

Kensington Fall Colors & Holiday Lights Y2060

Kensington, MD

20k, 10k and 6k Walks

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YRE Description

Come and walk through the vibrant downtown and neighborhoods of Kensington or the quiet and green neighborhoods of Garrett Park.

Wander around Kensington and then out to visit the Mormon Temple to view the elaborate Christmas lights all around the Temple grounds. You may even want to watch a Christmas musical at the Temple Visitor’s Center.

A second trail takes you to the village of Garrett Park. It began as a railroad suburb, a place where people could live in the country, but work & attend cultural activities in Washington, D.C. The town plan features streets that curve to fit the natural topography and have names from Sir Walter Scott novels. The town was incorporated in 1898 and many of the Victorian era “cottages” still exist.

There are four trails; a 10k and a 5k for the Kensington area, and a 10k and a 5k for Garrett Park. Any of the trails may be combined for the 20k distance. All trails start at the Safeway, 10541 Connecticut Ave, Kensington, MD 20895.

There is one (1) 10 km walk trail and one (1) 5 km trail.

- The 10k trail starts at the Safeway, winds its way through Kensington to view the historic buildings. It then heads out to the Mormon Temple. If you are walking at night to view the Christmas lights, wear reflective clothing and carry a flashlight. Several streets that the trail follows do not have sidewalks. After visiting the Temple, this trail winds through several other Kensington neighborhoods before returning to the start/finish at the Safeway.
- The 5k trail starts at the Safeway, winds its way through Kensington to view the historic buildings. It then heads out to the Mormon Temple. If you are walking at night to view the Christmas lights, wear reflective clothing and carry a flashlight. Several streets that

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the trail follows do not have sidewalks. After visiting the Temple, this trail returns back to the start/finish at the Safeway.

Registering for the Walk

- **Participant Fee:** The Seneca Valley Sugarloafers Volksmarch club charges a \$4 per person participation fee for all participants aged 13 and older. This fee helps cover event costs.
- **Ensuring Your IVV Credit:** To ensure you receive IVV event and distance credit for your walk, please do NOT check the “No Credit” box during registration if you are 13 years or older. This step is important for tracking your progress in Volkssporting!

Accessing Walk Information (OSB PDF Download)

For your convenience, you can download a comprehensive PDF file containing detailed walk information, maps and instructions for your chosen route.

- There is a small, upfront \$2 download fee for this PDF.
- **Reimbursement for the PDF:** We'll credit this \$2 download fee back to you when you complete your walk using the OSB “Finish Table” and pay the \$4 participant fee. Think of it as a prepayment that gets returned when you finish!

After You Have Completed the Walk

After completing your walk, please return to the OSB and log your finish at the “Finish Table” within 60 days of the event registration. Be sure to include the walk date, distance, and any AVA Special Programs that apply to this event (see the AVA Special Programs section in this document).

If walking for IVV credit, your event and distance credits will be recorded automatically.

Driving Directions to the Start

Address: Safeway, 10541 Connecticut Ave, Kensington, MD 20895

GPS Coordinates: 39.0279959,-77.0775158

Plus code: 2WHF+5V Kensington, Maryland

Plus codes are based on latitude and longitude. By using a simpler code system, they are intended to be shorter and easier to use than traditional global coordinates.

Directions From I-495 Capital Beltway:

Take I-495 W to Exit 33 - Connecticut Ave (MD-185) north toward Kensington ~1.8 miles

Turn Right on Knowles Ave.

Turn Left on Armory Ave.

Immediate Turn Left into Safeway's garage.

Kensington 10k Trail

AVA rating 2A

Restrooms are available at the Safeway, the Temple Visitor's Center and in shops along the walk.

There will be some streets without sidewalks. Please use sidewalks when available. Otherwise, walk on the left facing traffic. Use crosswalks, pedestrian signals when available.

In case of Emergency: Dial 911.

