



Liberty Bell Wanderers
Welcome You to the
Schuylkill Banks North
An AVA Sanctioned Year Round
Event



This AVA 10/6km walk goes over a variety of surfaces including several unimproved trails. It is rated 2C. Highlights include the Eastern State Penitentiary, the Lemon Hill Mansion, Boathouse Row, the Turtle Rock Lighthouse, the Philadelphia Museum of Art and scenic trails along the Schuylkill River and the Water Works.

The starting point is in Philadelphia's William Gray 30th Street Station that opened in 1933 and is considered to be one of the grandest stations ever built. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1978. Its neo-classical structure boasts a 95-foot-high ceiling above the main concourse with beautiful art-deco chandeliers. The floor is made of Tennessee marble. The exterior of the building features 71-foot-high Corinthian columns. It is one of the few stations where trains arrive and depart in all four directions and handles more than 3.5 million rail passengers a year.

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WALK REGISTRATION:

Please use the online start box provided by the AVA website (<https://my.ava.org>). Log into your existing account on my.ava.org (or create an account and sign the AVA athletic waiver). Once logged into the my.ava.org site, click the -My Start Box- tab and use the -help- button for further guidance. The -My Event Bank- tab is used to add funds to your account via the credit card processing service, EVO. The directions and insert cards are PDFs that you can download and print as needed. The POC does not provide event directions nor accept alternate payment methods. Driving directions to the event starting point are included in the downloaded walk directions.

WALK COMPLETION AND WALK CREDIT:

Once you have physically completed the walk, please login to your online Start Box account and select the "Finish Table" tab. Use the displayed entry form to submit the date and distance of your walk as well as to select applicable AVA Special Programs. You then generate stamped "virtual" insert cards that you may choose to print out later.

RESTROOMS:

Location	Route	Type	Distance	Hours - Season
Starting Point - behind the ticket booths and in the food court opposite Dunkin' Donuts	10/6km	Bathroom	0km	24/7
Fairmount Water Works 640 Waterworks Dr, Philadelphia, PA	6km	Bathroom	1.9km	Tues-Sat: 10AM-5PM Sunday 1PM-5PM
Whole Foods Market, 22 nd and Hamilton	10/6km	Bathroom	1.6km/3.7km	7AM-10PM
Giant Food Store, 23 rd and Arch	6km	Bathroom	4.7km	6AM-10AM
Boathouse Row, south end	10km	Bathroom	7km	

STARTING ADDRESS:

William Gray 30th St. Station
2951 Market St., Philadelphia, PA 19104
Parking fee. See Driving Directions.

Driving Directions:

From Camden, NJ area: Cross Ben Franklin Bridge to I-676. Follow signs to I-76E-Int'l Airport. Take Exit 345 (30th St./Market St.) Turn Right on Arch St. and circle station to JFK Blvd. *Right on JFK to available parking lots. Pay fee and walk to 30th St. Station.

From PA Turnpike: Take the I-76 exit (Exit 328) to Exit 345. Follow directions above.

From Delaware and South: Take I-95N to PA-291E (Exit 13) (To I-76W/Valley Forge). Take I-76W to Exit 345. Circle terminal counterclockwise to JFK Blvd. Follow directions denoted by * above.

Train Directions:

William Gray 30th St. Station services - Amtrak (www.amtrak.com) (800-872-7245) and SEPTA Regional Rail (www.septa.org) (215-580-7800) from points in Southeastern PA. When arriving by Amtrak, proceed to the Main Concourse. When arriving by SEPTA, follow the signs to the Amtrak terminal by taking the ramp on the left which leads to the Main Concourse.

Emergency Numbers:

WALKING INSTRUCTIONS:

A map is included with both the 10km and 6km walk instructions.

Abbreviations used:

ns - No Sign. There is no street sign.

SP - Special Program

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

Start Point:

William Gray 30th Street Station

Note: 10k and 6k walkers can also use an alternate starting point. This is the parking lot around the Sea Horses fountain near the Art Museum, 10k walkers can start their walk at step 25. 6k walkers can start at step 7.

