

THE HAPPY WANDERERS WALKING CLUB, INC.
DIRECTIONS FOR THE **5K YEAR-ROUND WALK Y1510**
SANFORD, FLORIDA
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START/FINISH POINT: Historic Sanford Welcome Center – 230 E 1st St., Sanford, FL 32771

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: From I-4 take Exit 101C and drive ~4 miles eastbound on SR46 (1st Street) to the Sanford Historic District. After crossing French Ave. (Route 17-92), continue to the second traffic light at Palmetto Ave. and turn left. Parking is available in the lot on the right. The Welcome Center is on the corner, directly across Palmetto Ave. *Bathrooms available inside, and at designated locations on the route.*

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1. Leave the Sanford Information Center and **CROSS** 1st. Street. Continue straight on Palmetto for 4 blocks to East 5th St.

The building at 109 S. Palmetto (opposite side) between 1st and 2nd streets served as Sanford's first fire station from 1890 to 1974.

2. TURN RIGHT onto 5th St. and walk 3 blocks to S. Oak Ave.

3. TURN RIGHT onto Oak Ave and walk 1 block to W 4th St. *The Higgins House B & B is located at 420 Oak is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.*

4. TURN RIGHT onto W. 4th St. and walk 1 block to S. Park Ave.

5. TURN LEFT onto S. Park Ave and walk 2 blocks to West 2nd St. **CROSS & TURN RIGHT** on 2nd St. and walk one block to Magnolia, past a parking lot on your left.

The Ritz Theatre on the corner of East 2nd St. and Magnolia Ave. is on the opposite corner. This was originally the Helen Stairs Theatre and is one of the few remaining silent movie houses in Florida. It was built in 1922 and opened as the Milane

Theatre, home to Vaudeville and Chataqua, as well as movies. Rachmaninoff performed on stage in 1928 and in 1933 Tom Mix, the great cowboy star, rode into town and performed at the Milane.

6. TURN LEFT after the parking lot and walk along the buildings for ½ block to enter the pedestrian area. Walk through to E.1st St. at the plaza with the clock tower. [QUALIFER: Rockin' Round the Clock.]

You'll pass by the German Deli and clothing store, and then Hollerbach's Willow Tree Café will be on your right. You may want to return to this authentic German restaurant for a beer & bratwurst at the end of the walk!

7. TURN LEFT onto East 1st St. staying on the left side of 1st St. Continue to Oak Ave.

8. TURN RIGHT, CROSS 1st St. with the traffic signal. Immediately **TURN RIGHT** on the **OPPOSITE** side of 1st St. (effectively making a "U" turn). Continue your walk along 1st Street to N. Park.

9. TURN LEFT onto N. Park Ave.; continue to W. Seminole Blvd. You will pass by the Seminole County Courthouse [QUALIFIER: Mayflower – 400th Anniversary Walk] at the corner of Park & Seminole Blvd.

10. CAREFULLY CROSS W. Seminole Blvd. and continue straight ahead into Veterans

Memorial Park. Walk out to the prominent Veterans Memorial near the water. [QUALIFIER: Walking with America's Veterans]

Although this body of water is known as Lake Monroe, it is also the riverbed and flow of the St. Johns River.

11. REVERSE your path back to W. Seminole Blvd. and **TURN LEFT** onto the scenic Sanford River Walk. After crossing N. Palmetto Ave., Fort Mellon Park on the *right*, is a family friendly park featuring picnic pavilions and splash pads.

12. Continue on this wide walkway approximately 8/10 of a mile. The road will curve to the *right* onto Mellonville Ave. Just as you enter the curve onto Mellonville Ave there is a monument on the *left*. This marks the location of Fort Mellon; it is also the site of a major battle of the 2nd Seminole War.

