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**VIRGINIA VAGABONDS
WASHINGTON, VA
APRIL 1 THRU SEPTEMBER 30, 2020
5/10 KM**

SPECIAL PROGRAMS:

Mayflower - Rappahannock County
Virginia Counties - Rappahannock County

Walk Registration:

Registration takes place online using that AVA Online Start Box, on my.ava.org. Follow the instructions provided to create a user account and sign the AVA waiver (one time). Instructions for payment are also included. Download the directions and print as needed. The POC does not provide event directions or accept alternate payment methods.

Walk Completion and Walk Credit:

Once you have physically completed the walk, please login to your Online Start Box account click on the "My Start Box" tab, then the "Finish Table" tab, then click on "Go to Finish Table" button for the event you have completed. Use the displayed entry form to submit the date and distance of your walk as well as select applicable AVA Special Programs to generate stamped "virtual" start cards that you may choose to print out.

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START POINT: Visitor Center, 3 Library Road, Washington, VA. GPS Coordinates: 38° 42' 53.4180" N, 78° 8' 45.1470" W

DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

FROM WARRENTON, follow US 211 west approximately 20.9 miles. The Visitors Center will be on the right just past the Rappahannock County library.

FROM CHARLOTTESVILLE, follow US 29 north to Madison. Take a slight left on VA 231 north for 20.7 miles to Sperryville. Turn left on US 522 north for 0.7 miles. Turn right on US 211 east for 6.0 miles. The Visitors Center will be on the left just past the Rappahannock County Park on the right.

FROM I-66: Take Exit 6 (US 340/US 522/Front Royal). Turn on US 522 South towards Front Royal. Follow US 522 South for approximately 21.2 miles. The Visitor Center will be on the right just past the Rappahannock County Library.

Park in the Visitors Center parking lot.

Historical Information: The Town of Washington is a National Historic Landmark and since the 1800s has been called Little Washington to distinguish it from big Washington, DC., less than 70 miles away. It is a town that still has the same five-block by two-block grid it did when George Washington surveyed and laid it out over 250 years ago. Today Washington serves as the county seat of Rappahannock County and is home not only to the famous Inn at Little Washington but also to several bed and breakfasts, shops, galleries and churches.

In July 1749, a 17-year old George Washington noted in his journal, "In the Blue Ridge Mountains... I laid off a town." The young surveyor, assisted by two chain men, laid out the town of Washington in the same five-block by two-block grid that exists today. The town was officially established by the Virginia Assembly in 1796. There are now 28 Washingtons in the United States, but this is "The First Washington of All."

Rappahannock County was formed in the year 1833 from Culpeper County. It was named for the **Rappahannock River**, which makes up the northern border of the county. The **name** of the **river** comes from an Algonquian word, lappihanne (also recorded as toppehannock), meaning "**river** of quick, rising water" or "where the tide ebbs and flows," the **name** used by the local **Rappahannock** tribe.



10-kilometer Directions:

1. Leaving the Visitor Center the parking lot and walk out to the first road.

2. At the first road, turn right on Old Mill Road (no sign). Don't go to Lee Highway.

3. At the stop sign (T-intersection), cross and turn right on Warren Avenue (name changes to Middle Street in town). **1 km at Avon Lane on the left**

Washington Volunteer Fire & Rescue Company is located on the right shortly after you turn on Warren Avenue.

4. At the stop sign, turn left on Main Street.

5. At the first street, turn right on Piedmont Lane (White Moose Inn is on the corner) and cross Main Street, continuing straight on Piedmont Lane. **2 km at the driveway on the left for 293 Piedmont Lane (yellow house)**

CHECKPOINT: At Whippoorwill Lane, what is the name of the newspaper on the white box?

6. At Whippoorwill Lane, reverse your direction on Piedmont Lane and walk back to Main Street. **3.5 km at Oden Lane**

7. At the stop sign, turn left on Main Street (by the White Moose Inn on the right). **4 km at Geneva Welch Gallery on left**

Restrooms are available at The Inn at Little Washington Shops on the left. The Shops are housed in a restoration of the Old Tavern. Built in 1740, the structure has the look of a classically beautiful, yet simple, Colonial town fixture. The building now houses a series of 5 charmingly decorated period rooms offering a wide variety of custom designed tableware, furnishings, gifts, antiques, jewelry, kitchenware and delicacies from our kitchen. Each room maintains its own identity much as it might have looked in the 1800s and the various products offered relate to the individual spaces.