10km Walk Instructions

1. Start at the William Gray 30th Street train station.
2. Exit the station on the 30th Street side. Proceed left to the Market Street Crosswalk.
3. Cross and turn LEFT on Market Street. Cross Schuylkill Avenue and the Schuylkill River.
Important Note: Look down at the railroad tracks when you reach the Schuylkill River ramp. If a train is parked there continue to 22nd Street, cross and turn LEFT. Continue at Step 7.
4. Go down the ramp and stairs to the Schuylkill River Trail.
5. Continue straight on the trail under the Market Street bridge.
6. RIGHT onto Race Street (the street sign is obscured by a tree). Cross the railroad tracks and continue to 22nd Street.
7. Cross and LEFT onto 22nd Street. Continue for several blocks (crossing the Benjamin Franklin Parkway) to Fairmount Avenue. Pass Calder Gardens and the Rodin Museum on the right. Also baseball fields on the left (SP). The Whole Foods Market on the right at Hamilton Street has restrooms.

Calder Gardens opened in September 2025. It is an indoor and outdoor venue that celebrates the ideas of Alexander Calder, a native Philadelphian and one of the most innovative artists of the 20th century.

The Rodin Museum (an annex of the Philadelphia Museum of Art) provides a wonderful collection of the sculptural works of Auguste Rodin. It houses a collection of nearly 150 works. You can walk through the gardens whenever the museum is open.

8. Cross and RIGHT at Fairmount Avenue. The Eastern State Penitentiary is now on the left. *The Eastern State Penitentiary is a former prison that was operational from 1829 to 1971. Notorious criminals such as Al Capone and Willie Sutton were incarcerated there. The prison is currently a National Historic Landmark and open to the public for tours daily.*
9. LEFT onto Corinthian Avenue. Go a short distance and then LEFT onto the Corinthian Gardens Trail. Follow the trail to the end at Brown Street.
10. LEFT onto Brown Street and pass the Brown Street Lawn on the left.
11. Cross and LEFT onto 25th Street. Note the gnomes at the house on the corner (SP).
12. CAREFULLY cross Pennsylvania Avenue and Kelly Drive near the gilded Joan of Arc statue. *This statue was one of three created by Emmanuel Fremiet in 1889 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the French revolution. The Philadelphia French community was instrumental in bringing it to Philadelphia in 1890. Originally on the approach to the Girard Avenue bridge, it was moved here in 1948.*
13. RIGHT onto the trail. After a short distance go LEFT on the second trail to the Azalea Garden and then RIGHT back to the Kelly Drive trail. Note the Well of Angels on the grassy triangle near Sedgely Drive.
14. CAREFULLY cross Kelly Drive onto Sedgely Drive and note the wonderful Abraham Lincoln monument just ahead. *A month after Lincoln's May 1865 assassination a committee of prominent citizens formed the Lincoln Memorial Association. The sculptor Randolph Rogers was selected to create this monumental bronze. Fifty thousand people witnessed its unveiling in September 1871.*

15. Cross Sedgely Drive and turn RIGHT. Continue past Lemon Hill Drive.
16. LEFT onto the rough trail beside the Sedgely Drive crosswalk.
17. Follow the trail to a basketball court on the right and then LEFT to continue on the rough trail past the Lemon Hill picnic pavilion.
18. At the end turn RIGHT and then LEFT onto Lemon Hill Drive. Pass Lemon Hill Mansion on the left.
Lemon Hill is a Federal-style mansion built from 1790 to 1800 by Philadelphia merchant Henry Pratt. The house is named for the citrus fruits that Pratt cultivated on the property in the early 19th century. The Fairmount Park Conservancy has managed the house since 2016.
19. Notice the beautiful city view and then bear RIGHT onto the rough walking trail past the mansion. Follow this trail and the steps down to the Kelly Drive intersection.
20. CAREFULLY cross Kelly Drive and turn RIGHT. Continue down the trail (in single file on the right) passing Boathouse Row on the left.
Boathouse Row is a National

