



AVA Northeast Region – Cold Spring YRE #1633

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About the Walk:

Your walk today will be 5k or 10k along either the streets of the Villages of Cold Spring or Nelsonville, both part of the Town of Philipstown. If you choose to do the 10 km walk, a portion of that walk take you through the historic area known as Scenic Hudson's "West Point Foundry Preserve". Stay on the sidewalks if provided (sometimes you have to be on a particular side of the street and be careful crossing streets especially the Route 9D & Route 301/Main Street crossings. Use the walk lights and/or crosswalks when provided and if you must walk on the street, stay on the left side facing oncoming traffic if possible.

Special Programs:

See the event information listing on the AVA website: <https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?sn=128978>

Directions and Parking:

The Start Point, the Cold Spring Depot Restaurant, One Depot Square, is in the village of Cold Spring, is located on the east side of the Hudson River, about 14 miles south of Beacon NY.

Directions to the Starting Point from where I-84 crosses the Hudson River in Beacon: Take NY State Route 9D South from Beacon approximately 14 miles to Main Street in the Village of Cold Spring. Right on Main Street to the end, right on Depot Square and the restaurant is immediately on your left. Parking is available on Village Streets, watch the meters! Past the restaurant, parking is available free for several hours on the side streets.

{GPS: 41.4175, -73.9600}

Restrooms:

Seasonal restrooms are located in the tourist Building at the foot of Main Street, the Butterfield Library (when open), and in The Foundry Park Preserve. Plan ahead!



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Abbreviations used:

(ns) - No Sign. This is no street sign at this intersection.

(C&P) - Cross and/or Pass. For example, (*C&P: 2nd St, 3rd St, and 4th St.*)

Text in italics are historical and informational comments. Underline indicates a walking directive, **BOLD FACE** indicates a safety or important directive.

Distances in parenthesis () are for the 10k walk.

Maps:

The 10K route has two maps, Map A and Map B that split roughly at instruction 20 while walking up the hill away from the Hudson River. The entire 5k route is on Map C.

About Cold Spring (from Wikipedia):

The site of present-day Cold Spring was part of the lands belonging to Merrick Williams. The first settler of Cold Spring was Merrick Williams in 1730. In 1772, a highway master was chosen for the road from Cold Spring to the Post Road from New York to Albany. A small trading hamlet grew alongside the river by the early 1800s. A couple of sloops made regular weekly trips from Cold Spring to New York, carrying wood and some country produce, which came over this model road from the east. Those trips by

sloop usually took a week.

In 1818, Gouverneur Kemble established the West Point Foundry opposite West Point to produce artillery pieces for the United States Government. The nearby mountains contained veins of ore, and were covered with timber for fuel. A brook provided hydropower, and the Hudson a ready shipping outlet.

In 1843, the Foundry built the USS Spencer, the first iron ship built in the U.S. With the influx of workers at the Foundry, local housing, businesses and churches increased, and Cold Spring was incorporated as a village in 1846. The first President of the Village was Joshua Haight. The Foundry became famous for its production of Parrott rifles and other munitions during the Civil War, when the foundry grew to a sprawling 100-acre complex employing 1,400. It also manufactured cast iron steam engines for locomotives, gears, and produced much of the pipework for New York's water system. The rise of steel making and the declining demand for cast iron after the Civil War caused the Foundry to cease operations in 1911.

LET'S WALK!**DECISION! 5 km or 10 km**

1. From the front door of the restaurant, face the street. Main Street should be on your right. Venture a few feet to the right towards Main Street.

Just after the restaurant on the right, near the little band stand, is a plaque marking the spot where George Washington drank from the Cold Spring, giving the village its name.

2. Now walk away from Main Street towards the restaurant, keeping it on your left and walk down Depot Square.

3. At the end of the block turn right onto Railroad Avenue (NS)

4. At the end turn left onto Stone Street (NS.).

5. Turn right onto Cross Street.

6. At the end of Cross Street turn right on Fair Street.

7. Continue on Fair Street until you reach the intersection with Main Street. Cross over Main Street towards the Cold Spring Municipal & Police Dept. Building that is straight ahead.

