

GENERAL INFORMATION

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*Event Related Assistance:
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Event Number

121003

Starting Point

Viles Arboretum
153 Hospital St.
Augusta ME 04330

Time 8 am until 2 hours before dusk.

Physical box is on the left side of the small garage and is marked 'SMVA'.

Getting There

From South: I-295 to I-95 to Augusta. Exit 51; follow Rt 9 E to Gardiner. Left at light, stay right. Next light/cross bridge, move left. Left at end of bridge/measure 5 mi. Arboretum immediately after "35 mph" sign.

From North: I-95, Exit 109, stay right; follow signs to Augusta. From exit ramp, 1 mi to rotary. Halfway around, follow signs to Waterville. Cross bridge/take immediate

right to Rt 9. About 1 mi to Arboretum on left. Park end of parking lot.

Latitude/Longitude

Latitude: 43.5885

Longitude: -70.3486

Parking

Viles Arboretum has a parking lot.

Walk Rating

2A

Walk Description

Enjoy Maine's state capital, located on picturesque Kennebec River. Historical Walk is on a trail (mostly on sidewalks) that will take you by the State House, Blaine House, other houses important to the history of the capital and Fort Western. Pets: leashed at all times, not allowed in buildings; owners responsible for cleanup. Chamber Commerce (207) 623-4559.

Special Programs

Walking the United States
Walking the USA A-Z
Mayflower - 400th Anniversary Walk
Walking with America's Veterans

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Restrooms

Viles Arboretum has restrooms. The walks also pass Hannaford's at the end of Stone St. There are various public buildings along the route which have restrooms.

Restaurants Nearby

Otto's on the River
287 Water St., Augusta ME
Tel (207) 517-9305

Riverfront Barbeque & Grille
300 Water St., Augusta ME
Tel (207) 622-8899

Downtown Diner
204 Water St., Augusta ME
Tel (207) 623-9656

Area Lodging

Senator Inn & Spa
284 Western Ave, Augusta ME
Tel (207) 622-5804

Homewood Suites by Hilton
377 Western Ave., Augusta ME
Tel (207) 480-2050

Hampton Inn Augusta
388 Western Ave., Augusta ME
(855) 797-6733

Walking Maine 2022

Augusta Capital Walk
April 1-Sept 30

Kennebunk Walk
April 1-Dec 31

Portland Walk
April 1-Dec 31

Saco Walk
April 1-June 30

South Portland Walk
April 1-Sept 30

Maine Appalachian Trail
June 1-Oct 31
(Coordinated by Twin State Volkssport)

Baxter State Park Appalachian Trail
June 1-Sept 30
(Coordinated by Twin State Volkssport)



AUGUSTA HISTORICAL DESCRIPTIONS

1. Cony Cemetery
Near 151 Hospital St.

One of the oldest burying grounds of Augusta, containing headstones of the late 18th and early 19th century.

2. Fort Western
16 Cony St.

Built in 1754 with Captain James Howard as its first and only commander. In 1769, Captain Howard bought the fort and about 900 acres. Fort Western then became a trading post, and Captain Howard and his two sons became the first settlers of Augusta, then known as Cushnoc. General Benedict Arnold and his troops encamped at the fort during September of 1775 on the ill-fated march to Quebec. There is an American Revolution Marker just beyond Fort Western, on the path on the right.

3. James Bridge Estate
12 Myrtle St.

This colonial estate was built for James Bridge and was the center of social events for many Augusta families during the 19th century.

4. Williams Estate
9 Myrtle St.

The Williams family was prominent in Augusta, state, and national politics. Some people who have lived in the house are Daniel Williams, Kennebec County Judge of Probate and Mayor of Augusta, and Daniel Wathen, Associate Justice of the Maine Supreme Court.

5. Stafford House
76 Willow St.

This colonial mansion was built in 1820 and originally stood next to the Williams home at 9 Myrtle St. In the mid 19th century, it was moved by sleds and horses to its present site.

6. The Kennebec Arsenal
Arsenal St.

In 1827, Congress passed a law to establish an arsenal in Augusta for the safekeeping of arms and munitions for the protection of the northeast frontier. Construction began in 1828, and eventually 15 buildings were erected. The arsenal was active during the Mexican, Civil, and Spanish American Wars, finally closing in 1901. One of the more famous military personnel stationed there was Lieutenant Robert Anderson, who later served as the commander of Fort Sumter during its siege in 1861.

7. Gannett Mansion
184 State St.

Built for Guy Patterson Gannett who moved to Portland in the mid 1920's to head a firm that became Guy Gannet Publishing Co.

8. Blaine House
192 State St.

Home of Maine governors since 1919. The mansion was built in 1833 and changed hands several times before it was donated

to the State of Maine by Mrs. Harriet Blaine Beale.