The Mayor's House (next building on left) - One of the oldest structures in town, parts of this cottage date back to 1740, it was at one time the residence of a Mayor of the Town of Washington.

8. Continue on Main Street, passing the First Baptist Church on the left.

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9. At Stonewall Lane on the right, turn left to enter Washington Masonic Cemetery (no sign).

10. Follow the road to the right and walk counter clockwise thru the cemetery, ignoring the paved roads to the left.

CHECKPOINT: What is the name on the black gravestone on the right at the top of the hill?

11. Just past the flagpole, bear right to leave the cemetery. **5 km**

12. Cross and turn right on the main road (Main Street - no sign).

13. At the first street, turn left on Wheeler Street.

14. Walk one block and turn right on Gay Street.

15. Walk to the end of Gay Street.

The Community Theatre on the left presents plays, readings, poetry coffee houses and workshops. Performances and presentations are held in an historic former country church on Gay Street.

The Theatre on the right at Jett Street was an old movie theater. The Theatre presents professional chamber music, recitals, jazz and a variety of other light music, humor and drama.

Trinity Episcopal Church on the right was built in 1857. It is a "Country Gothic" style church

with an exterior originally of board and batten and later, covered in pebble-dash stucco in 1924. James Leake Powers was the master craftsman hired to build the church in 1857. He is said to have worked with Thomas Jefferson in building the University of Virginia. The bell tower and vestibule were added in 1905. The beautiful stained glass windows depicting the life of Christ were added and dedicated in 1937. The windows over the altar were moved to Trinity from Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Sperryville in 1982 when that church was no longer being used and was sold.

Washington County Courthouse - on left - This is an antebellum courthouse built in 1834 by one of Thomas Jefferson's workman at the University of Virginia. It continues to serve Rappahannock County.

Washington Sheriff's Department is in the last red building on the left just before Porter Street.

Washington Baptist Church is on the left. It was built in 1873, impressive Renaissance revival style architecture.

16. Reverse your direction on Gay Street, walking back to Porter Street.

17. At the stop sign, turn left on Porter Street. **6 km**

18. At the stop sign, turn left on Main Street. **7 km at black mailbox for 78 Main Street on the left**

19. At Ginger Hill Lane (on the right), turn right and cross Main Street.

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20. Turn right and walk back down Main Street to town. **8 km at Mt. Prospect Lane on the left**

21. Continue on Main Street to Middle Street (stop sign by the U.S. Post Office on the left).

22. Cross Middle Street and turn right to cross Main Street.

The Inn at Little Washington is located on the left. Created by Patrick O'Connell in 1978 The Inn at Little Washington was the first establishment in the Mobil Travel Guide's history ever to receive 5 stars for its restaurant and 5 stars for its accommodation, and is the first Inn ever to receive AAA's highest accolade, the 5 Diamond Award, for both food and accommodation.

5-Kilometer Directions:

1. Follow 10-kilometer directions 1 thru 5.

2. At Oden Lane, turn right and cross Piedmont Lane.

3. Turn right and walk back down Piedmont Lane.

4. Follow 10-kilometer direction 7.

The Inn at Little Washington was founded in 1978 in a former garage. The campus encompasses numerous properties throughout the village, including 17 guest rooms and the Claiborne House, Gift Shops, a Cutting Garden, walking trail and a special event ballroom.

23. Continue straight on Middle Street. **9 km at Avon Lane on right**

24. After the fire department, turn left on Old Mill Road (Route 683).

25. Continue on Old Mill Road back to the Visitor Center and the start/finish.

5. Just past the Mayor's House, turn right on Wheeler Lane.

6. Follow 10-kilometer directions 14 thru 17.

7. At the stop sign, turn right on Main Street.

Follow 10-kilometer directions 21 thru 25.

