

**Instructions for
Independence Hop Capital of the World, Y-1669
Independence, Oregon
5/10 Km, rated 1A**

Walk Start Location: Hi-School Pharmacy 1357 Monmouth St, Independence, OR
GPS Coords: 44.805041, -123.20556

Driving Directions: 1357 Monmouth St, Independence, OR, (503)838-2047. FROM I-5, exit 253 to Salem City Center. Follow signs to City Center; go on viaduct but exit on right near top & then left lane to City Center. Right on Church; left on Marion to cross bridge in left lane to OR22 West; then OR51 South to Independence. Right on Monmouth St to Central Plaza Center at 13 St on left.

FROM 99W east on Main St at traffic light in Monmouth to go to Independence. Right at 2nd traffic light at Gun Club Rd (by McDonald's) to Start Point.,

Park : 10K High-School Pharmacy Parking Lot

Restrooms: Riverview Park, Porta Potty Mt. Fir Park, and Dog Park.

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See Table for AVA/Oregon Challenges

Emergency: 911; Point of Contact: Julia Westerberg, 541-967-3001

1. **RIGHT** after leaving Hi-School Pharmacy. Walk on sidewalk in front of businesses to 13th St;
 2. **RIGHT** on 13th;
 3. **CROSS** and **LEFT** on E;
 4. **RIGHT** on 12th;
 5. **LEFT** on Randall Way which will become F St; **1K**
 6. **ENTER** Inspiration Garden on Right after crossing bridge;
 7. **GO** through the park to its end and **CONTINUE** to Maple St;
 8. **LEFT** on Maple to 7th;
 9. **LEFT** on 7th to Cedar Ct;
 10. **RIGHT** on Cedar to 6th;
 11. **RIGHT** on 6th to Maple; **2K**
 12. **LEFT** on Maple to 4th;
 13. **LEFT** on 4th to I St;
 14. **LEFT** on I St to 5th;
 15. **RIGHT** on 5th to G St;
 16. **RIGHT** on G to 4th; **3K**
 17. **LEFT** on 4th to D St;
 18. **RIGHT** on D to Main. *Hop Warehouse sign will be at D & 2nd; RR sign on D before Main;*
 19. **RIGHT** on Main to E St;
 20. **LEFT** across Main to enter sidewalk on the other side of E which will take you for good views of the Willamette River. Take the first left sidewalk which will pass the housing on the left and end at the Independence Hotel. **4K**
 21. **CROSS** at traffic circle to go Left on sidewalk by the amphitheater up to Main St to the small downtown in the National Historic District bordered by 9th St/Butler/Main/G Street. *Veterans' signs at Main;*
 22. **CROSS** C St and **RIGHT** on Main to B St;
 23. **LEFT** on B St to 2nd;
 24. **LEFT** on 2nd to C St. **CROSS** C St & then 2nd to walk on C St, passing the Chinese Laundry sign;
 25. **LEFT** on 3rd and **LEFT** on Monmouth, passing the Old City Hall sign to 2nd. **(5K)** *The uncompleted eyesore at SW corner of Monmouth & 2nd has been there for years);*
 26. **LEFT** on 2nd passing the Heritage Museum with its artwork (free with good exhibits) to C St;
 27. **RIGHT** on C St to Main;
 28. **RIGHT** on Main to D St; **CROSS** Main and go **LEFT** on Main to see that side of the street to finish the grand tour of downtown;
 29. **GO** down the driveway near the restrooms after passing pillars with Independence history;
 30. **LEFT** on sidewalk leading to Dog Park; **6K**
 31. **CONTINUE** walking on the Riverwalk past the Dog Park;
 32. At the sign "Independence Hop Camps" turn around to head back to the Dog Park. If you had continued you would see playing fields, a boat ramp and restrooms; **7K**
- OPTION: As you pass the fenced machinery on the left, there is a forest path on your right which you might want to explore. There will be a left opening back to Riverwalk near the sign "Independence Hop Camps". Or you can continue on the forest path to its end at a woodchip path and near the Tire Flip. Then turn around to head back to the Dog Park;**
33. **RIGHT** at the Dog Park to go on Grand St to Main;
 34. **CAREFULLY CROSS** Main and go **RIGHT** to Williams;
 35. **LEFT** on Williams to stop sign at Ash;
 36. **LEFT** on Ash St; **8K**
 37. **LEFT** on Albert to Walnut;
 38. **RIGHT** on Walnut to A St;
 39. **RIGHT** on A to 4th St and **CROSS** A and 4th to walk past Independence Elementary;
 40. **RIGHT** on C St to its end at 7th passing the GAR sign;
 41. **CROSS** and **LEFT** on 7th to Monmouth passing Pioneer Park sign; **9K**
 42. **CAREFULLY CROSS** Monmouth & turn **RIGHT**;
 43. **LEFT** on 9th to E St;
 44. **RIGHT** on E to 11th St;
 45. **RIGHT** on 11th St to D St;
 46. **LEFT** on D St; **10K**
 47. **RIGHT** on 13th and **GO UP** stairs to finish walk at Hi-School Pharmacy. **Total: 10.3K**