- Historic Landmark that reflects the city's fusion of sport, culture, and history. The boathouses were built in the second half of the 19th century. Lit at night they form a welcoming beacon to travelers entering Philadelphia on Interstate 76. The nearby Fairmount Waterworks Dam provides favorable conditions for rowing on the river. Philadelphia is one of the nation's great competitive rowing centers.*
21. Turn around at the Turtle Rock Lighthouse (SP).
The Turtle Rock Lighthouse was constructed in 1887. The brick lighthouse supports a hexagonal lantern room. Gas was first used to power the light. It was electrified in 1990.
 22. Walk back (in single file) passing Boathouse Row on the right.
 23. Bear RIGHT in front of the bike rental facility. Continue past a café, the Philadelphia City Rowing building, and public restrooms.
 24. Bear RIGHT again and continue to the circle around the Sea Horses Fountain.
The Fountain of the Sea Horses is a 1926 reproduction of the original located in Rome. It was a gift from the Italian government to mark the United States Sesqui-centennial in 1926. But it arrived

late and was assembled here in 1928 as part of the original Museum of Art landscaping.

Important Note: *This fountain can serve as an alternate 10k starting point for those that drive into town and park here.*

25. **RIGHT** and then **RIGHT** again onto the Fairmount Water Works Trail and Boardwalk. *The boardwalk is on the Isle of Jean, a small island on the Schuylkill River.*

26. Do the short walk around the boardwalk and then return to the circle.

27. **RIGHT** on the circle to the second path leading to the Art Museum (John Paul Jones statue will be on the left).

28. **RIGHT** on the path toward the Philadelphia Museum of Art. The Fairmount Water Works are to the right near the river. They are well worth a visit.

29. Bear **LEFT** just before the steps.

30. **CROSS** and turn **LEFT** on Art Museum Drive. While walking around the museum note the statue of a man holding a cross on the left. This is Young Meher.

Young Meher (Armenian Monument) commemorates the tragic events of April 24, 1915,

the onset of the Armenian genocide during World War 1. Meher, a legendary folk hero, symbolizes the faith of the Armenian people.

31. **RIGHT** at Kelly Drive. While walking here you will pass two statues, the Charioteer of Delphi and our beloved Rocky (where there is a gift shop and always a group of visitors). *The Charioteer of Delphi is a 1977 copy of the 5th Century BC original found in Greece in 1896. It was a gift from the Greek government to mark our Bicentennial in 1976.*

32. Continue to the stop light at Spring Garden Street and d'Harnoncourt Drive. **CROSS** Spring Garden Street at the light and turn **RIGHT** to cross over the river and railroad complex.

33. **CROSS** 31st Street and turn **LEFT**.

34. **CROSS** Baring Street and enter Drexel Park. Take the trail to the left and walk through the park to Powelton Avenue.

35. **RIGHT** on Powelton Avenue and continue to 34th Street.

36. **LEFT** onto 34th Street.

Along this section of the walk there are several buildings that are part of Drexel University. Drexel which was founded in 1891

is a top-ranked technology and research university.

37. Just after Saxbys go LEFT onto Lancaster Walk. Continue through Drexel campus to Market Street.
38. Bear LEFT on Market Street and continue for two blocks to the Start/Finish at William Gray 30th Street station.

10km Walk Map



6km Walk Instructions

1. Start at William Gray 30th Street Station.
2. Exit the station on the 30th Street side. Proceed LEFT to the Market Street crosswalk.
3. Cross and turn LEFT on Market Street. Cross Schuylkill Avenue and the Schuylkill River.
4. Go down the ramp and stairs to the Schuylkill River Trail.
5. Continue straight on the trail under the Market Street bridge,
6. Continue on the trail for about 1.5km until you see the crème-colored Water Works buildings on the left and the cliffs on the right.
Philadelphia was the first large American city that considered the delivery of water as a municipal responsibility. There is an interesting free interpretive center in the Water Works building. It is closed on Sunday and Monday. When open there are restrooms inside.
7. At the traffic circle around the Sea Horses fountain turn RIGHT and go up the sidewalk to the foot of the Art Museum steps.
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Important Note: *This fountain can serve as an alternate 6k starting point for those that drive into town and park here.*

8. At the foot of the steps turn LEFT and follow the walk around to Art Museum Drive.
9. Cross at the crosswalk and go LEFT to continue around the museum. On the way note the statue of a man holding a cross on the left. This is Young Meher. *Young Meher (Armenian Monument) commemorates the tragic events of April 24, 1915, the onset of the Armenian genocide during World War 1. Meher, a legendary folk hero, symbolizes the faith of the Armenian people.*
10. Turn RIGHT at Kelly Drive and continue past the Charioteer of Delphi (on the right) to the famo
The Charioteer of Delphi is a 1977 copy of the 5th Century BC original found in Greece in 1896. It was a gift from the Greek government to mark our Bicentennial in 1976.
11. Turn around and return to the intersection near the gilded bronze Joan of Arc statue.
This statue was one of three created by Emmanuel Fremiet in 1889 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the French revolution. The Philadelphia French community was instrumental in bringing it to Philadelphia in 1890. Originally on

- the approach to the Girard Avenue bridge, it was moved here in 1948.*
12. CAREFULLY cross Kelly Drive and Pennsylvania onto North 25th Street.
 13. CROSS and turn RIGHT onto Fairmount Avenue.
 14. Continue four blocks to 21st Street *passing the Eastern State Penitentiary on the left. The Eastern State Penitentiary is a former prison that was operational from 1829 to 1971. Notorious criminals such as Al Capone and Willie Sutton were incarcerated there. The prison is currently a National Historic Landmark and open to the public for tours daily.*
 15. Turn RIGHT onto 21st Street.
 16. Turn RIGHT onto Wallace Street.
 17. Turn LEFT onto 22nd Street. Continue for several blocks (crossing the Benjamin Franklin Parkway) to Arch Street. Pass the Rodin Museum and Calder Gardens on the left. Also baseball fields on the right (SP). *The Rodin Museum (an annex of the Philadelphia Museum of Art) provides a wonderful collection of the sculptural works of Auguste Rodin. It houses a collection of nearly 150 works. You can walk through the gardens whenever the museum is open. Calder Gardens opened in September 2025. It is an indoor and outdoor*
 - venue that celebrates the ideas of Alexander Calder, a native Philadelphian and one of the most innovative artists of the 20th century.*
 18. Turn RIGHT onto Arch Street.
 19. Turn LEFT onto 23rd Street. The Giant Store on the corner has restrooms and a convenient food court.
 20. Turn RIGHT onto Market Street and continue for four blocks to the Start/Finish at the William Gray 30th Street Station.

6km Walk Map



2026 KSAVA Special Challenges and AVA Special and National Programs

WALK NAME: Schuylkill Banks North					
NUMBER: Y2082					
67 Counties (no end date)			Philadelphia		
AT Thru Hike (2017 -2023) in PA only			N/A		
AVA SPECIAL PROGRAMS					
Program Name	Years	10K	6K		Information
A-MAZE-ing Labyrinths	(2024 – 2026)				
Anniversaries Hurrah	2026				
Appalachian Trail in 14 States	(2018 – 2028)				
Grain Elevators: Monarchs of the Plains	(2025 – 2027)				
IVV-Americas	(2023 – No end)	X	X		
Lighthouses II	(2023 - 2025)	X			Turtle Rock Lighthouse on Boat House Row
Par For The Course	(2023 - 2025)	X	X		Baseball fields on 22 nd Street
Rails-to-Trails	(2022 – 2025)	X			Schuylkill River Trail
Step to the Beat	(2024 – 2026)	X	X		
Washington-Rochambeau National Historic Trail	(2021 – 2031)	X	X		
Walking with America’s Veterans	(2021 – 2027)	X	X		
Walking with the Wild Things	(2025 – 2027)	X	X		Gnomes at 790 N 25 th Street
Closed Programs on Route					
Great Lakes, Great Fun, Great Fitness, Great Friendships	(2021 – 2023)	X	X		
Town Halls/City Halls	(2022 – 2024)				
AVA NATIONAL PROGRAMS					
Program Name	Years	K	K	K	
50 States / 51 Capitals	(No end date)	X	X		Pennsylvania
Walk the USA (A To Z)	(No end date)	X	X		P

