

CHAUTAUQUA NY Seasonal Walk 5 KM/10KM

EVENT ID: Y1533

WALK DATES: April 1st through November 30th

START POINT: Chautauqua Institution Welcome Center – Rt 394, Mayville, NY, GPS coordinates of the start point (42.212798, -79.280920). Follow signs to fee parking adjacent to Route 394 during Summer Season (June 26th – August 29th). Free parking at Welcome Center on grounds during Spring, Fall and Winter.

Chautauqua Welcome Center is currently closed so restrooms are not available here. However, restrooms may be accessed at Colonnade Building, library and cafes/restaurants on the grounds. Contact POC well before your planned walk to get updated information.

TRAIL DESCRIPTION: Some hills; paved walkways; quiet neighborhood.

TRAIL RATING: 2A

AWARDS AND FEES: This event is available for on line registration only. (www.cva4u.org). A minimal charge is incurred for the directions. IVV Award – walk credit.

AVA SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Underground Railroad
Walking the USA A – Z
Walking with American's Veterans

DRIVING INSTRUCTIONS:

From the North, Route I-90 (NYS Thruway) Exit 60, Westfield, Left on Route 394 South to Chautauqua Institution (11 Miles)

From the South, Route I-90 North (NYS Thruway) to Exit 10A, Interstate 86 East 23 miles to Exit 7, North on Route 76 for 4 miles to Route 394. Right to Chautauqua Institution.

During season gate fee (\$18/day or \$12 after Noon) and parking fee. Gate and parking fees apply ONLY during nine-week Chautauqua season (3rd week June through 4th week August. FREE gate fee during season on Sundays before noon. Walk daylight hours.

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

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RESTROOMS: Public Restrooms are available at Colonnade building, library and cafes/restaurants, and in the Athenaeum Hotel.

AMENITIES: Victorian lakeside village hosts 9 week summer program in arts, education and recreation in ecumenical environment. (Fee during season, see ciweb.org). Gingerbread style cottages / charming gardens, create living quilt of yesteryear small town. Chautauqua Institution National Register Historic Places.

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

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CHAUTAUQUA INSTITUTION, NY 5K WALK INSTRUCTIONS

1. **ENTER** Chautauqua Institution through the Archway.
FOLLOW the brick walk (**Vincent St**) to Bestor Plaza.
2. **LEFT at Bestor Plaza (Pratt Street) – St. Elmo’s Spa is on the corner**
3. **RIGHT** at the brick wall. Pass the post office, bookstore, and Refectory. **CONTINUE** on brick walk (Clark St) passing the library and Hultquist Center on the Left (Restrooms behind library lower level).
4. **CONTINUE to the Amphitheater.** *The 5000 Seat Amphitheater is the hub of Chautauqua’s Summer program.*
5. **RIGHT to Pratt to Clark.**
FOLLOW Clark to Foster (Walk a short way and look left to Smith-Wilkes Hall and see the Bat Sculpture. *Smith-Wilkes Hall was built in 1924 for audiences of up to 450.*
CONTINUE on Clark to St. Paul’s Grove.
6. **RIGHT on Cookman**, walk past Hall of Mission on the Right. *Built in 1924, Hall of Missions is the headquarters of the Department of Religion.*
7. **LEFT on Wythe** past the CLSC Alumni Hall. *Alumni Hall was built in 1892 by the classes of 1886 – 1895 to be used as a general meeting center for all Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle Alumni.*
8. **ANGLE LEFT** on brick walk to the sidewalk leading to paved road (**Haven**) running alongside the right side of the Hall of Philosophy. (Hall is on your left.) *The Hall of Philosophy, built in 1906, holds 700 people and ranks second to the Amphitheater in programming importance.*
9. **DOWN HILL on Haven** to Fletcher keeping the Hall of Philosophy on the left.
10. **LEFT** half a block on **Fletcher** to Merrill
11. **LEFT WALK** through arches up Merrill to Hall of Philosophy – a popular wedding site. **WALK THROUGH** the Hall of Philosophy (Note the floor tiles) **(ALTERNATE TO AVOID STAIRS: FLETCHER TO COOKMAN TURN LEFT)**
FOLLOW brick walk to the Hall of Christ.
12. **AT THE JUNCTURE OF SOUTH AND PARK, FOLLOW** the brick path to Thunder Bridge. *When this bridge was rebuilt in the early 1900’s, every effort was made to preserve the unique thunder sound made when*

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bicycles ride across it, a characteristic loved by children of many generations.