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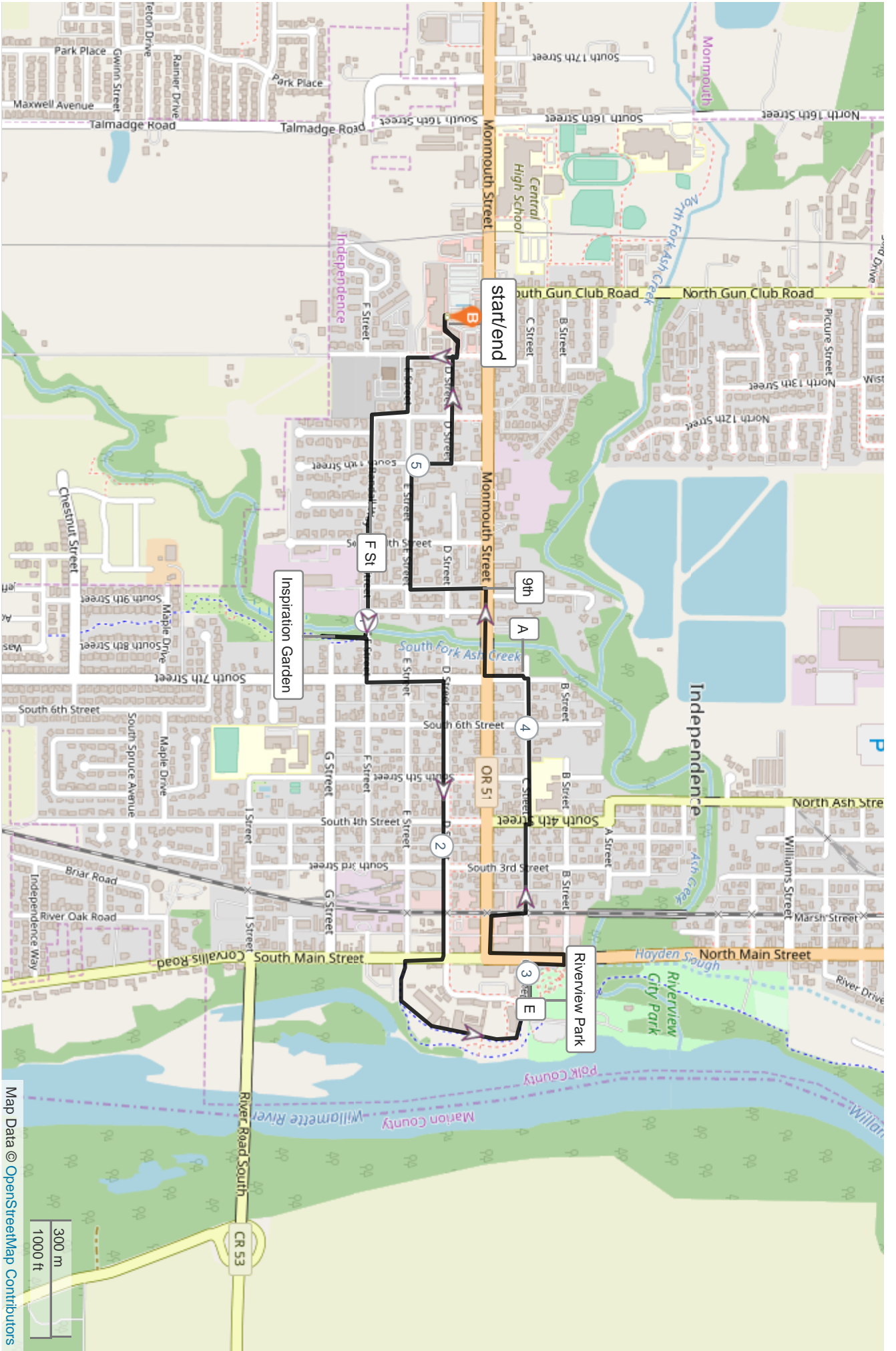
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AVA & OREGON CHALLENGES ARE LISTED ON CHALLENGES TABLE
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- 1) **RIGHT** after leaving Hi-School Pharmacy to go to 13th Street using the sidewalk in front of stores;
- 2) **RIGHT** on 13th;
- 3) **LEFT** on E St;
- 4) **RIGHT** on 12th;
- 5) **LEFT** on Randall Way which will become F St;
- 6) **RIGHT** into Inspiration Garden at Mt Fir Park (**1K**) & take the Right path after passing the parking lot at G Street. Go to the end of the Children's Garden;
- 7) **LEFT** at the end of that Garden, passing the Little Free Library & then **LEFT** to start returning to the park entrance. **LEFT** & then **RIGHT** at the Gazebo to go to F St;
- 8) **RIGHT** on F St;
- 9) **LEFT** on 7th;
- 10) **RIGHT** on D St (**2K**) passing Hop Warehouse sign at D & 2nd & then RR sign before Main;
- 11) **RIGHT** on Main St to E St;
- 12) **LEFT** across Main to enter sidewalk on the other side of E St which will take you for good views of the Willamette River. Take the first Left sidewalk which will pass the housing on the left and end at the Independence Hotel;
- 13) **LEFT** at the end of this sidewalk to go up the hill to Main Street, passing the Independence Hotel on your left;
- 14) **RIGHT** on Main Street (**3K**) to B St, passing Veterans signs and the pillars with historic information. Restrooms on the Right;
- 15) **CROSS** Main at B and go **LEFT** on Main to Monmouth;
- 16) **RIGHT** on Monmouth. Check out Old City Hall sign in front of Parallel 45 Brewing just past 2nd St. Then **TURN AROUND** to go back to 2nd;
- 17) **CROSS & LEFT** on 2nd passing the Heritage Museum (free admission with good exhibits);
- 18) **LEFT** on C St passing Chinese Laundry sign;
- 19) **CROSS** C St at 4th St and go **LEFT** on C St passing GAR sign;
- 20) **LEFT** on 7th but notice the Pioneer Park sign;
- 21) **CAREFULLY CROSS** Monmouth and go **RIGHT** on Monmouth;
- 22) **LEFT** on 9th St;
- 23) **RIGHT** on E St;
- 24) **RIGHT** on 11th St; (**5K**)
- 25) **LEFT** on D St;
- 26) **RIGHT** on 13th & then **LEFT** on stairs to return to Hi-School Pharmacy. **TOTAL: 5.4K**