➔ **5 km:** If doing the 5k, turn left on Main Street walking up the hill staying on the right side. At the intersection of Main Street and Route 9 D **carefully cross** Rt. 9D continuing up the hill on the right side of Main Street for one block until you reach the intersection of Main Street with Academy Street (on your right) & Fishkill Avenue (on your left). Turn left and cross Main Street on the crosswalk to Fishkill Avenue. Walk straight on Fishkill Avenue.

Now jump to Instruction #28 on page 6 to continuing your 5 km walk.

➔ **10 km:** Continue with Instruction #8 immediately below.

8. **10 km only at this point:** Turn right and continue downhill on Main Street. C&P Rock Street on your left. Bear left immediately before the stairway that leads under the railroad tracks. Follow the path to the tracks towards the “Cold Spring Station” sign ahead of you on fence.

9. Follow this walkway to the train platform and continue walking past the elevators on your left as you **carefully walk along** the train platform.

10. Before reaching the far end (southern end) of the train platform, turn left on the wooden path marked by a sign that says: “West Point Foundry Preserve”.



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11. Continue on this pathway passing Foundry Cove on your right (1 km)

This area is a haven for waterfowl & migratory birds. You will also encounter beautiful views of the Mountains on the other side of the Hudson River. There are numerous benches along this path where you can sit and enjoy the views.

12. Upon arriving at the main entry area to the West Point Foundry Preserve, note the brick-filled Information Kiosk on your right.

This Kiosk and the brochures located there offer a great deal of information on the points of interest, trails, history, audio visual tour, etc so take a few minutes to look it over.

THE WEST POINT FOUNDRY

The West Point Foundry was established by Gouveneur Kemble and was in operation for almost 100 years.

It was here in 1824 that De Witt Clinton commissioned the first Locomotive Engine. Pipes that carry drinking water from the Catskills to New York City were made here. In 1844 the first Iron Hulled Steamboat was produced here. During the Civil War it was the largest foundry in the Nation, employing about 1,400 people.

The famous Parrott Gun was made here. This gun is credited with helping to turn the tide in favor of the Union Army during the Civil War. Captain Robert Parrott was

a graduate of West Point which is located just across the river from the foundry. He then became an assistant professor of Natural Philosophy. One of his students was Robert E. Lee. In 1836 Captain Parrott resigned from the Academy and became the Superintendent of the West Point Foundry.

This 85 acre site was acquired by Scenic Hudson in 1996. The West Point Foundry Preserve was opened in October of 2013 after a 3.6 million dollar renovation. Visitors may now explore the history of the foundry and the role it played in the Civil War. One can also witness the land's remarkable ecological renewal. An audiovisual tour can be experienced by visiting www.scenichudson.org/foundrytour using any web enabled mobile device.

Off to the left you will observe the parking lot and restrooms.

13. Continue walking on the dirt pathway keeping the cove on your right until this path intersects with a metal walkway. Turn right onto the metal walkway to walk to the gun platform monument.

This tall platform marks the spot where the Parrott Guns/Cannons were taken after being manufactured to be test fired at the targets on Crows Nest Mountain that is located on the other side of the river. There are interpretive signs located on both sides of the tall platform to view.



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14. After viewing both sides of the gun platform, turn around away from the Hudson River and follow the metal walkway straight ahead into the Foundry area. You will see the remains of the Office and Administration building on your right. (2 km).

If you would like a closer look of this building, leave the metal walkway, go past the picnic tables and to the left of the building there is a fenced in viewing area to the left side of the Building.

15. Continue walking on the metal pathway and you will then arrive at the Boring Mill / Water Wheel overlook area on your left. Just past this area, turn sharply left and climb the stairway.