For event assistance contact Jeffrey Giddings at (240) 753-0119

With your back to the Safeway,

1. **Turn Left** to Knowles Ave.
2. **Turn Left** on Knowles Ave.
3. **Cross** Armory Ave **and Turn Right**.
 - a. Cross Mitchell St.
 - b. Cross Baltimore Ave.
 - c. Follow sidewalk along Connecticut Ave.
4. **Turn Left** on first street (Calvert Pl, no sign). The Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church is on the right.
 - a. Continue on Washington St as Calvert Pl merges in.
5. **Turn Left** on Hadley Pl.
6. **Turn Right** on Montgomery Ave.
 - a. Cross Kent St. (**1 km**)
 - b. Pass Noyes Children's Library (on Turn Left)
7. **Cross** to the opposite side of Montgomery Ave.
8. **Turn Right** on Kensington Pkwy.
 - a. Pass Johnson's Flower Center.
9. At the intersection of Frederick Ave. and Kensington Pkwy. use the crosswalk to **Cross** Kensington Pkwy. and continue in the same direction.
10. **Turn Left** on Wake Dr.

NOTE: There are no sidewalks in this section of Kensington; stay on the Turn Left side of the roads (facing traffic) at all times.

- a. Pass E Bexhill Dr. (on right)
 11. **Turn Left** on Kent St. (**2 km**)
 - a. Pass Hillridge Dr.
 12. **Turn Right** on Stoneybrook Dr.
 - a. Pass LDS Church. (on right)
 - b. Cross 1st entrance to Temple (with guard house).
 13. **Turn Right** at second entrance to the Temple Visitor's Center
 14. **Stop** in the Visitor's Center and view the decorated Christmas trees, exhibit of international nativity scenes, and possibly take in a musical performance. You may also want to visit the outdoor nativity scene. (**3 km**)
- There are restrooms available in the Visitor's Center.*
15. **Retrace** your steps back to Stoneybrook Dr.
 16. **Turn Left** on Stoneybrook Dr. and retrace your steps back to Kent St.
 17. **Turn Left** on Kent St.
 - a. Cross Hillridge Dr.
 - b. Cross Wake Dr.
 18. **Turn Left** on E Bexhill Dr. (**4 km**)
 - a. Pass Old Spring Rd. (on right)
 - b. Pass Littledale Rd.
 19. **Turn Left** on Saul Rd.
 - a. Cross Hillridge Rd.

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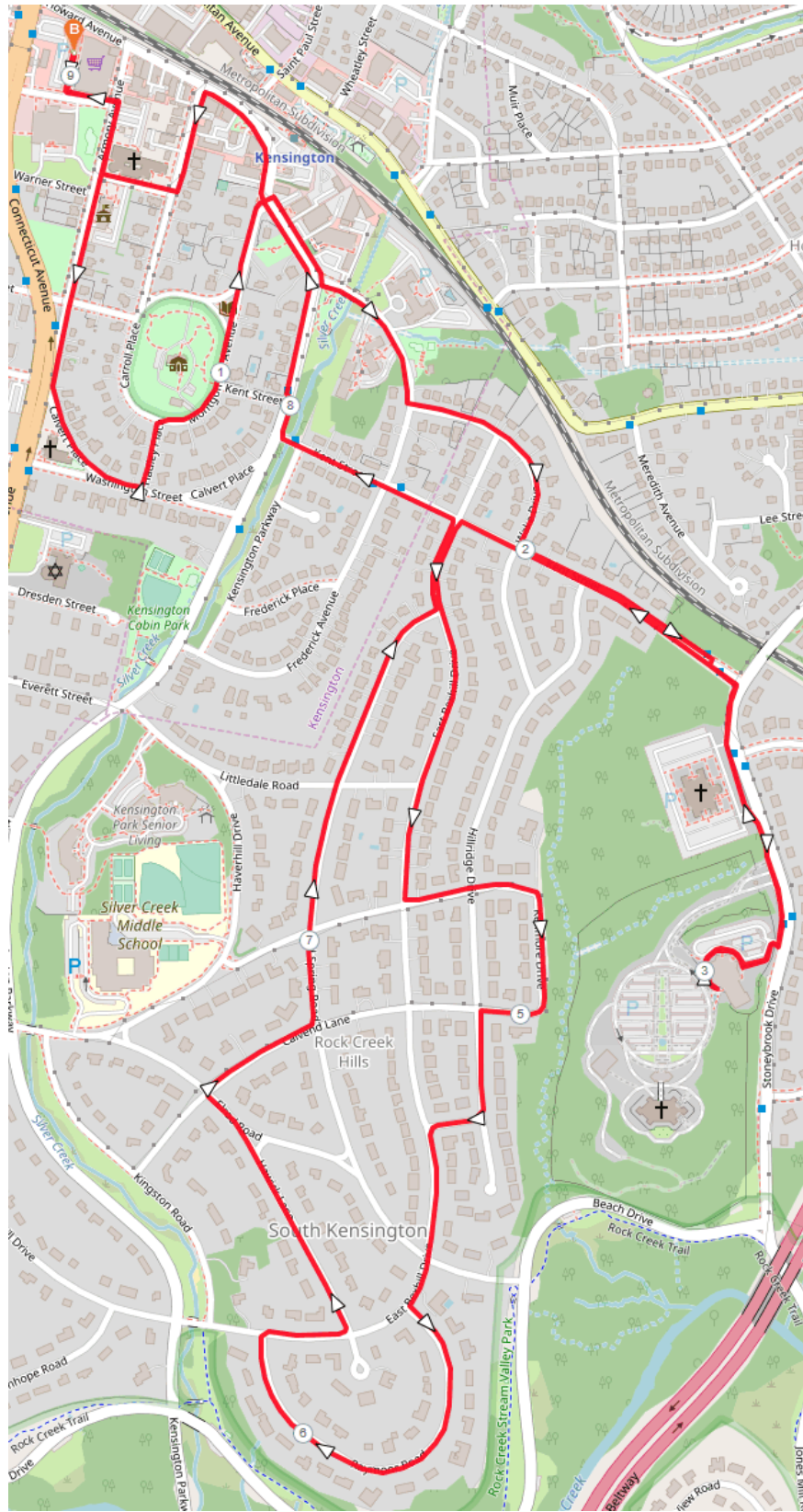
We hope you enjoyed this trail.

These walk directions and maps may only be used with a signed American Volkssport Association athletic waiver. All other uses are prohibited.

20. **Turn Right** on Kenmore Dr.
21. **Turn Right** on Calvend Ln. (**5 km**)
22. **Turn Left** on Hillridge Dr.
23. **Turn Right** on Bexhill Pl.
24. **Turn Left** on E Bexhill Dr.
 - a. Cross Old Spring Rd.
25. **Turn Left** on Raymoor Rd.
26. **Turn Right** on E Bexhill Dr. (**6 km**)
27. **Turn Left** on Hawick Ln.
 - a. Pass Elrod Rd (on right)
28. **Turn Right** on Calvend Ln.
29. **Turn Left** on Old Spring Rd.
 - a. Cross Saul Rd. (**7 km**)
 - b. Cross Littledale Rd.
30. **Turn Left** on E Bexhill Dr.
31. **Turn Left** on Kent St.
 - a. Cross Frederick Ave.
32. **Turn Right** on Kensington Pkwy.
33. At the end of the sidewalk, **Cross** to the other sidewalk of Kensington Pkwy. and continue in the same direction. (**8 km**)
34. **Turn Left** at the intersection with Frederick Ave to remain on Kensington Pkwy.
 - a. Pass Johnson Garden Center (on right)
 - b. Pass Flinn Park (on left)
 - c. Cross Montgomery Ave
 - a. Pass Kensington Train station (on right)
 - b. Pass Howard Ave. Park (on Turn Left)
35. **Turn Left** on Fawcett St.
36. **Turn Right** on Mitchell St.
 - c. Pass Kensington Town Hall (on left)
37. **Turn Right** on Armory Ave.
38. **Turn Left** on right sidewalk of Knowles Ave back to our start/finish point. (**9 km**)

Thank you for walking our Sugarloafer year-round today!

