

Presque Isle Walk

OSB Event Directions

Parking and Restrooms: There is plenty of free parking and many restrooms along the trail. See the logos on the map for locations.

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Event Completion: Be sure to log back into the OSB system to “finish/complete” your online registration after doing the event. The OSB system does not deduct any event fee from a participant’s Event Bank until they have submitted event completion info including the date the event was walked, the distance walked, and the selection of applicable special programs that person is participating in. (Nevertheless, a fee of \$2 for a downloaded PDF is deducted from the user’s Event Bank when the PDF is downloaded. Later, any PDF fees are credited back to a user’s Event Bank when he/she submits the event completion info as a paying for credit participant. Note, however, the \$2 coupon for the downloaded PDF will expire in 60 days.)

Checkpoint questions: The trail directions include several “checkpoint” questions. You do not need to provide written answers to these questions. They are offered only to highlight features along the trail.

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5K/10K/12K Trail Rating 1B

This event qualifies for the Honoring Our Flag, Points of Reference, You'll Never Walk Alone, and Lakes and Reservoirs Special Programs.

It also qualifies for KSVa State Park and Forests Challenge and KSVa County Challenge.

Driving directions to the start points at Presque Isle State Park from the Glass House Inn: (There is a rest room at the Perry Monument Parking Lot that is usually open.) Turn Left out of the parking lot. Turn Left on Route 832 which will take you into the park. Continue driving through the park to either the Perry Monument Parking Lot (12K) - about 7 miles, or the Lagoon Boat Launch Parking Lot (5K or 10K). **Be sure to wear Bug Spray - there are sand flies and ticks. Be careful of the bikes on the path.**

For the 12K trail:

From parking lot walk past restrooms and continue to and around monument and back to parking lot.

Turn Right at road and stay on right shoulder (bike path). Stay on path. At Lagoon Boat Launch sign, you will have walked 1K. You will continue with the 10K directions:

10K Trail:

(Leave parking lot, cross road to bike path and turn Left.)

Continue along road on bike path. There is a bench for resting at the next K.

Turn right at "Coast Guard Station Sign" and walk along road (no path). Bear right on road and you will pass pontoon houses on Horseshoe Lagoon. Do not bear right toward Coast Guard Station, just continue on the road to the end. It will bear left. You can walk up on the North Pier to better see the light house.

Checkpoint: What color and shape is the lighthouse?

Continue on the road as it loops around a tree (rest rooms) and walk back the road toward the Coast Guard Station, bear right and follow road back the way you came to Stop Sign at the main road. **(If you want an easier 5K walk, then just turn Left at the sign and return on the path back to your car.)**

To continue on the 10K, turn Right. At parking lot, read the sign board.

Checkpoint: Jim Thompson was a driving force for the park. When did he die? **(if you don't want



to walk thru the sand, see other side for directions)

Turn left to cross road, pass a stone marker about Jim Thompson. Walk toward the dumpster and you will see a sign for Dead Pond Trail. Follow it. The trail is dirt and sand for about one K. *(This trail leads over several 200 year dunes and through several distinct ecological zones.)*

Bear Right at "B Trail". *(This trail takes you through a stand of pines.)* Follow it to the paved park road. Cross the road and turn Left on path.

Follow the bike path as it bears Right. Cross park road and then bear Left. Continue to the Lighthouse Exhibit. (Lighthouse is privately owned but you can look at the exhibit.)

Checkpoint: What is the shape and color of this lighthouse?

(You can also go up over the small dune to see the beach. It is PA's only natural beach. You can even sit to watch the waves.)

Return to park road and cross. Find the Sidewalk Trail (Sign on the left side of the wooden fence.) *(This historic trail was constructed by the US Lighthouse Service as a path from Presque Isle Lighthouse to the US Lighthouse Service boathouse in Misery Bay. It was once a wooden boardwalk and was resurfaced with concrete in 1925.)* Follow this trail back to the park road. (Do not take intersections on this trail.)

At park road, turn Right and continue to your starting point, either the Pontoon Rides Parking Lot or the Perry Monument Parking Lot.

Thank you for walking Presque Isle State Park!

For the 5K Trail:

Leave parking lot, cross street to bike path and turn Left. Just after the speed bump, look for the Sidewalk Trail on left. Turn Left and follow this trail. (This historic trail was constructed by the US Lighthouse Service as a path from Presque Isle Lighthouse to the US Lighthouse Service boathouse in Misery Bay. It was once a wooden boardwalk and was resurfaced with concrete in 1925.) (Do not take any of the intersections on this trail.)

At the park road, cross to the Lighthouse Exhibit.



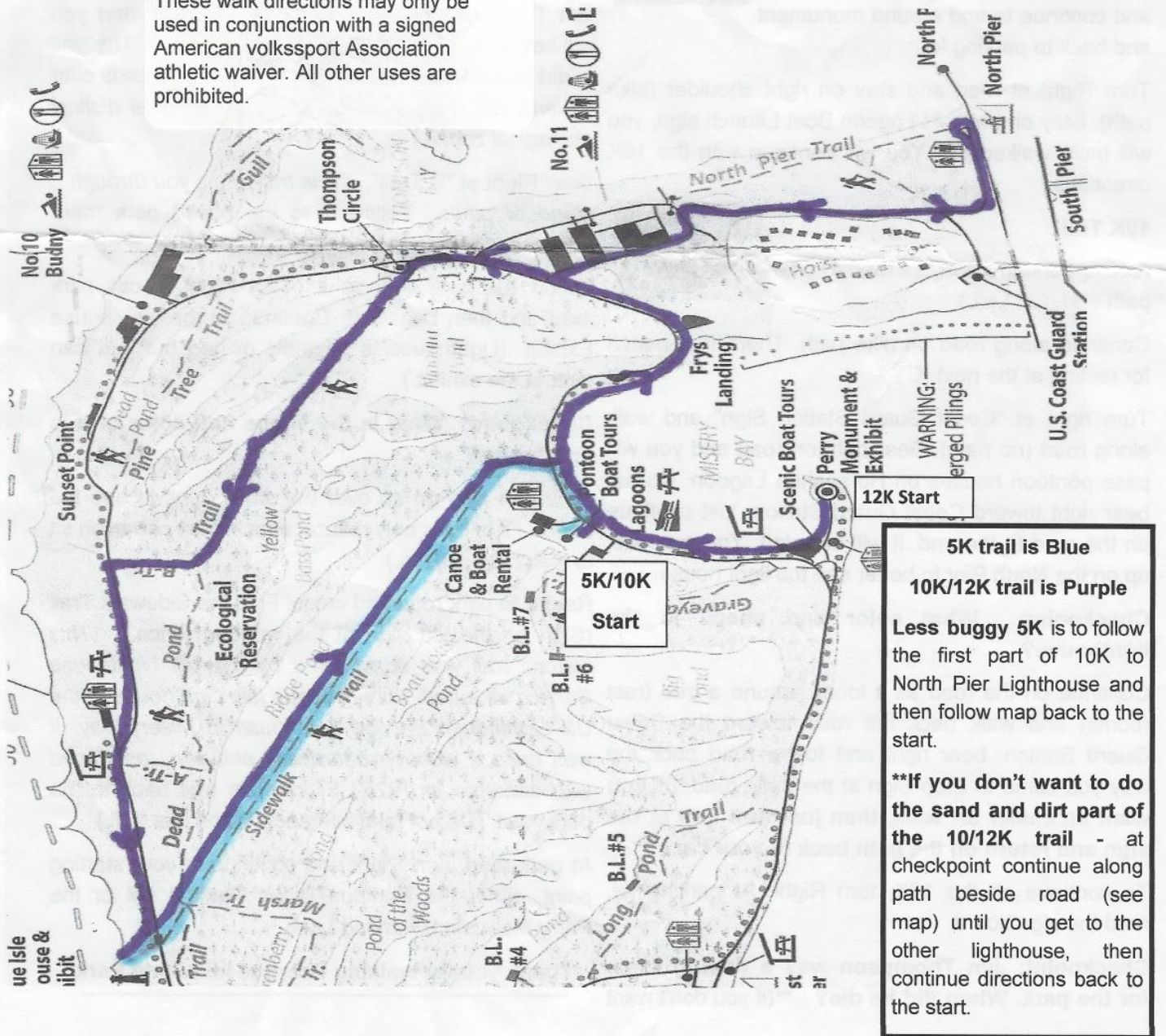
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Cross the road again to find the Sidewalk Trail (Sign on the left side of the wooden fence.) Return to the other side of the park via this trail. Again do not take any of the intersections. At the park road, turn Right and go back to the Parking Lot. **Thanks for walking Presque Isle State Park!**

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



5K trail is Blue
10K/12K trail is Purple

Less buggy 5K is to follow the first part of 10K to North Pier Lighthouse and then follow map back to the start.

****If you don't want to do the sand and dirt part of the 10/12K trail - at checkpoint continue along path beside road (see map) until you get to the other lighthouse, then continue directions back to the start.**

