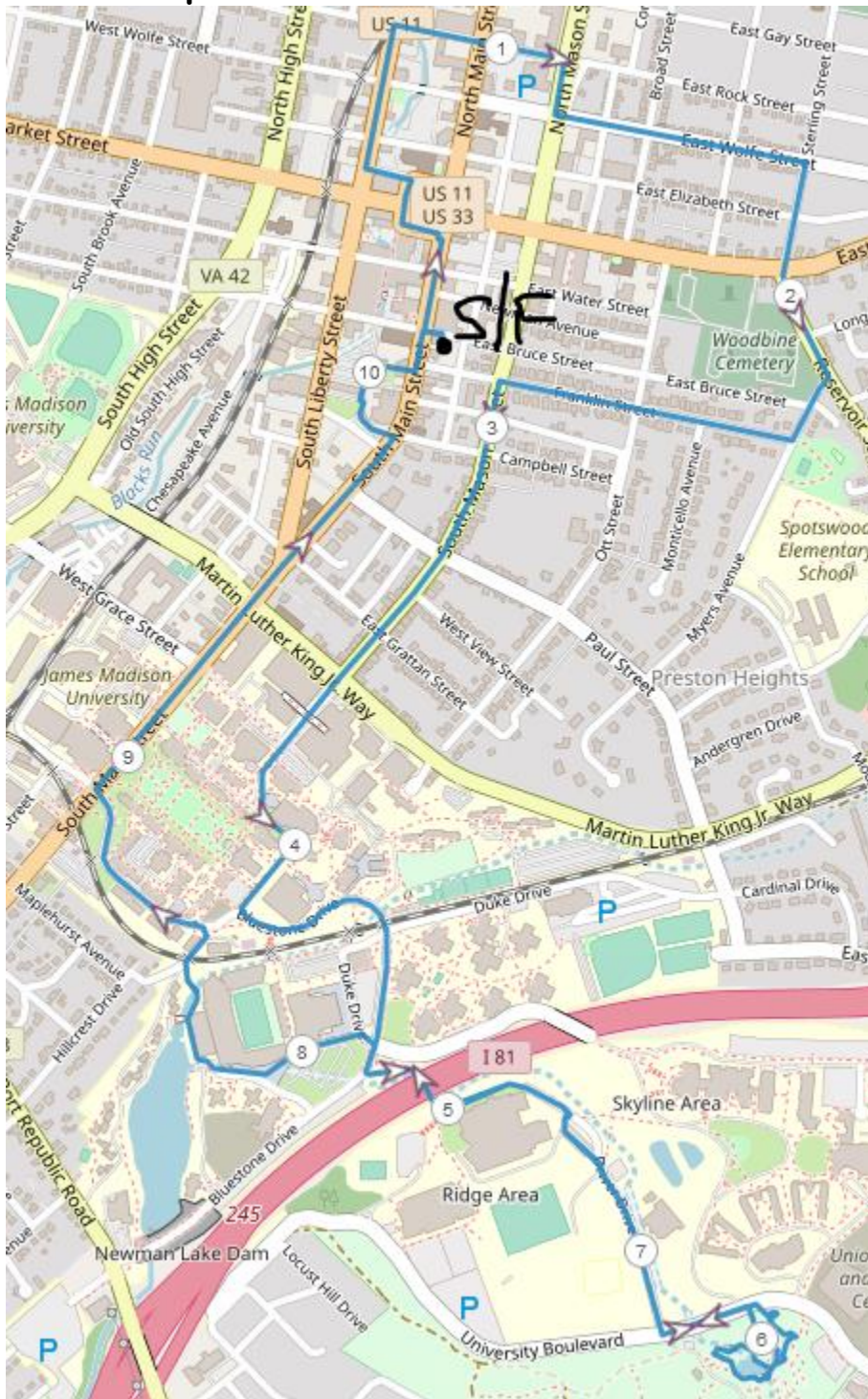
Don't forget to log into the OSB system to complete your walk and the registration process.

5 KM Map:



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10 KM Map:



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