



The Asheville Amblers
 Welcome You to the
Charleston, SC Ravenel Bridge Walk
 An AVA Sanctioned Year Round Event



Stroll on sidewalks and across the Ravenel Bridge on a dedicated walkway for spectacular views of Charleston and the water front, Mount Pleasant and the ships at Patriots Point. The Bridge crosses a marsh and the Cooper River. The 6K option goes to the middle of the Bridge while the 12K goes over the entire bridge and back. Both are rated 2A.

Walk Registration:

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

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, by registering using the OSB and then completing your event using the PSB nor signing 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.

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Starting Point Location:

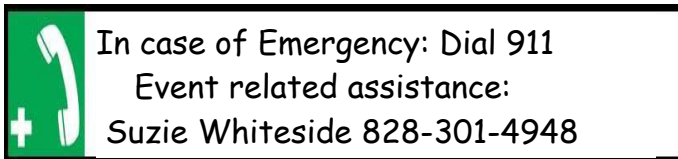
Mount Pleasant Visitors Center. 99 Harry M Hallman Jr Blvd, Mount Pleasant, SC 29464 Parking is available across the street as well as under the bridge.

From I95 N or S take the exit for I26 South to Charleston. Take exit 220 for US-17 N. Keep left for US-17 N and go 3.2 mi. crossing the Ravenel Bridge. Turn left on Magrath Darby Blvd. Go to Wingo Way and turn left going .5 mi. and the Visitor Center will be on your right, parking on the left.

GPS: latitude is 32.8019 longitude -79.9022

Restrooms:

There are restrooms on the left side of the visitors center.

Emergency Numbers:**Walking Instructions:**

Please follow the posted instructions for using the Bridge Walkway, you will be sharing the path with joggers and bicyclists.

It is often quite breezy up on top of the Bridge. Having sunscreen available is also recommended.

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

Walk Directions:**Charleston, SC Ravenel Bridge**

1. **Exit** parking lot, cross street and turn **right** to Visitor Center.
2. Facing the Center, turn **left** and follow street under bridge.
3. Just after going under bridge, turn **left**, cross street and continue on sidewalk along edge of parking lot.
4. At the end of sidewalk, turn **left** and go across Ravenel Bridge in pedestrian lane
5. **6KM – at middle of bridge with sign giving distances to each end of the bridge on right, retrace steps to Visitor Center and go to Inst #7.**
6. Continue on bridge to near bottom of the ramp with benches and water fountain on left. **Retrace** steps to Visitor Center.
7. Facing the Visitor Center, turn **left** and then go **right** between buildings.
8. At intersection, **right** and follow sidewalk as it curves left through small memorial to circle.
9. **Right** ¼ around circle, **right** at fountain and follow sidewalk to end of pier.
10. **Retrace** steps, going left on circle and passing play ground to Visitor Center (no sign, 1 block).

We hope you enjoyed your walk. If you have not already done so, please login to the Online Start Box to “complete” your walk.





INFORMATION ON THE ARTHUR RAVENEL Jr.
BRIDGE

Opened 7/16/2005.

3rd longest 'cable-stayed' bridge in the western hemisphere

Total length 13,200' (4.0 km) with main span 1546'

575' tall; 186' clearance above Cooper River

The bridge is home to the annual USA Track & Field 10,000 meter (6.2 mi) Cooper

River Bridge Run on the first weekend of April. This event attracts up to 50,000 people. The route starts in Mount Pleasant and finishes in downtown Charleston at Marion Square.

Views from Bridge

USS Yorktown, CV-10, commissioned 4/15/1943, decommissioned 6/27/1970, served as recovery ship for Apollo 8, appeared in 1970 movie Tora! Tora! Tora!, 824" long, 30' draft, 41,200 ton displacement, declared a registered National Historic Landmark in 1986. A destroyer class ship and submarine are also there.

Fort Sumter National Monument

Seen above and to the left of the Yorktown in main channel to Atlantic Ocean. Look for tall white flagpoles and ferry boats. First shots of the America Civil War fired here on 04/12/1861.

Charleston/City Skyline

Oldest city in SC, founded as Charles Town in 1670 in honor of King Charles II of England

Known as "The Holy City" due to all its churches. City regulation states that no structures can be taller than the steeple of St. Philip's Episcopal Church ("A" Award for Charleston YRE is the St. Philip's Episcopal Church Steeple).

Railroad Yard/BMW Parking lot/Docks

BMW Greer, SC assembly plant sends 800 to 1000 BMWs by rail to the Columbus Street Terminal of the Port of Charleston every day, 7 days a week. Up to 10,000 BMWs can be stored here awaiting export.

An average of 8 ships to Europe and 3 to Asia every month (look for slab-sided, no port hole ships that look like floating shoeboxes!)

AVA SPECIAL PROGRAMS					
Program Name	Years	12K	6K	__ K	Information
Airports - Celebrating American Flight	(2020 - 2023)				
Appalachian Trail	(2018 - 2028)				
Border Crossing	(2014 - 2023)				
Carousels	(2019 - 2022)				
Little Free Libraries	(2019 - 2022)				
Mayflower - 400th Anniversary Walk	(2020 - 2023)				
Rockin' Around the Clock	(2020 - 2023)				
Walk Like an Olympian	(2018 - 2020)				
Walking with American Vetrans	(2021 - 2024)	X	X		Instruction Step #8
AVA NATIONAL PROGRAMS					
Program Name	Years	10K	5K	__ K	Information
50 States / 51 Capitals	(no end date)				
Walk the USA (A To Z)	(no end date)				

Ambler Lowcountry Walks

- Beaufort
- Bluffton
- Charleston Historic District
- Charleston Ravenel Bridge
- Hilton Head
- Magnolia Plantation
- Pinckney Island