16. At the top of the stairway, turn left on the dirt pathway and follow this path marked with the yellow blazes until you reach the restrooms and main parking lot.

17. Continue across the parking lot and then turn right up the hill on the paved road (Kemble Avenue (NS)) exiting the West Point Foundry Preserve. (**Do not** follow the path back to the train station! You are exiting the West Point Foundry Reserve at a different point than where you originally entered it at step #12 from the train station)

18. While walking on Kemble Avenue, you will pass a fenced-in field on your left (3 km).

This is the site where the Marathon Battery Co. was located. Built in 1952 by the Army Corps this company manufactured batteries for the Army & Navy including the Nike Missile Program.

19. Stay on Kemble Avenue. C&P both Boulevard Street and Rock Street (both on your left) to the end where Kemble Avenue intersects with Main Street (NS).

20. At Main Street, turn right and walk up the hill. Stay on the right side of Main Street. On your left you will pass the “Cold Spring Fire Company Number 1 at the corner of Main Street and Church Street on the opposite side of the street.

Just before you reach the traffic light there is a War Memorial on your right.

21. At the traffic light (intersection of Route 9D a/k/a Chestnut Street & Route 301 / Main Street) turn right onto Route 9D south – keeping St. Mary’s Church on your right.

The church was built in 1868 & is often called “The Cathedral of the Hudson Valley”.

Continue on Route 9D south passing the “Foodtown” Super Market on your right.



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22. At the intersection of Benedict Road & Route 9D, **very carefully** cross Route 9D using the crosswalk on your left.

23. Turn right on the sidewalk and continue walking south along Route 9D. The Medical Center and new condo buildings will be on your left.

24. Turn left on Paulding Avenue at the “Downey Oil Company. (The “Paulding Avenue” sign might be a bit tricky to see originally from the direction from which you will be approaching it).

25. Continue walking on Paulding Avenue past the old Butterfield Hospital on your left.

You will then pass some beautiful old homes. Paulding Avenue will turn 90 degrees to your left along the way.

26. Turn right onto Academy Street (5 km). You will pass the First Presbyterian Church on your right.

27. At the intersection of Main Street and Academy Street, **very carefully** using the Main Street cross walk, cross to Fishkill Avenue which is located on the other side. Continue walking straight on Fishkill Avenue.

28. → **5 km and 10 km trails converge at this point!**

Turn right onto Mountain Avenue. Continue up Mountain Avenue passing the old Cemetery.

Dating from the mid-1700's it is the oldest cemetery in Cold Spring. The first settler-Thomas Davenport- is buried here as are many workers from the W P Foundry.

29. At the crosswalk at the end of the cemetery, turn right onto Locust Ridge Road to the end.

30. **Very carefully** cross Main Street at the crosswalk and turn left. Continue walking up the hill past the Old Baptist Church on right and then pass the antique map & book store - Hudson Rogue Company.

If open visit the store as they have many interesting items for sale.

31. Cross Pearl Street and enter the little park (6 km).

At the far end of this little park is a most interesting sign discussing Nelsonville's history involving Captain Kidd, Mr. Nelson (founder of Nelsonville), and hidden treasure!

32. **Carefully** cross Main Street at the crosswalk away from the small park, towards the Village of Nelsonville Town Hall.



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33. Continue straight on Pearl Street away from Main St. passing the Nelsonville Village Hall and Court on your right.

34. Before the parking lot at the end of Pearl Street, turn right onto Secor Street keeping the Masonic Hall on your left. Secor Street turns into Spring Street as it bends to the right. You will pass an old Blacksmith Shop on your left near the end of Spring Street.

35. Turn right onto Main Street / Route 301. Stay on the right side of Main Street. Continue past the Philipstown Town Hall & Courthouse (*erected in 1867*) A little further down the hill you will pass the beautiful United Methodist Church (*1868*) on your right (7 km).

36. Turn right at the major intersection with four-way traffic lights onto Morris Avenue, a/k/a Route 9D (you'll be heading north).

37. Pass the Butterfield Library on your right (Bathrooms inside if the library is open.).

BUTTERFIELD LIBRARY

If open, view the lovely interior. This library was bequeathed to the Village by Julia L. Butterfield, wife of Civil War General Daniel Butterfield. She left money in her will to purchase land, erect a building and furnish it and fill it with books. General Butterfield fought at the battles of Bull Run, Gaine's Mills & Gettysburg. He

is famous for creating the Bugle call of "Taps". He died at Cold Spring in 1901 and is buried in one of the most ornate tombs at West Point, although he never attended the academy. Look for the small historic plaque at the corner of Craigside Drive.

38. Cross Route 9D at the crosswalk at Craigside Drive, turn right after crossing and continue to walk north along Route 9D.

39. Immediately before the ball field, turn left onto Northern Avenue (sign might be tough to read).

40. Turn at first left onto High Street (NS; but #25 High Street is at this corner). Continue on High Street until you reach the intersection with Main Street at end.

41. Turn right on Main Street (NS) and walk down the hill. Stay on the right side of Main Street.

You will now be in the shopping district of Cold Spring. The village is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. You will walk by many 19th century historic buildings that now contain antique shops, boutiques, specialty stores and restaurants. (8 km)

42. At the end of Main Street on the other side of Depot Square, you will see public restrooms in the tourist office building if you need them. Else (or after visiting the restrooms) take the stairs down on the left side at the end of Main



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Street through the pedestrian underpass that takes you underneath the Metro-North railroad tracks towards the Hudson River, heading west.

43. When you come out of the Pedestrian Underpass on the River side continue walking down Main Street to the 1920's Bandstand/Gazebo located at the Main Dock.

On the corner is the “Hudson House River Inn” The Inn is currently on the National Register of Historic Places and is one of the oldest continuously operating Inns in the State of NY (1832).

Stop at the Bandstand & Dock. Enjoy the views of West Point and Storm King Mountain on the opposite shore of Hudson River. A scale model of the Civil War Parrott Gun / Cannon is on display here.

44. Heading back towards the Hudson House River Inn, turn right immediately before the Inn on West Street (NS, but in front of #22 West St.) and proceed down West Street in a southerly direction towards the Cold Spring Boat Club. At the Boat Club, turn left onto New Street.

45. At the end of New Street, turn right onto Market Street (NS). Continue straight on Market Street towards the Metro-North train station (**Do not** take a left that would take you over the Railroad tracks bridge.)

46. On your right you will pass the Historic “CHAPEL OF OUR LADY”.

It was built in 1833 it is said to be the first Catholic Church built north of Manhattan in the Hudson Valley. It was erected to provide a place of worship for Foundry workers (9 km)

Take a walk up to the Chapel for a view of the Hudson River and West Point Military Academy. After visiting the Chapel, return to the train parking lot and turn right keeping the Metro-North train station on your left in front of you.

47. Walk straight ahead to the Foundry Dock Park that is located on your right near the middle of the Metro-North Parking Lot.

This park is maintained by Scenic Hudson. There is a Historic Marker Plaque about Constitution Island and the Warner Sisters in the park.

48. Leave Foundry Dock Park, turn left and walk away from the park in the direction from which you came, keeping the Metro-North parking lot on your right.

49. At the stop sign, turn right onto Lunn Terrace (NS) crossing over the bridge above the railroad tracks.

50. Follow Lunn Terrace on the right hand sidewalk to the end at the intersection of Main Street. Turn left on Main Street and cross Main Street diagonally to the Cold Spring Depot Restaurant, our starting point on Depot Square and this is where the walk ends (10 km).