Kensington 10k Trail



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Kensington 5k Trail

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From the front of the Safeway.

1. **Turn Left** to Knowles Ave.
2. **Turn Left** on Knowles Ave.
3. **Cross** Armory Ave **and Turn Right**.
 - a. Cross Mitchell St.
 - b. Cross Baltimore Ave.
 - c. Follow sidewalk along Connecticut Ave
4. **Turn Left** on first street (Calvert Pl, no sign). The Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church is on the right.
5. **Turn Left** on Washington St.
6. **Quickly Turn Left** on Hadley Pl.
7. **Turn Right** on Montgomery Ave.
 - a. Cross Kent St. (**1 km**)
 - b. Pass Noyes Children's Library (on left)
8. **Cross to the opposite sidewalk** of Montgomery Ave.
9. **Turn Right** on Kensington Pkwy.
 - a. Pass Johnson's Flower Center.
10. At the intersection of Frederick Ave. and Kensington Pkwy. use the crosswalk to **Cross** Kensington Pkwy. and continue in the same direction.
11. **Turn Left** on Wake Dr.

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- a. Pass E Bexhill Dr. (on right)

12. **Turn Left** on Kent St. (**2 km**)

- a. Pass Hillridge Dr.

13. **Turn Right** on Stoneybrook Dr.

- a. Pass LDS Church. (on right)
- b. Cross 1st entrance to Temple (with guard house).

14. **Turn Right** into the 2nd entrance to the Temple Visitor's Center

15. **Stop** in the Visitor's Center and view the decorated Christmas trees, exhibit of international nativity scenes, and possibly take in a musical performance. You may also want to visit the outdoor nativity scene. (**3 km**)

There are restrooms available in the Visitor's Center.

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17. **Turn Left** on Stoneybrook Dr. and retrace your steps back to Kent St.

18. **Turn Left** on Kent St. (**4 km**)

- a. Cross Hillridge Dr.
- b. Cross Wake Dr.
- c. Cross E Bexhill Dr.
- d. Cross Frederick Ave.

19. **Turn Right** on Kensington Pkwy.

20. At the end of the sidewalk, **Cross to the sidewalk other side** of Kensington Pkwy. and continue in the same direction.

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21. **Turn Left** to remain on Kensington Pkwy.
at the intersection with Frederick Ave.
 - a. Pass Flinn Park (on left)
 - b. Cross Montgomery Ave.
 - c. Pass Kensington Train Station (on right)
 - d. Pass Howard Ave Park (on left)
22. **Turn Left** on Fawcett St.
23. **Turn Right** on Mitchell St.
 - a. Pass Town Hall (on left)
24. **Turn Right** on Armory Ave.
25. **Turn Left** on Knowles Ave. and back to our
start/finish point.

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Internet Resources

Garrett Park, Maryland: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Garrett_Park,_Maryland

Kensington, Maryland: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kensington,_Maryland

Latest News Washington DC Temple:

<https://churchofjesuschristtemples.org/washington-d.c.-temple/>

Holiday Lights at the Mormon Temple: <https://dctemplelights.churchofjesuschrist.org/>

Geographic region: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Piedmont_\(United_States\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Piedmont_(United_States))

Club Information: [Seneca Valley Sugarloafers Volksmarch Club](#)

AVA National Programs

This YRE qualifies for all AVA National Programs:

- Walking the United States (50 States) → Maryland
- Walking the USA (A - Z) → K for Kensington
- Centurion Achievement Challenge → 1 event
- IVV-Americas

AVA Special Programs

Special Program Name	Years	5k	10k	Information
A-MAZE-ing Labyrinths	2024 2027	X	X	
Anniversaries Hurrah	2026 2026			
Appalachian Trail	2018 2029			
Grain Elevators: Monarchs of the Plains	2025 2028			
Lighthouses II	2023 2026			
Par for the Course	2023 2026			
Rails-to-Trails	2022 2026			
Step to the Beat	2024 2027			
Walking with America's Veterans	2021 2028			
Walking With the Wild Things	2025 2028			
Washington-Rochambeau National Historic Trail	2022 2032			