13. Staying on *left* side of road, continue 1 block to East 1st St. **TURN RIGHT** onto East 1st St. and continue along passing the New Tribes Mission, Fort Mellon Park and the Sanford Museum

This Mission was originally built in 1925 and became the Mayfair Hotel. In 1948 the hotel was purchased by the New York Giants Baseball Club for their spring training headquarters. From 1963 to 1977, it served as the Sanford Naval Academy.

14. CONTINUE to the Start/Finish Point at the corner of Palmetto and 1st. Street.

CONGRATULATIONS! You have completed the 5K Sanford Year-Round Event.

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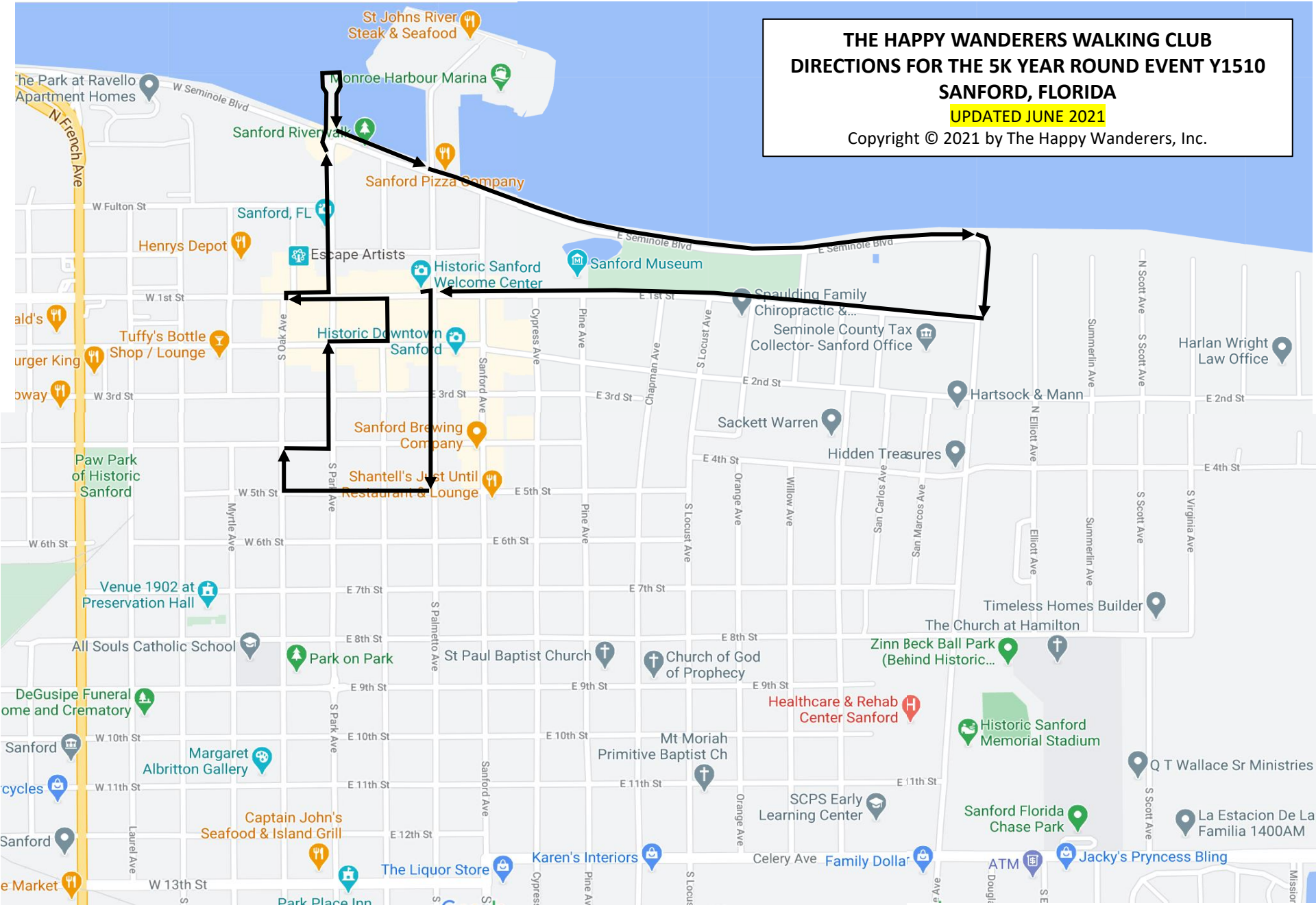
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1. Coming out of the front doors of the Welcome Center, **TURN LEFT** at the sidewalk (1st St.) to the corner at Palmetto Ave.

2. **CROSS** Palmetto Ave. and stay **STRAIGHT** past the parking lot. **CROSS** Sanford Ave. and continue with Fort Mellon Park *on your left*. Pass the Sanford Museum (open 11-4 M—F; 1-4 SAT) and continue until reach a sidewalk heading into the park *on your left* side.

3. **TURN LEFT** and follow the winding sidewalk around the water park (on your right) and the playground (on left left) until reaching a fork. [NOTE: Bathrooms available in the building.]

4. At the fork, *bear right* on the sidewalk and around the first basketball court, keeping the court on your right. **TURN RIGHT** and follow back out to the main sidewalk along E. 1st St.

5. **TURN LEFT** at E. 1st St., **CROSS** San Juan Ave. and walk 2 more blocks to the “T” intersection at N. Mellonville Ave.

On your left is the New Tribes Mission. This Mission was originally built in 1925 and became the Mayfair Hotel. In 1948 the hotel was purchased by the New York Giants Baseball Club for their spring training headquarters. From 1963 to 1977, it served as the Sanford Naval Academy.

6. **TURN LEFT** at N Mellonville and walk almost to the corner at E. Seminole Blvd. Just before the corner, **TURN RIGHT** at the crosswalk and **CROSS** Mellonville, then **TURN LEFT** and follow the sidewalk around the bend. *On your right* will be a plaque commemorating the site of Fort Mellon - also the site of a major battle of the Second Seminole War.

7. Follow the lovely *Sanford Riverwalk* with Lake Monroe and then the Sanford Marina *on your right*.

8. **TURN RIGHT** at the sidewalk, (between the building and the marina, to stay along the water. Walk to the St. John's Rivership Co. building (the paddleboat may be berthed there *on your right*) and **TURN LEFT** to pass in front of the tour office and along the parking lot to the road in front of you.

9. Use the crosswalk to **CROSS** N. Palmetto Ave. to Pier F of the Marina on the opposite side.

10. **TURN LEFT** and follow the sidewalk along the Marina to the corner.

11. **TURN RIGHT** at E. Seminole Blvd. and follow the wide tree-lined sidewalk of the Sanford Riverwalk until reaching the Veteran's Memorial Park, jutting out into the water *on your right*.

On your left you will pass the Seminole County Courthouse [QUALIFIER: Mayflower – 400th Anniversary Walk]

12. **TURN RIGHT** and follow around Veteran's Memorial Park [QUALIFIER: *Walking with America's Veterans*], passing by markers for military conflicts from the Revolutionary War through today. Keep the

water on your right and pass around the back of the large Eagle monument and around the other side, back to the Riverwalk.

13. TURN RIGHT back onto the Sanford Riverwalk and continue until you see the road alongside bend sharply to the left towards a traffic circle, and just before the end of the tree cover. Look for a crosswalk *on your left*.

14. TURN LEFT and CROSS W. Seminole Blvd using the crosswalk. Continue to W. 1st St.

15. CROSS 1st St. at the two brick archways denoting Historic Downtown Sanford, then **TURN LEFT** after crossing and pass through the archway, 1 block to Laurel Ave., with the auto-shop building and open corner *on your right*.

16. TURN RIGHT on Laurel, walk two blocks to W. 3rd St.

17. CROSS 3rd St. and **TURN LEFT. CROSS** Laurel and continue 4 blocks to S. Park Ave. Pass the historic brick church *on your right*.

