



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



Stroll on sidewalks, cobblestones and stone pathways as you walk through this historic town. Walk through the Historic District, a waterfront park, White Point Gardens, the Market area and the College of Charleston. Plan a whole day for this walk. There is too much to absorb in the normal volksmarching mode. Both 5 and 10 KM are rated 1A.

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:

From I-26 or US 17 southbound exit onto Meeting Street. Go five blocks to the Charleston Visitors Center which is on the right. **From US 17 Northbound**, get in the far right lane as 17 crosses over the Ashley River (coming into downtown). Take Lockwood Dr. exit to Calhoun St. Go left on Calhoun St. to Meeting St., then left on Meeting St. The Visitors Center is a block down just before John St.

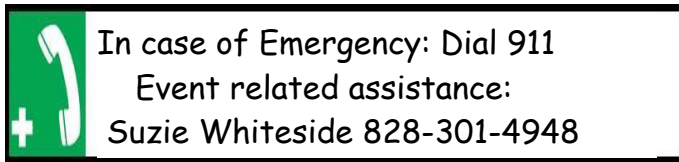
The walk starts on John Street between the Charleston Visitors Center and the Hampton Inn. The Visitors Center is at 375 Meeting Street, Charleston SC 29403 and the GPS coordinates are:

GPS: latitude is 32.7894 longitude -79.9368

Restrooms:

There are restrooms available in several of the downtown parking garages. Maps showing locations are available on-line or ask at the Visitors Center.

Emergency Numbers:



Walking Instructions:

This walk is suitable for strollers but not for wheelchairs. Note: Block counts in the instructions are approximate; e.g., sometimes on one street segment, you'll pass only one intersection on your left, but three on your right.

A star (*) denotes a Point of Interest (POI). See POI page.

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

10 KM Instructions

1. **Exit** Hampton Inn and turn **left** ½ block to King St.
2. ***Cross** King and turn **left** to Calhoun St.(2 blocks)
3. **Cross** and turn **right** on Calhoun to Iron Gate

- into College of Charleston (1 ½ blocks)
4. ***Turn left** through gate, go down brick walk to end
5. Turn **right** and go to clock
6. Turn **left** at clock and proceed to George St. (no sign)
7. **Cross** George and go straight to "T" (1 long block)
8. **Cross** Street. (Wentworth-no sign) and turn **left** to King St. (2 blocks)
9. **Cross** and turn right on King to Queen St. (4 blocks)
10. ***Left** on Queen to Meeting St. (1 block)
11. ***Right** on Meeting to Broad St. (2 blocks)
12. ***Right** on Broad to Franklin St. (4 blocks)
13. **Carefully cross** Broad and **proceed diagonally** on Savage St. to Tradd (1 block).
14. **Cross** Tradd, **Left** on Rutledge to Murray Blvd (3 blocks).
15. **Left** on Murray to Lenwood Blvd (3 blocks)
16. **Left** on Lenwood to Lowndes St. (2 blocks).
17. **Left** on Lowndes to Limehouse St (no sign) (1 block).
18. **Right** on Limehouse to Tradd St. (no sign) (1 block).
19. **Right** on Tradd to Legare St. (no sign) (3 blocks)
20. **Cross** and turn **right** on Legare to South Battery (2 blocks)
21. **Cross** and turn **left** on S. Battery to King (1 block)
22. ***Cross** King, turn **right** ½ block to center path White Point Gardens
23. **Left** through White Point Gardens to East Battery (3 blocks)
24. ***Cross** E. Battery, go **up steps**, turn **left** on walkway to steps at Atlantic (1 block)
25. **Left** on Atlantic to Meeting (2 blocks)
26. **Cross** Meeting and jog **left** to Lamboll
27. **Right** on Lamboll to King (1 block)
28. **Right** on King to Price's Alley (2 blocks)
29. ***Right** on Price's Alley to Meeting (1 block)
30. **Right** on Meeting to Atlantic (2 blocks)
31. **Left** on Atlantic to Church St. (1 block)
32. **Left** on Church, crossing Water to Stolls Alley (1 ½ blocks)
33. **Right** on Stolls to East Bay (1 long block)
34. ***Cross** E. Bay, turn **left** to Mid Atlantic Wharf (7 blocks)
35. **Right** on Mid Atlantic Wharf to Waterfront Park (2 blocks)
36. **Go up** steps to walkway along river
37. **Left** to covered area

38. ***Right** to end of pier and **return** straight to street
39. **Cross** and continue straight on Vendue Range (no sign) to East Bay (1 block)
40. **Cross** East Bay and turn **left** to Broad St. (2 blocks)
41. **Right** on Broad to State (1 short block)
42. **Right** on State to Chalmers (1 block)
43. ***Left** on Chalmers to Church (1 block)
44. ***Right** on Church to South Market (3 blocks)
45. ***Right** through City Market to end at East Bay
46. **Left** on East Bay and cross North Market
47. **Left** on North Market to Meeting (3 blocks)
48. **Right** on Meeting to Calhoun (7 blocks)
49. ***Right** on Calhoun to Emanuel AME Church on left (110 Calhoun ½ block)
50. **Retrace** steps to Meeting.
51. ***Cross** Meeting and turn **right** to John St. (3 blocks)

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1. **Facing** the Hampton Inn from John Street turn **right** ½ block to King St.
2. *(POI # 2) **Cross** King and turn **left** to Calhoun St.(2 blocks)
3. **Cross** and turn **right** on Calhoun to Iron Gate into College of Charleston (1 ½ blocks)
4. *(POI # 4) Turn **left** through gate, go down brick walk to end
5. Turn **right** and go to clock
6. Turn **left** at clock and proceed to George St. (no sign)
7. **Cross** George and go straight to "T" (1 long block)
8. **Cross** Street. (Wentworth-no sign) and turn **left** to King St. (2 blocks)
9. **Cross** and turn right on King to Queen St. (4

- blocks)
10. *(POI # 10) **Left** on Queen to Meeting St. (1 block)
11. *(POI # 11) **Right** on Meeting to Broad St. (2 blocks)
12. **Left** on Broad 2 blocks to State.
13. **Left** on State 1 block to Chalmers.
14. *(POI # 43) **Left** on Chalmers to Church (1 block).
15. *(POI # 44) **Right** on Church to South Market (3 blocks).
16. *(POI # 45) **Right** through City Market to end at East Bay.
17. **Left** on East Bay and cross North Market.
18. **Left** on North Market to Meeting (3 blocks).
19. **Right** on Meeting to Calhoun (7 blocks).
20. *(POI # 49) **Right** on Calhoun to Emanuel AME Church on left (110 Calhoun ½ block).
21. **Retrace** steps to Meeting.
22. *(POI # 51) **Cross** Meeting and turn **right** to John St. (3 blocks).

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5 KM Map



POINTS OF INTEREST (POI) CHARLESTON, SC

The number for the POI refers to the instruction number on the written walk directions for the 10 KM instructions. The 5 KM instructions have the POI # referenced in parenthesis. When you see a star in the written directions, read the POI information FIRST so you know what to look for. The POI can be seen somewhere while following that numbered instruction.

Be sure to look through gates and over walls as you walk to enjoy the beautiful hidden gardens. Note the architectural details of the buildings, the intricate iron work of the balconies and gates and the graceful porches. However, watch where you walk as surfaces can be uneven. TAKE YOUR TIME AND ENJOY!!

#2 - Marion Square. To your left as you approach Calhoun. Has monuments to John C. Calhoun and Wade Hampton plus the only remaining section of the Tabby Horn Work, a part of the bastion system of the Colonial defense works.

#4 - College of Charleston. Founded in 1770, this liberal arts college is the 13th oldest in the US. It's present enrollment is approximately 10,000.

#10 - Gibbes Museum of Art. 135 Meeting St. When you reach Meeting, go left (off walk Route) 1/2 block. Outstanding collection of American paintings, Japanese wood block prints and other art objects with changing exhibits. Fee.

#11 - Hibernian Hall. 105 Meeting St. Home of Hibernian Society, founded in 1801. See marker.

Four Corners of the Law at Meeting and Broad Streets.

St. Michael's Episcopal Church, on SE corner, established in 1751 represents the law of God. George Washington and Lafayette worshipped here. **Charleston City Hall**, on NE corner, erected in 1801 represents local law. Council Chamber features Trumbull's famous portrait of Washington. **Charleston County Court House**, on NW corner, originally State House in 1752, represents the law of the state.

Burned in 1788, it was rebuilt on old walls and became Court House in 1790. **US Post Office and Federal Court**, on SW corner, represents federal law. It is built on the site of City Guard House destroyed by earthquake.

