

**EAST TENNESSEE WANDERERS
LINDA NELSON MEMORIAL WALK
5K/10K**

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STARTING POINT

The starting point for both distances is the greenway parking lot outside of US Foods, 269 Kings Court, Alcoa TN 37701

Directions:

From the East (I-40W), take exit 386B for US-129/Alcoa Hwy toward Airport/Smoky Mountains. Just past the Knoxville Airport, keep left to Hall Road. Turn right onto Kings Court. Take the next left to pass in front of US Foods facility to the parking on your right.

From the West (I-40E), take exit 376 to merge onto I-140 E toward Maryville. Take exit 11A onto US-129 S/Alcoa Hwy toward Alcoa/Maryville. Just past the Knoxville Airport, keep left to Hall Road. Turn right onto Kings Court. Take the next left to pass in front of US Foods facility to the parking on your right.

Parking: The greenway parking lot has 15 spaces, and it would be rare to be filled. There is additional parking on the adjacent street if the lot should be filled.

Latitude 35.780248, Longitude -83.986771

GENERAL WALK INFORMATION

This walk is named for Linda Nelson, former president of the East Tennessee Wanderers, who was taken from us much too soon. This Greenway Walk was her favorite.

This walk uses the Alcoa/Maryville greenway which is a combination of paved and gravel trails. Some of the walk will be on sidewalks and along city streets, but much is in wooded parkland. While we recommend that you walk during daylight hours, the entire length of the trail is lit at night. If you choose to do this walk at night, please do so *with a group, not alone.*

There will be a PortaPotty early in both walks and restrooms at two locations on the 10K route. Note that the first restroom on the 10K may be closed in the winter.

POINT OF CONTACT

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If you have questions, comments, or recommendations with respect to this event, please do not hesitate to make contact.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

The three Special Programs associate with this walk are A-Z (Alcoa, TN), 50 States (Tennessee), ~~State Free Libraries (2 locations)~~, and Walk with America's Veterans (only on the 10k route).

OSB REMINDERS

Be sure to log back into the OSB system to finish/complete your online registration.

OTHER EAST TENNESSEE WANDERERS EVENTS

While in the area, you might enjoy some of our other events.

Alcoa-Maryville Greenway Bike, The Bridges of Pistol Creek (Alcoa/Maryville Extended Greenway), A.T. Through Tennessee, Clinton 12, Gatlinburg Trail, Gatlinburg Tourist, Elkmont Historic, Knoxville (Music, Moonshine, and Art), Knoxville (UT), Knoxville (North Knoxville - 4th & Gill), Seven Islands State Birding Park, Maryville, Secret City (Oak Ridge), Townsend, and Fort Loudoun State Historic Park.

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5KM Rated 1A Y1606

***Caution: Parts of the Greenway can flood during or after a heavy or prolonged rain.**

1. **From the parking lot next to US Foods, walk back toward the stop sign where you drove in.**
2. **Pick up the Greenway path** on the right side of a small storage building, **taking a right down a small incline.**
3. **Follow the loop** around Springbrook Lake on your left..
4. After crossing a boardwalk, **turn left** following a brick pathway out to an island.
5. **Follow** the brick path going **to the right** at the pergola. **Stay on it** to follow it around the circle, **returning** to the pergola.
6. **Turn left** to return to the Greenway.
7. As you **turn left** towards the City of Alcoa Municipal Building, there will be a large Porta Potty on your right. It is usually clean and well stocked. There is also a dog watering station with a spigot and bowl.
8. You will pass the City of Alcoa Municipal Building, going over another Boardwalk.
9. When you reach the pedestrian overpass on your right, **turn right** and **go across** the Alcoa Welcome Bridge, stopping to enjoy the view of the mountains as you look to your left towards Maryville. **Go all the way** to the bottom of the bridge on the far side.
10. **Turn around** and **retrace your route** across the overpass and back to the lake loop.
11. **Take a right** on the Greenway path.
12. **Continue with the lake on your left.**

13. **Walk to Kings Court**, passing a cemetery on your **left**

14. **Follow** the parking lot around to the exit on Kings Court.