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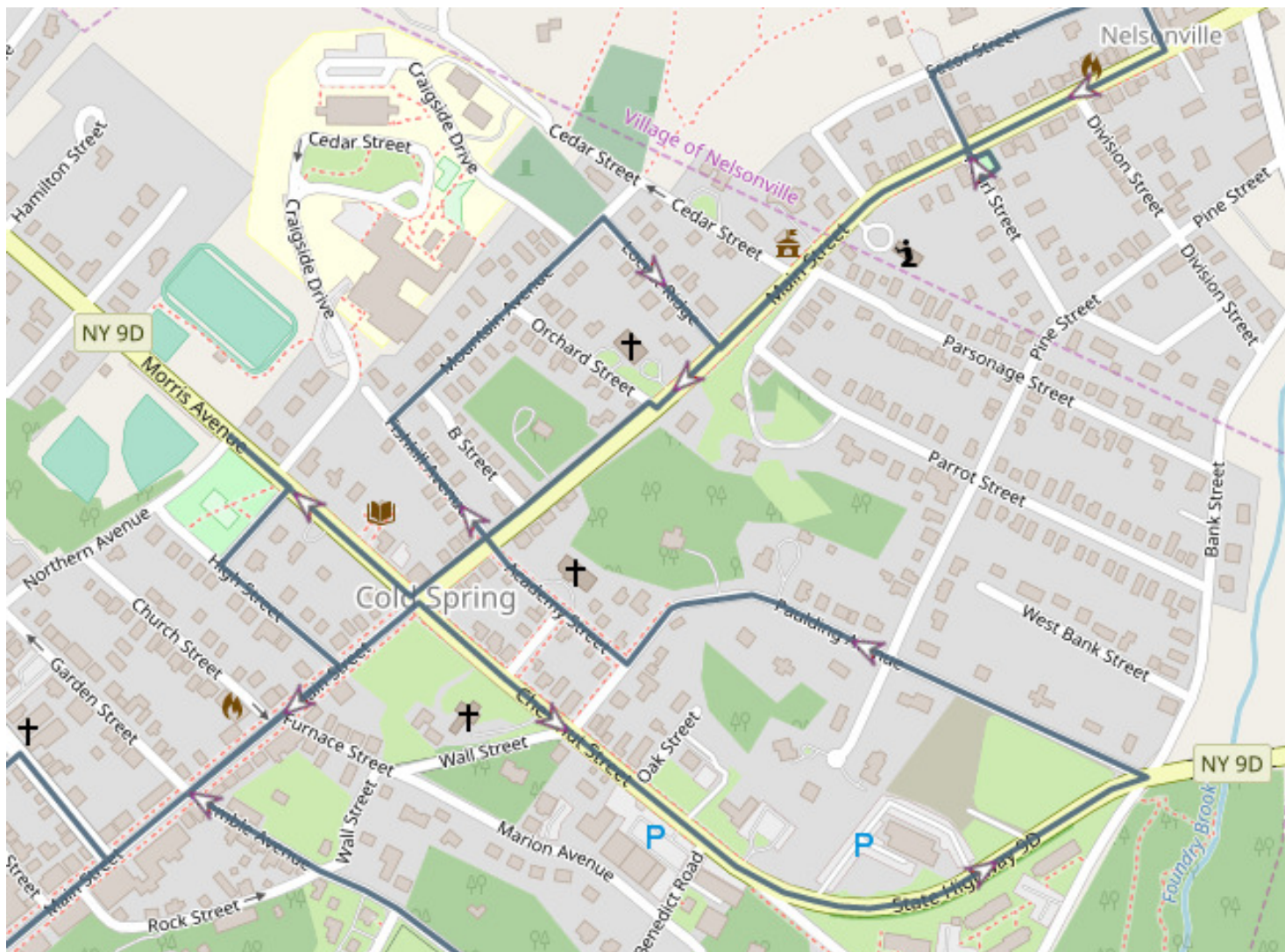
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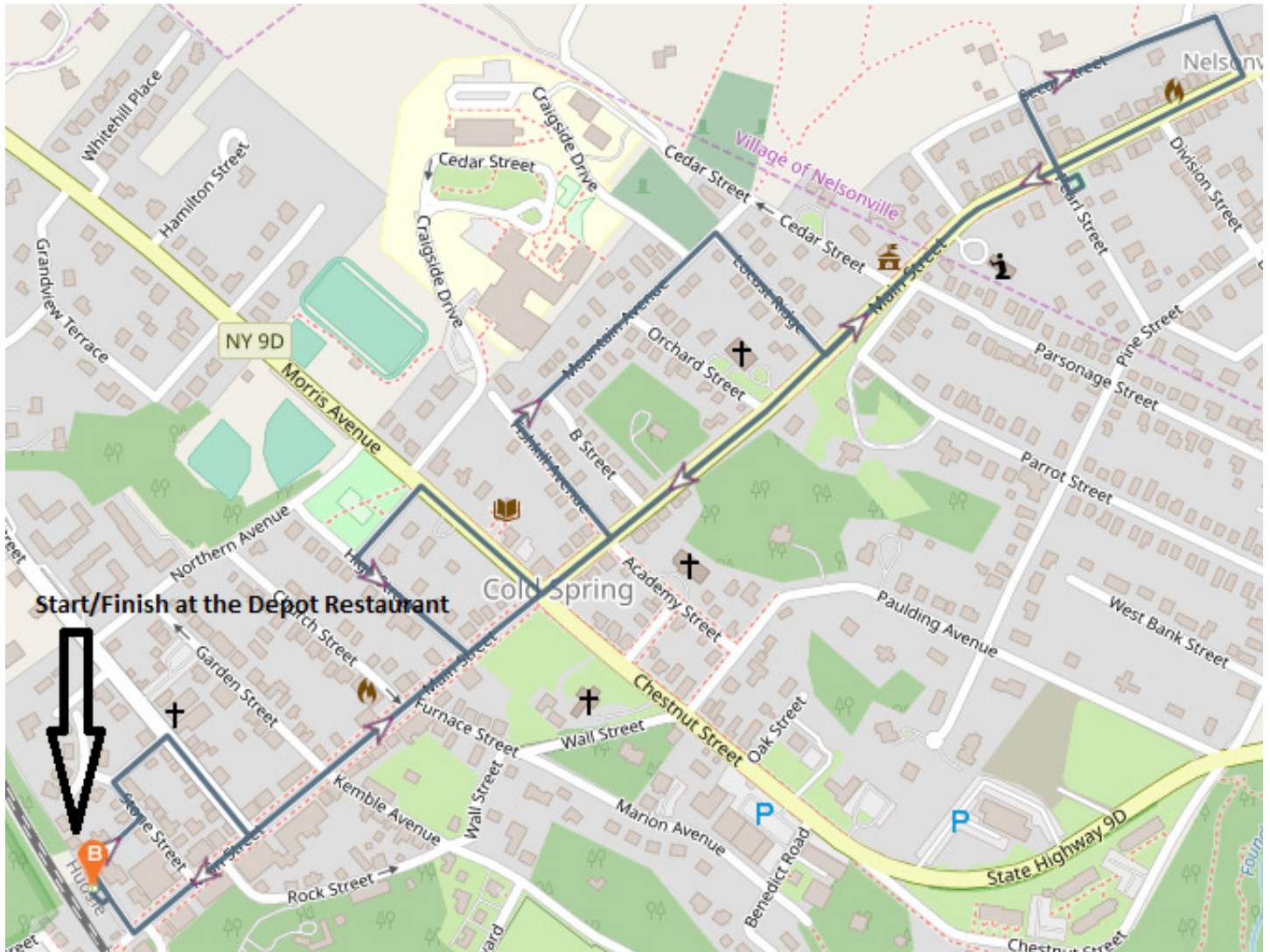
**Remember to use the “Finish Table”
function of the Online Start Box to
complete your walk.**



Map A: Lower Portion of 10K Route
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Map B: Upper Portion of 10K Route
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Map C: Entire 5K Route

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