13. **CROSS BRIDGE** and continue straight on **Wythe**. Pass the Arboretum to Bryant. *A garden of over 30 species of trees.*
14. **2ND LEFT** on **Bryant** down the Hill to South Lake Drive.
15. **LEFT on S. Lake Dr.** Pass the Youth Activities Center (YAC) on the right and stay straight on the upper walkway parallel to South Lake Road.
16. **BEAR RIGHT at red brick path.**
17. **FOLLOW** this Promenade along the lakefront passing the Athenaeum Hotel, *known as the "Grande Dame" of Chautauqua. It is the only hotel on the grounds that is owned and operated by the Institution.*
18. **FOLLOW** road to the Miller

Bell Tower and then **RETURN** to South Lake Drive. *The tower is the most recognizable landmark, both day and night, on the shores of Chautauqua Lake. The Miller Bell Tower has become the symbol of Chautauqua.*

19. **PROCEED** through **Miller Park** along brick pathway. *This park, later named for Lewis Miller, was the site of the original outdoor Auditorium of the early Chautauqua Assemblies. Notice the cement – encased Chestnut stump and plaque that marks the location of the original platform.*
20. **BEAR RIGHT AT "Y" juncture and CONTINUE uphill Vincent (no sign)**
21. **FOLLOW** walkway either right or left across to continue on **Ames** to Gate and SP.

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CHAUTAUQUA INSTITUTION, NY 10K WALK INSTRUCTIONS

1. **ENTER** Chautauqua Institution through the Main Gate.
FOLLOW the brick walk (**Vincent St**) to Bestor Plaza.
2. **LEFT at Bestor Plaza (Pratt Street) – St. Elmo’s Spa is on the corner.** *In 1946 this large grassy area was named for Arthur E. Bestor, beloved president of the Institution 1915-1944. The central fountain in the plaza, sculpted by Fred M. Torrey features figures representing Religion, Knowledge, Music and Art.*
3. **RIGHT** at next corner (**Ames**) and proceed past the Colonnade Bldg. (Restrooms here).
4. **RIGHT** at the brick walk and pass the post office, bookstore, and Refectory. **CONTINUE** on brick walk (Clark St) passing the library and Hultquist Center on the Left (Restrooms behind library lower level).
5. **CONTINUE on past the Amphitheater.** *The 5000 Seat Amphitheater is the hub of Chautauqua’s Summer program. The original amphitheater was removed in 2015 and a new one was constructed on the same spot. Housed in the “amph” is the Massey Memorial Organ*

- considered to be the largest outdoor organ in the world.*
6. **RIGHT on Pratt** to Clark.
FOLLOW Clark to Foster (Walk a short way and look left to Smith-Wilkes Hall and see the Bat Sculpture.) *Smith-Wilkes Hall was built in 1924 for audiences of up to 450. It is the home of the Chautauqua Bird, Tree and Garden Club founded in 1913. It is also used for family entertainment recitals, and presentations requiring a darkened auditorium.* **RETURN AND CONTINUE** on Clark to St. Paul’s Grove.
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18. **FOLLOW** this Promenade along the lakefront passing the following on the left: Bishop's Garden, *which is the site of Chautauqua co-founder John H. Vincent's cottage and tent, which were razed in 1983; 32 South Lake Drive, now privately owned but is best remembered as the 1925 – 1946 headquarters of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, an organization which traces its roots and inspiration to Chautauqua's first assembly in 1874. Athenaeum Hotel, known as the "Grande Dame" of Chautauqua. It is the only hotel on the grounds that is owned and operated by the Institution.*
19. **RIGHT** on **Bowman** to South Lake Dr.
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21. **TURN UP** road to the Miller Bell Tower and then **RETURN** to South Lake Dr. *The tower is the most recognizable landmark, both day and night, on the shores of Chautauqua*

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Lake. The Miller Bell Tower has become the symbol of Chautauqua. Tunes are played by the chime master three or four times a day. The Miller bell, the largest at 3033 pounds is rung manually 15 minutes before the Amphitheater lectures and evening programs.

22. **CHECK POINT:** What year were bells placed in the current Bell Tower?

23. **PROCEED** through or along right side of Miller Park. This park, later named for Lewis Miller, was the site of the original outdoor Auditorium of the early Chautauqua Assemblies. Notice the cement-encased chestnut stump and plaque that marks the location of the original platform. In the early years of the Assembly most summer visitors stayed in extravagant tents erected on platforms of wood or brick. Returning year after year, they soon constructed more permanent wood cottages on these platforms, generally one room on the first floor with a staircase in the back to take you to the sleeping rooms. You will notice many homes around the grounds that grew from original tent platforms. Many

cottages display plaques indicating the approximate date they were built. Lewis Miller Cottage is now privately owned by one of the descendants of Lewis Miller and was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1966. Miller, a co-founder of Chautauqua, built this Swiss chalet-type cottage in 1875 in time for the arrival of President Ulysses S. Grant. The home was later owned by Mina Miller Edison, daughter of Lewis Miller and wife of Thomas Alva Edison.

24. **RIGHT** at **Whitfield**

25. **STRAIGHT** on Whitfield to **North Lake**. The president's house between Wiley and Prospect was completed in 1985 during the first year of the presidency of Daniel L. Bratton, 15th president of Chautauqua.

26. **FOLLOW North Lake** to the end (Packard Mansion). Chautauqua Lake will be on your right. This handsome, stately house with a superb view of the lake was built in 1916-17 by William D. Packard, of the Packard Electric Co. of Warren Ohio. It is said to have the flavor of Chartwell, Winston Churchill's summer home in England.

27. **LEFT** on **Elm Lane**

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28.**LEFT** on **Hedding**

29.**RIGHT** on **Prospect** which turns into Palestine. Elizabeth S. Lenna Hall serves as a recital hall for chamber music and other performances and as a rehearsal space for the Chautauqua Symphony Orchestra and the Music School Festival Orchestra. Behind Lenna Hall is the practice village of 52 practice studios that house pianos for Chautauqua School of Music students and members of the CSO. Each shack is named for a famous composer.

30.**LEFT** on **Hurst**. *The Sheldon Hall of Education currently houses classrooms for Special Studies. Formally known as the Hall of Pedagogy it was restored in 1989. It originally consisted of two smaller buildings which were built in 1884 and joined together in their present location in 1900.*

31.**RIGHT** on **Pratt**. *Norton Memorial Hall is the site of the Chautauqua Opera Company. Designed by Otis Johnson, it was constructed in 1928-29. It is considered the first monolithic concrete structure east of the Mississippi. Bratton Theater now serves as the performance space for the*

Chautauqua Conservatory Theater Company. Constructed in 1885 it is one of the oldest public buildings on the grounds. As part of the Renewal Campaign, Normal Hall was expanded to increase both audience and performing space and renamed Bratton Theater upon retirement of President Bratton. Kellogg Hall is now the headquarters for the Special Studies program at Chautauqua which offers close to 400 different courses. Given in 1989 by James Kellogg to honor his mother, the hall was moved in 1905 from its original location on the plaza.

32.**RIGHT** on **Bowman**

33.**LEFT** at **Wythe** (Carey Hotel). *George Gershwin composed his Concerto in F while at Chautauqua in 1925.*

34.**THROUGH THE PARK** to **Warren**

35.**LEFT** on **Warren** to Cookman

36.**RIGHT** on **Cookman** to Massey

37.**LEFT** one block on Massey to Butterfly Gardens, tour the garden.

38.**RETURN** to **Massey** (left to Peck)

39.**RIGHT** on Peck

40.**LEFT** on **Wythe**. *Note the Gingerbread cottage at 34 Jane at Wythe. Built no later than*

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1891 and perhaps the most photographed home on the ground. It is a fine example of American Gothic cottage architecture. The privately owned cottage is named for the intricate "gingerbread" scrollwork seen in the porch railings and gable, so plentiful at the Institution that it is

known as "Chautauqua Lace". Note the I'oeil de boeuf (bull's eye) window under the gable, another common cottage architectural feature.

41. **BEAR LEFT** at **Park** onto Palestine
42. **DIAGONAL** through Park at **Miller** to Entry Gate and SP.

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