18. TURN RIGHT on S. Park for 1 block to 4th St.

19. CROSS 4th St. to the corner of Centennial Park, and *bear diagonally right* on the sidewalk through the park, passing a small pavilion *on your right*.

In front of you adjacent to the park the white building is the Bettye D. Smith Cultural Arts Center.

20. At the corner of S. 5th St. and Oak, bear right and **CROSS** S. Oak, walking along 5th St. for 2 blocks to S. Elm. St.

21. TURN RIGHT at S. Elm (no sidewalk) and stay right in the grassy shoulder area 1 block to S. 4th St., *carefully crossing* the old railroad tracks.

22. TURN LEFT at S. 4th St. and walk alongside the buildings 1 block to Laurel Ave.

23. CROSS Laurel (crosswalk) and **TURN LEFT** at the *Paw Park*. There's a Little Free Library there on the corner. [QUALIFER]. Walk 2 blocks to W. 6th St. On your left after *Pet Rescue by Judy* is a terrific mural with many breeds of dogs depicted. *Carefully re-cross* the old railroad tracks.

24. CROSS S. 6th S. and **TURN LEFT. CROSS** Laurel and walk 1 block to S. Elm Ave.

25. CROSS S Elm and *bear diagonally right* into the park, to the center w/water statue. *Bear right diagonally* again to head straight to the end of the park at W. 7th St. in front of the brick building.

Preservation Hall now hold Venue 1902 – a banquet hall specializing in weddings.

26. CROSS 7th St. and **TURN LEFT. CROSS** Myrtle Ave. and walk one more block to S. Oak St.

27. CROSS S Oak St. and **TURN RIGHT** on S. Oak and continue 6 blocks to 13th St. *You are now walking among the historic homes in Sanford for the next several streets.* Between 8th & 9th Streets *on your left* in the Sanford Rotary Children's Playground Park there are public bathrooms. (Open sunrise to sunset.)

28. At 13th St. **TURN LEFT** (do NOT cross) for 1 block to S. Park Ave.

29. CROSS and TURN LEFT on S. Park Ave. Continue 7 blocks to E. 6th St., continuing on S. Park around the small circle at 9th St. and passing many wonderful homes along this road.

30. TURN RIGHT at E. 6th St. 1 block to Magnolia Ave.

31. CROSS Magnolia and **TURN RIGHT.** Continue on Magnolia 4 blocks to E. 10th St.

32. TURN LEFT and walk 1 block to S. Palmetto Ave.

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34. TURN RIGHT, CROSS Palmetto and walk 1 block to Sanford Ave.

35. CROSS Sanford Ave. and **TURN LEFT. CROSS** 6th St. and continue through the portal into Sanford's new "cultural district" with restaurants and bars for the next few blocks!

36. At E. 3rd St. use available crosswalks to **CROSS** Sanford Ave. to the left side and then continue one more block to E. 2nd St.

37. CROSS E. 2nd St. and **TURN LEFT.** Walk 2 blocks to the corner of Magnolia, *passing the biergarten on your right.*

At the corner on your left (now the Ritz Theater) is the historic Helen Stairs Theatre, one of the few remaining silent movie houses in Florida. It was originally built

in 1922 and opened as the Milane Theatre, home to Vaudeville and Chataqua as well as movies. Rachmaninoff performed on stage in 1928 and in 1933 the great cowboy star, Tom Mix, rode into town and performed at the Milane.

38. At Magnolia, **TURN RIGHT** and in ½ block enter the pedestrian area and walk through to E.1st St. at the plaza with the clock tower. [QUALIFER: Rockin' Round the Clock.]

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39. **TURN LEFT** at 1st St. to the end of the block at S. Park Ave.

40. **TURN RIGHT, CROSS** 1st St. and **TURN RIGHT** on the opposite side, to walk 2 blocks past the stores and back to the historic Welcome Center.

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