Information about Independence: It was founded in 1845 by an Oregon Trail pioneer from Independence, Missouri. The town has a population around 10,300. Independence has a National Historic District bordered by 9th St/Butler/Main/G Street, an area of 30 blocks & 250 houses/businesses.

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2026 AVA CHALLENGES	INDEPENDENCE Y1669 10K	INDEPENDENCE Y1669 6K
Par For The Course	Disk Golf Riverview Park	Disk Golf Riverview Park
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WALKING WITH AMERICA'S VETERANS	C St. & Main	C St. & Main
Step to the Beat	Amphitheatre Riverview Park	Amphitheatre Riverview Park
Walk With The Wild Things	432 A St.	341 D St.
GRAIN ELEVATORS	Down 3rd St pass E	Down 3rd St pass E
Anniversaries Hurrah	Clubs 40th Anniversary	Clubs 40th Anniversary
2026 OTSVA CHALLENGES		
GALLERY	River Gallery on Main	River Gallery on Main
GARDENS	Polk Co Master Garden/Mt Fir Park	Polk Co Master Garden/Mt Fir Park
GARGOYLE/GNOME	4th and A St	
GAZEBO	Inspiration Garden	Inspiration Garden
HISTORIC HOUSES	Nat'l Historical District	National Historic Diestric+C49
HOTELS	Riverview Park	Riverview Park
INK (TATTOO SHOPS)	259 S Main St. Main St Tattoo	259 S Main St. Main St Tattoo
ITALIAN	114 S Main St Mangiare's	
JUSTICE (COURTS LAWYERS, Etc)	555 Main "Police"	555 Main "Police"
JAVA	Main St Brew Coffee & Tap House	Main St Brew Coffee & Tap House
NOODLES	114 Main St. Naughtt Noodle	114 Main St. Naughtt Noodle
ORCHARDS	Along Willamette River Trail	
OUTLETS	Bobin Roost Thrift Outlet 283 C St. seen from Monmouth St.	Bobin Roost Thrift Outlet 283 C St. seen from Monmouth St.
OVERLOOKS	Back of Hotel	Back of Hotel
PALM TREES	Monmouth St.	Monmouth St.
PARKS	Riverview Park	Riverview Park
PEDESTRIAN BRIDGES	Riverview Park	
PLAYGROUND STRUCTURES	Riverview Park	Riverview Park
RAILROADS	Cross Tracks @ 2nd Street	Cross Tracks @ 2nd Street
RIVERS	Riverview Park	Riverview Park
ROSES	Inspiration Garden	Inspiration Garden
STATUES	144 Main St.	144 Main St.
SWIMMING POOLS	City Pool 5th & I Street	Along path back of Condos
TRAILS	Willamette River Trail	
URGENT CARE		
USED	307 Main St Read Book	
Vegetables	Veg Garden 20 S 4th St., Community Garden 5th & I street	
Veterinarian	Ash Creek Animal Clinic 194 S Main St	Ash Creek Animal Clinic 194 S Main St
Yogurt	Left of start point Fro zone	Left of start point Fro zone
Yarn Shop	Inside Little Mall on Main 226 Main St.	
TaXes/Tax Prep	Efficient Tax Associates 1343A Monmouth St.	Efficient Tax Associates 1343A Monmouth St.
X-Ray	Independence Dental 329 S Main St.	Independence Dental 329 S Main St.
FaX - UPS, Office Depot	In strip mall just before 13th St.	In strip mall just before 13th St.
Zero (in Sign)	Crossing 10th St.	Crossing 10th St.
Zones - Hospital, School	Independence Elementray 150 S 4th	
Peace Poles	Inspiration Garden near G St. exit	Inspiration Garden near G St. exit
2026 ESVVA CHALLENGES		
Historic Train Station	163-165 D St	
FRONT LINE HEROS		
Med Facilities	Independence Dental 329 S Main St.	Independence Dental 329 S Main St.
Essential Services	555 Main "Police"	555 Main "Police"