15. **Turn right** on Kings Court following the road as it **turns left.**

16. **Turn left** with the road, following the bike path and Greenway signs, passing by an industrial entrance gate (US Foods) and a 15 space parking lot on your right.

17. **Pick up the Maryville/Alcoa Greenway** beyond the parking lot, and **turn left at the "T".**

18. **Follow the Greenway**, passing *under a railroad trestle, a spur of line servicing the Aluminum Company of America (Alcoa), built in the 1930s.*

19. Greenway comes out of the woods at E. Edison St. which is your point to turn around.

44. Walk back along the greenway and after the greenway goes through two gold posts, you **turn right** just prior to the cell tower

45. Continue to the parking area outside the US Foods facility

Congratulations on completing your 5K walk.

Be sure to log back into the OSB system to finish/complete your online registration. You can then print out your insert cards for this walk.

The East Tennessee Wanderers have 15 other YREs in the area that you might enjoy.

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10 KM Rated 1A Y1606

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14. **Follow** the parking lot around to the exit on Kings Court.
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16. **Turn left** with the road, following the bike path and Greenway signs, passing by the entrance gate for US Foods and the lot where you parked.
17. **Pick up the Maryville/Alcoa Greenway** beyond the parking lot, and **turn left at the "T".**
18. **Follow the Greenway**, passing *under a railroad trestle, a spur of line servicing the Aluminum Company of America (Alcoa), built in the 1930s.*
19. When the Greenway comes out of the woods at E. Edison St. **turn right** and follow the Greenway as it goes up and around to reach Marconi Blvd. Across the road is Alcoa High School.
20. **Turn right** on the sidewalk to walk along Marconi Blvd. In front of you is the Alcoa Football stadium and Alcoa Intermediate School
21. **Cross Lodge St.** and **turn right** to walk along Lodge St.

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22. **When you reach the next intersection (Springbrook Rd.) turn left**

23. **Continue on the sidewalk** with the parking lot and Duck Pond on your right.

24. At the end of the parking lot, **continue straight and then bear right** with bathrooms and picnic tables on your left.

25. **Cross over** the wood bridge.

26. **Take a left as you reach the parking lot**

27. **Stay** on the paved path as it goes around the swimming pool complex.

28. **Cross Faraday Street**, and **go left** a short ways to see the **Blue Star Memorial**. **Retrace** your steps along Faraday and **take a left on Darwin**.

29. **Take the first left** following the path into Springbrook Park. There will be a large Methodist Church on the right.

30. **Follow the Maryville-Alcoa Greenway as it winds its way through Springbrook Park.**

31. **Cross Alcoa Rd.** continuing on the greenway.

32. As you approach a fountain (may not be running in the winter) on your right, **go left at the Y in the path**

33. The greenway will loop around bringing you back to the fountain. As you approach the fountain (now on your left), **take the path to the left putting the fountain on your right.**

34. After **crossing Alcoa Rd. and bearing left**, there will be a playground

on your right and a Little Free Library on your left.

35. **Take a right just after the playground.** Restrooms will be on your left.

36. Continue going right on the greenway until reaching the Y where you entered the park.

37. **Go left to the sidewalk at Darwin St.**

38. Past the pool, **turn right** into the park.

39. After crossing a wooden bridge, **turn left and then take the next left.**

40. **Continue around the Duck Pond** (on your right) until your reach Springbrook Rd.

41. **Cross Springbrook Rd** at the crosswalk and **turn left** on the sidewalk

42. **Turn right at the roundabout to follow the greenway along E. Edison St; then right again as the greenway goes back into the woods.**

43. **Continue on the greenway**

44. After the greenway goes through two gold posts, you **turn right** just prior to the cell tower

45. Continue back to the parking area outside the US Foods facility.

CONGRATULATIONS! You have completed your 10 km walk!

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