9. Capital Park
33 Union St.

Considered one of the most beautiful parks in the United States, covering 14 acres. During Civil War, 2500 Maine troops trained at the park for two winters. Just inside the park is the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

10. State House

Construction began in 1829 using granite from Hallowell, and finished in 1831 at a cost of \$138,991. In 1909 the State House was enlarged to double its height.

11. Justice Williamson House
47 Green St.

Two Maine Supreme Judicial Court justices have lived in this house, built in the mid 19th century. Justice Leslie Colby Cornish served 1917-1925, and Justice Robert Byron Williamson served 1956-1970.

12. Chandler-Bassett Home
43 Green Street

General Chandler purchased the house in 1830 and was the commander of the forts at Portland Harbor during the English Embargo of 1808. At the turn of the century, the home became the residence of Norman Bassett, Associate Justice of the Maine Supreme Court from 1925-1930.

13. Kennebunk Savings Bank
154 State St.

Originally built for the Reverend Benjamin Tappan, pastor of the South Parish Congregational Church from 1811-1849. In 1864, the home was sold to Colonel Alamein Farwell, Chief Clerk of the Department of the Navy during the Civil War.

14. Monument Park

Across the street from Kennebunk Savings Bank. Known as the Augusta Mall before 1879, it was the mustering point for the Kennebec Valley Civil War troops. The Mall was conveyed to the city in 1879 in trust for a Civil War monument. Other monuments have been added since to honor veterans from other wars.

15. Oblate House
136 State St.

Designed for Governor John Fremont Hill, it is the last remaining of the imposing estates of Augusta, built during the late 1800s and early 1900s.

16. Kennebec County Jail
115 State St.

The first county jail was located at Fort Shirley at Dresden. A wooden jail was built in Augusta, and in 1808 the jail burned to the ground and another wooden jail with a brick addition was erected. The present jail was constructed in 1859 to replace the wooden and brick jail that was considered unfit.

17. Kennebec County Court House
95 State St.

This is the third court house to be built in Augusta and was constructed in 1830. The first court house was built in 1791 in Augusta's Market Square, and the second was built in 1801 on the site of the present county jail.

18. Lithgow Public Library
45 Winthrop St.

Constructed in 1894, the library has 38 transom windows of stained glass, six of which relate important historical events of Augusta's past.



AMERICA'S WALKING CLUB

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AUGUSTA CAPITAL WALK 6K

1. Leave the Arboretum via the driveway to Hospital St. Carefully cross Hospital St. and turn right on the sidewalk. *(See Historical Description #1)*
2. Hospital St. becomes Stone St. at the second light. Continue on Stone St. to the rotary.
3. Very carefully, follow the sidewalk, staying left, past CVS.
4. Turn left onto Memorial Bridge. Cross the street at the crosswalk after the bridge.
5. Take the first right after the bridge onto Swan St.
6. Go straight ahead to Water St. and turn right, straight down the hill through the downtown district. If you would like a closer look at the riverside, there is a stairway between the buildings before the post office on the right. Don't use the stairway if snow or icy conditions are present or if the river is in any stage of flooding the lower parking lot. In the spring it floods quite often.
7. If you take the stairs, you will be in back of the post office and all of the buildings on Water St. You may return to Water St. via the road after the post office and turn right on Water St. to the first light and turn right on Bridge St., or you may continue to the other end of the parking lot (left of the stairway) and exit the parking lot on Bridge St. (Cony St). Either way, turn right on Bridge.
8. Immediately after Bridge, go right onto the foot path. The path may be covered with snow, so use your own judgement. It goes to Fort Western. *(See Historical Description #2)*
9. Return to Bridge St. and cross onto Willow St. When you get to the beginning of Myrtle St., look up the street, and you can see two estates. *(See Historical Description #3 and #4)*
(See Historical Description #5)

10. Continue on Willow St. and turn right onto Bangor St.

11. Go right onto Cony St.

12. Halfway down the hill, cross Cony St. onto Arsenal St.

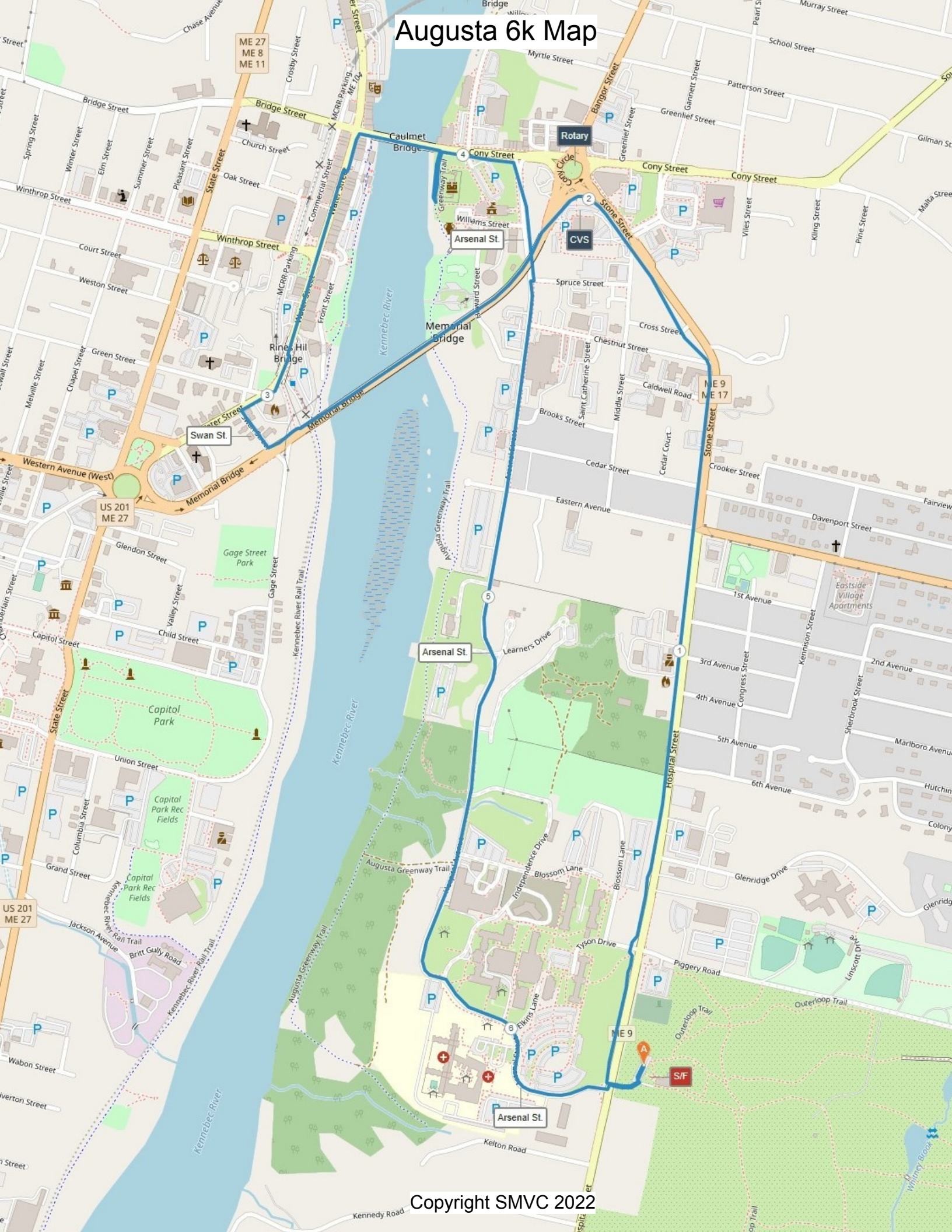
(See Historical Description #6)

10. Follow Arsenal St. to Hospital St. Cross the road to the Arboretum and the finish.

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Augusta 6k Map





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AUGUSTA CAPITAL WALK 11K

1. Leave the Arboretum via the driveway to Hospital St. Carefully cross Hospital St. and turn right.
(See Historical Description #1)
2. Stay on the left sidewalk of Hospital St., which will become Stone St., to the rotary.
3. Follow the sidewalk past CVS, staying left, across the Memorial Bridge to the first street on the right (Swan St.). Turn right and pass the fire station.
4. Go left off the rotary onto State St. (no sign), then go one block to the Governor's Mansion and Capital.

(See Historical Description #7 and #8)

5. Turn left onto Capital St. and follow the road around the park. On the other side of the park, the road becomes Union St.

(See Historical Description #9)

6. At State St., cross the street and turn right on State St.

(See Historical Description #10)

7. Turn left on Capital St. As you pass the State House on your left, notice the replica of the Liberty Bell.

8. Turn right onto Sewall St.

9. Cross Western Ave. and continue on Sewall St.

10. Turn right onto Green St.

(See Historical Description #11 and #12)

11. Turn right onto Chapel St.

12. Turn left onto Western Ave.

13. Turn left onto State St.

(See Historical Description #13, #15, #16, #17, #13, #14)

14. Turn right onto Winthrop St.

(See Historical Description #18)

15. Turn left onto Water St.

16. Turn right onto Bridge St and cross the bridge.

17. Immediately after the bridge, go right onto the foot path.

(See Historical Description #2)

18. Return to the bridge and cross onto Willow St. At the beginning of Myrtle St., there are two estates as you look up the street.

(See Historical Description #1, #4, #5)

19. Turn right onto Bangor St.

20. Turn right onto Cony St.

21. Halfway down the hill, cross Cony St. onto Arsenal St.

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