The Virginia Vagabonds hope that you have enjoyed your walk at Washington. Please join us for our other seasonal walks in Frederick, Highland, and Shenandoah Counties, as well as our year rounds in Charleston (WV), Emporia, Poquoson, Newport News, Petersburg, and Williamsburg (Jamestowne Glasshouse).

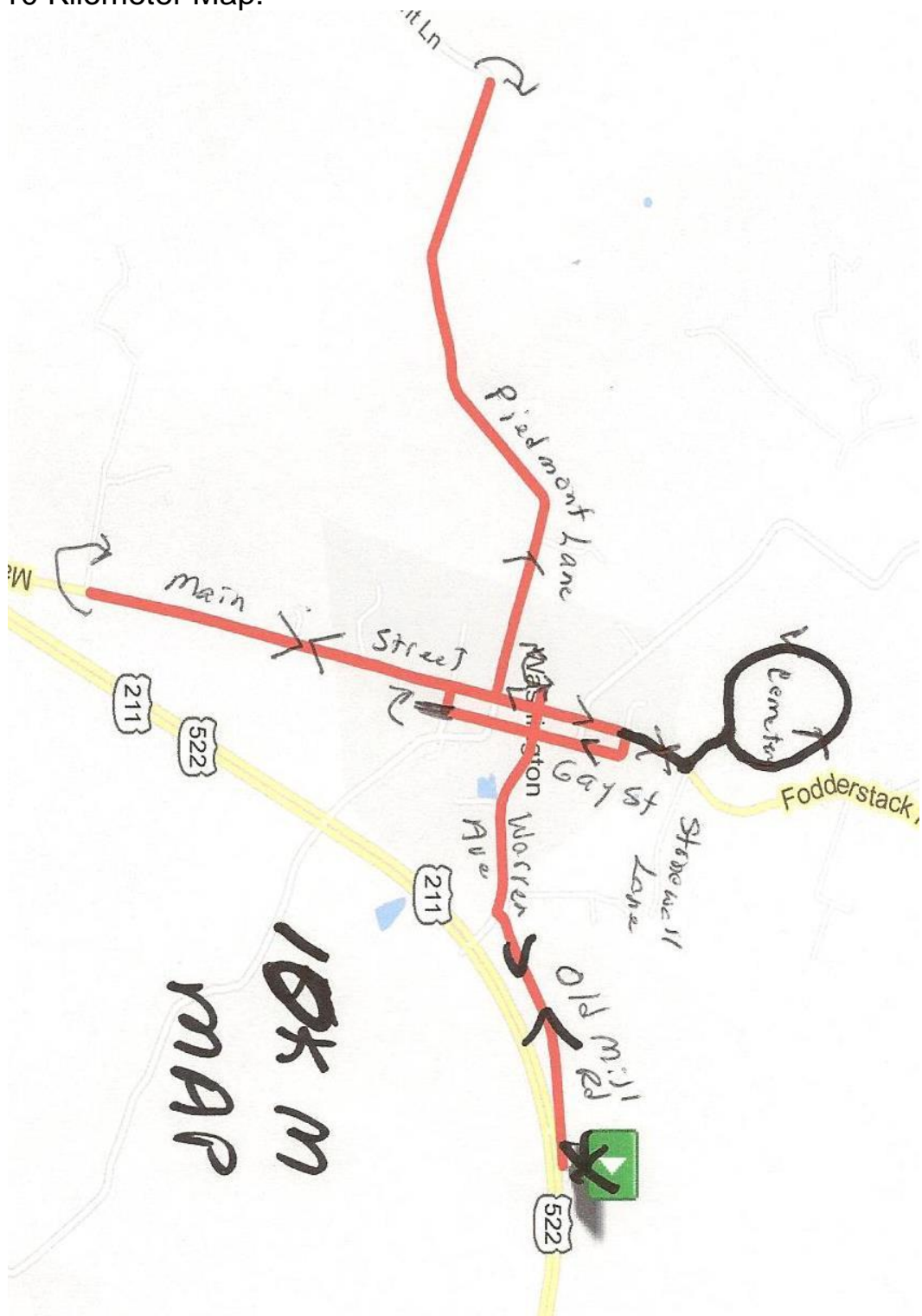
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DRIVING MAP: FROM I-66



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10 Kilometer Map:



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5 Kilometer Map:

