

**Chester County Red Rovers  
Historic Downingtown  
Year~Round Walk – Online Start Box  
Y1838 – 11k and 5k – Rated 1A**



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## Driving Directions

- The Start Point is located at Kimberton Whole Foods in the Mill Town Square Shopping Center.
- The street address is 150 East Pennsylvania Avenue - 610-873-8225
- From west: Take the US-30 Bypass East to PA-113S. Turn right on East Pennsylvania Ave, then left on Green St. Kimberton Whole Foods is in the shopping center on the right.
- From east: Take the US-30 Bypass West to PA – 282/Wallace Ave. Left on Norwood Rd and left on Rte 282/Wallace Ave. Cross Pennsylvania Ave and left into Mill Town Square to Kimberton Whole Foods.
- From the PA Turnpike: Take Rte 100S to a right turn on 113S. See above.
- The box is usually located in the window.
- GPS Coordinates - 40.00877124550018, -75.7020124769006

## Walk Completion & Credit Information

- Be sure to log back into the OSB system to finish/complete your online registration after walking the event.
- The OSB system does not deduct any event fee from a participant's Event Bank until he/she has submitted event completion information including the date the event was walked, the distance walked, and the selection of applicable Special Programs in which the walker is participating.
- Nevertheless, a fee of \$2 for a downloaded PDF is deducted from the walker's Event Bank when the PDF is downloaded.
- Later, any PDF fees are credited back to the walker's Event Bank when he/she submits the even completion information as a paying-for-credit participant.
- However, the \$2 coupon for the downloaded PDF will expire in 60 days.

## Chester County Red Rovers Historic Downingtown 6K ~ Y1838 ~ Rated: 1A

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Downingtown began as a small village located midway between Philadelphia and Lancaster. The village was first known as Milltown since it was the location of the last mills on the edge of the unsettled western frontier. Thomas Moore erected 'a water corn mill' in 1716 and Roger Hunt established a gristmill in 1739. In 1761, John Downing opened a tavern on the east side of the Brandywine Creek, which was first known as the Downing Mill Inn. Later, his father, Thomas, developed an industrial complex of mills on the Lancaster Road in Milltown. Around the time of the American Revolution, Milltown became known as Downing's Town.

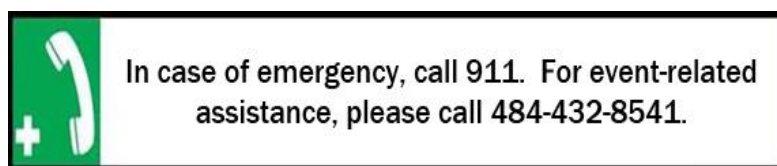
**Start Point:** Kimberton Whole Foods in Mill Town Square Shopping Center

**Special Programs:** Par for the Course ('25), Rails to Trails ('25), Step to the Beat ('26), Town/City Halls ('25), Walking with America's Veterans ('27)

**Accessibility:** All intersections have curb cuts; no stairs.

1. Exit KWF and turn left, then turn LEFT on Wallace Ave (no sign).
2. At traffic light, turn RIGHT on Lancaster Ave (Route 30).
3. Continue on Lancaster – past *the Downingtown Log House (1701), the oldest house in Downingtown measuring 21'9" by 25' and 1 ½ stories.*
4. Continue to Downing Ave – *the Downingtown Diner -- the diner made famous in The Blob (1958)* will be on the right.
5. RIGHT on Downing.
6. RIGHT on West Pennsylvania Ave.
7. CROSS and RIGHT on Manor Ave to Lancaster.
8. LEFT on Lancaster.
9. After crossing the bridge over the Brandywine River, turn LEFT to go down the stairs or ramp just before the Log House.
10. LEFT onto the Brandywine Trail.
11. CONTINUE STRAIGHT on the trail with the river on your left.
12. RIGHT on the trail just before the underpass to Pennsylvania.
13. RIGHT on Pennsylvania to the *Downingtown Area Veterans Memorial* on the right.
14. CROSS Pennsylvania at the crosswalk to enter Kerr Park.
15. STRAIGHT between the skate park and basketball courts, pass the trout nursery on your right, walking between the first two picnic pavilions and past the All-Abilities Playground into the parking lot. (Rest rooms available in Kerr Park Memorial Day to late-October/in the library when open.)
16. Exit the parking lot to the LEFT of the library to return to Wallace Ave.
17. RIGHT on Wallace – passing the Downingtown Library on your right.