#12 - Cathedral of St. John the Baptist. Corner of Broad and Legare. Original cathedral, St. Finbar's, burned in 1861. Present structure circa 1907.

#22 - White Point Gardens (also known as the Battery) on Battery Point at the waterfront. Site of settlement's earliest fortifications of east and south shores. Now planted with palmettos and live oaks, the gardens contain cannons and other war relics.

#24 - View of Ft. Sumter. Walkway (built to present height after breached by 1854 hurricane) along East Battery. Panoramic view of Charleston Harbor and Ft. Sumter.

Edmonston-Alston House. 21 E. Battery. Built in 1828, the house features many original family furnishings and possessions, the best that money could buy in antebellum Charleston. Fee (can combine with **Nathaniel Russell House**).

#29 - Nathaniel Russell House. 51 Meeting. When you reach Meeting, go left (off the walk route) 1/2 block. Built in 1808 by merchant to impress Charleston society so daughters could marry well. House is renowned for free flying staircase which rises three stories without visible means of support. Fee (can combine with **Edmonston-Alston House**).

#34 - Rainbow Row Houses. 79 to 107 E. Bay. Built in 1723 to 1740, these colorful facades, a favorite subject of artists, served as merchant shops and homes.

Old Exchange Building/Provost Dungeon. 122 E. Bay. Built in 1771 by British as Exchange and Customs House. Basement used by British as dungeon for political and military prisoners during Revolutionary War. Original city wall visible in dungeon. Fee.

#38 - View of Ships at Patriot's Point. End of pier. Panoramic view of harbor and USS Yorktown (WWII carrier), the nuclear powered merchant ship Savannah, a WWII destroyer and submarine and Coast Guard Cutter Ingham.

#43 - Chalmers Street. Last remaining cobblestone street in Charleston. Because stones scarce in area, street was paved with stones brought from Europe as ship's ballast.

Old Slave Mart. Built in 1820, it was opened as slave auction mart in 1852.

Pink House Gallery. Built in the mid 1690's and having only one room on each of the three floors, it is said to be the oldest tavern building in the South. It was a simple tavern where visiting seamen found their "three Ws" – whiskey, wenches and wittles.

#44 - Dock Street Theater. Corner of Church and Queen. Opened in 1736 as first building designed for theatrical performances in America on what was then Dock Street as waterfront came up to here. In early 1800's, the Planters' Hotel, a meeting place for the gentry, built around theater's ruins. Planters' punch was said to originate at hotel. Hotel was remodeled into present theater in 1930's. Open for free viewing M-F, Noon to 6PM. Performance prices vary.

French Huguenot Church. Corner of Church and Queen. Original church, built in 1687, was deliberately blown up in 1796 to retard the spread of a great fire. Second church built in 1800, held services according to tides to accommodate members arriving by boat from nearby plantations. Present structure, built in 1845, is the only French Calvinist

congregation in America which adheres exactly to the liturgy of the French Protestant Church.

St. Philips Episcopal Church. 146 Church. Oldest congregation in city. Initial priest of St. Philips had doubtful credentials and alcohol problem. It is said he christened a bear while under the influence. Present church built 1838. Many distinguished South Carolinians lie in its two cemeteries including John C. Calhoun.

#45 – City Market. Established in 1788. Land was ceded by wealthy owners who stated must always be used for public market. First building was a meat market. Good place to lighten your wallet.

Market Hall. 18 Meeting. Under repair for damages by Hurricane Hugo, this old structure houses the Confederate Museum.

#49 – Emanuel AME Church. Oldest AME Church in the Southern US where 9 people were fatally shot in June 2015. Founded in 1816. Church dates to 1891.

#51 – Old Citadel. 337 Meeting. Built in 1839 as arsenal. Served as South Carolina's military college from 1842 to 1922. Now an Embassy Suites Hotel.

Second Presbyterian Church. 342 Meeting. Built in 1811.

Joseph Manigault House. 350 Meeting. Built in 1803 for wealthy rice planter. A notable example of the Adam style, it has fine examples of furniture made in Charleston, England and France. A hidden stairway connects the second and third floors. Fee.

Charleston Museum. 360 Meeting (kitty corner from Hampton Inn). Originally founded in 1773, it is the oldest city museum in North America. Has a wealth of displays on Charleston and the Low Country. Replica of CSS Hunley at entrance. Fee.

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)	X	X		
Walk Like an Olympian	(2018 - 2020)				
Walking with American Veterans	(2021 - 2024)				
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