18. LEFT on Pennsylvania and continue to The Ponds on your left.
19. LEFT into The Ponds and pass the *Memorial for Victims of Chester County* to enter the Lions Trail and walk to the point where it meets the Struble Trail (cross street Norwood Road – no sign).
20. TURN BACK to return to Pennsylvania.
21. LEFT on Pennsylvania (cross when you have the opportunity).
22. RIGHT on Uwchlan Ave (Route 113) and continue to Lancaster. *The General Washington Inn (1761) (now an antique dealer) will be on your left. Known as The King George until the Revolutionary War, it also served as a commissary for revolutionary troops, a stagecoach stop, and the first post office (1796) in Chester County.*
23. RIGHT on Lancaster Avenue (the original Lincoln Highway). You will pass:
- a. *James Meredith House (1815) – opened as a store, it was the center of the commercial district (447 East Lancaster Avenue)*
  - b. *Dr. George A. Fairlamb House (circa 1815) – Dr. Fairlamb was a founding member of the Chester County Medical Society (435 East Lancaster Avenue)*
  - c. *Hunt-Downing House (circa 1802) – built by the owner of the General Washington Inn and later owned by Charles Mowry, who published a newspaper eventually called “The Downingtown American Republican.” (420-422 East Lancaster Ave)*
  - d. *Dr. William Todd House (circa 1829) – a lovely example of the Federal architecture period.*
  - e. *Downingtown Music Academy*
24. RIGHT on Green Street.
25. LEFT into Mill Town Square to return to KWF.



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 Downingtown Year-Round Walking Event and hope you enjoyed it.  
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## Chester County Red Rovers Historic Downingtown 11K ~ Y1838 - Rated: 1B

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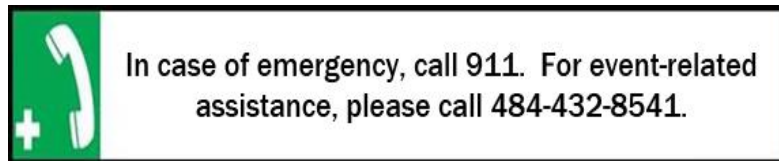
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**Accessibility:** All intersections have curb cuts; no stairs.

1. Exit KWF and turn LEFT
2. LEFT on Wallace Avenue (no sign) to traffic light at Lancaster Avenue.
3. RIGHT on Lancaster Avenue (Route 30).
4. Continue on Lancaster Avenue – *past the Downingtown Log House (1701), the oldest house in Downingtown measuring 21'9" by 25' and 1 ½ stories to Downing Avenue.*
5. RIGHT on Downing Avenue – *The Downingtown Diner - the diner made famous in The Blob (1958) will be on the right.*
6. RIGHT on West Pennsylvania Avenue.
7. CROSS and RIGHT on Manor Avenue to Lancaster Avenue.
8. LEFT on Lancaster Avenue.
9. After crossing the bridge over the Brandywine River, turn LEFT to go down the stairs or ramp just before the Log House and LEFT onto the Brandywine Trail.
10. CONTINUE STRAIGHT on the trail with the river on your left.
11. RIGHT on the trail just before the underpass to Pennsylvania.
12. RIGHT on Pennsylvania to the *Downingtown Area Veterans Memorial* on the right.
13. CROSS Pennsylvania at the crosswalk to enter Kerr Park.
14. STRAIGHT between the skate park and basketball courts, pass the trout nursery on your right, walking between the first two picnic pavilions and past the All-Abilities Playground into the parking lot. (Rest rooms available in Kerr Park Memorial Day to late-October/in the library when open.)
15. RIGHT on Wallace Avenue to Pennsylvania Avenue.
16. LEFT on Pennsylvania Avenue and continue to The Ponds on your left.
17. LEFT into The Ponds and pass the Memorial for Victims of Chester County to enter the Lion's Trail
18. CROSS Norwood Road and continue on the Struble Trail to the **green post** at the Uwchlan Township line. Turn back, return to PA Avenue.
19. LEFT on Pennsylvania Avenue.
20. Cross Pennsylvania when you have a chance and continue to Uwchlan Avenue (Route 113).
21. RIGHT on Uwchlan Avenue and continue to Lancaster Avenue.
22. CROSS and LEFT Lancaster Avenue to the Downingtown Friends Meeting

- (1899) – if you have time, explore the Meeting property.
23. CROSS and LEFT on Lancaster Avenue at the traffic light at Plaza Drive, back toward Downingtown.
    - a. *At Uwchlan Avenue, The General Washington Inn (1761) (now an antique dealer) will be on your right. Known as The King George until the Revolutionary War, it also served as a commissary for revolutionary troops, a stage coach stop, and the first post office (1796) in Chester County.*
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    - d. *Dr. William Todd House (circa 1829) – a lovely example of the Federal architecture period, formerly the Downingtown Library (330 East Lancaster Avenue (on the left))*
    - e. *Downingtown Music Academy*
  24. CROSS Uwchlan Avenue and continue on Lancaster Avenue (the original Lincoln Highway) passing many fine historical homes in the next two blocks including:
    - a. *James Meredith House (1815) – opened as a store, it was the center of the commercial district (447 East Lancaster Avenue)*
  25. Continue on Lancaster Avenue to Green Street,
  26. CROSS and RIGHT on Green Street.
  27. LEFT into Mill Town Square to return to KWF.



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## While you're visiting Downingtown ...

### Take Time for Lunch

- Amani's BYOB – 105 East Lancaster Avenue
- Anthony's Cucina Fresca – 78 West Lancaster Avenue
- Downingtown Diner – 81 West Lancaster Avenue
- Green Street Grill – Mill Town Square
- Leoni's Pizza & Italian – 116 Wallace Avenue
- Pomodoro, Pizza & Italian – 200 Chestnut Street
- Rincon Tarasco – 2 Wallace Avenue
- Victory Brewing Company – 420 Acorn Lane

## CCRR Year-Round Walks - Downtown

### AVA / KVA Special Programs -- 2024

#### AVA WALKS

Title	Expires	10K	5K
A-MAZE-ing Labyrinths	December, 2026		
Appalachian Trail	December, 2029		
IVV - Americas	No end date		
Lighthouses II	December, 2025		
Par for the Course	December, 2025	yes	yes
Rails-to-Trails	December, 2025	yes	yes
Step to the Beat	December, 2026	yes	yes
Town Halls/City Halls	December, 2024	yes	yes
Walking with America's Veterans	December, 2027	yes	yes
Walking the United States	No end date		
Walking the USA A-Z	No end date	yes	yes
Washington-Rochambeau National Historic Trail	December, 2031		

#### KVA WALKS

Title	Expires	10K	5K
67 Counties	No end date		
Appalachian Trail Thru Hike (PA only)	December, 2023		

#### Expired Special Programs

Title	Expired	10K	5K
Airports: Celebrating American Flight	December, 2022		
Border Crossings	December, 2023		
Great Lakes, Great Fun, Great Fitness	December, 2023		
Mayflower: 400th Anniversary	December, 2022		
Rockin' Around the Clock	December, 2022		
Bridges – Spanning the USA			
Carousels Across America			
Ice Cream Parlors			
Lady Liberty			
Little Free Libraries			
Make a Wish at a Water Fountain			
National Park Centennial			
Points of Reference			
State Street Sashay			
Take a Walk in a City Park			
Treasure Hunt			
United States Post Office			
Vice Presidential Walks			
Underground Railroad			

Walking the Path of Inventions			
Walk the USA – Street by Street			