

Washtenaw Wanderers Volkssporting Club's

Seasonal Event Y2232

April 1st – September 30th

Saint Joseph, Michigan



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Saint Joseph, Michigan

This event supports only the Online Start Box (OSB)

Please use the Online Start Box (OSB) to register and complete the event. The sponsoring club only receives credit for OSB participation when an OSB registration has been completed online by entering your participation date, distances, and any special programs using the OSB.

START/FINISH LOCATION:

St. Joseph Today Welcome Center, 301 State St., Saint Joseph, MI 49085

GPS coordinates: Latitude 42.10932, Longitude -86.48160

DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

From Eastbound I-94: Take Exit 27 (Niles Rd). Go West to Main St. Turn left on Broad St., then right on State St. to **St. Joseph Today Welcome Center**.

From Westbound I-94: Take Exit 33 (Benton Harbor, BL I-94). Go west through Benton Harbor, cross the river to Saint Joseph to Main St., turn right on Broad St, then right on State St. **to St. Joseph Today Welcome Center**.

PARKING:

Two-hour street parking is available on State St. in front of St. Joseph Today Welcome Center. Three-hour parking lots are available along Lake Blvd. and all-day street parking is available on Port St and Ship St., all short distances from the start point.

RESTROOMS/WATER:

Restrooms are available at the start/finish when open, and along the trail. It is recommended that you carry water as well.

TRAIL DESCRIPTION:

The 5K/10K trail is on paved roads and sidewalks. It goes through historic neighborhoods, along the shores of Lake Michigan and historic Silver Beach, past the Saint Joseph Pier Lighthouses, and through the charming downtown area. The trail is rated 2A on the alpha-numeric scale that measures the level of difficulty of elevation and terrain. The trail is suitable for strollers and wheelchairs. Pets are allowed on the trail if leashed.

POINT OF CONTACT:

Tom Crabill..... Phone: (260) 409-1659 email: tjcrabill@gmail.com

SAINT JOSEPH 5K WALK DIRECTIONS

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

Exit St. Joseph Today Welcome Center, 301 State St. and turn left.

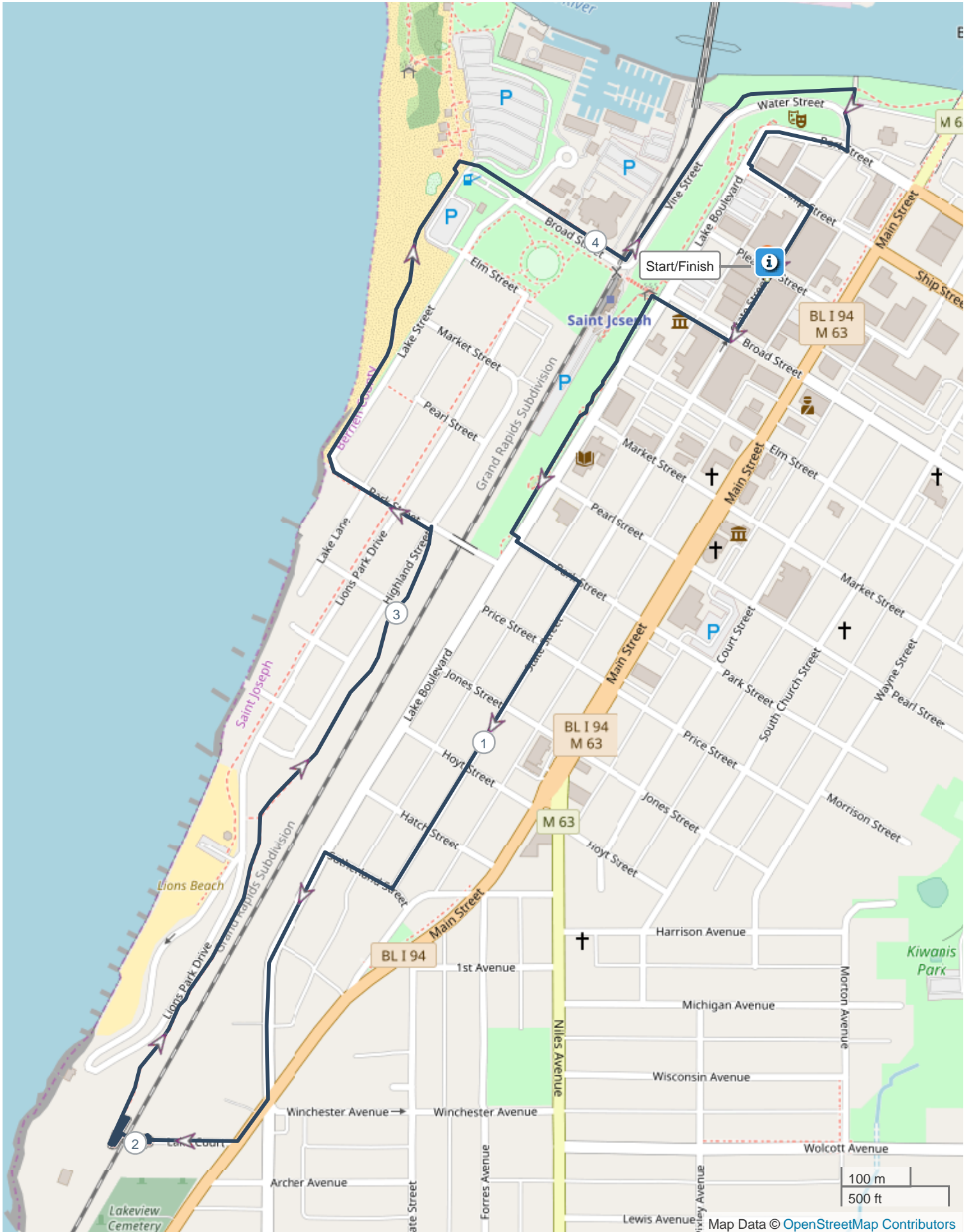
1. Cross Broad St. then turn **right** and continue on the left side of Broad St.
3. Cross and turn **left** on Lake Blvd. for 4 blocks. (various *Veterans Memorials* in Bluff Park)
4. At the crosswalk turn **left** on Park St.
5. Turn **right** on State St. for 5 blocks. (**1K at Hoyt**)
6. Cross and turn **right** on Sutherland Ave.
7. Turn **left** on Lake Blvd.
8. **Continue** on Lake Blvd. to Main St.
9. Turn **right** on Main St./Lakeshore Dr. carefully crossing Lake Blvd. at the traffic light.
10. Continue for 1 block and turn **right** on Lake Court. At the end of the street (**2K**) take the wooden walkway, crossing the pedestrian bridge over the railroad, and continue down to the paved path.
11. **Continue** on the path, (The John and Dede Howard Family Recreational Trail), staying to the **right** at the next intersection, until reaching Park St. (no street sign). (**3K**)
12. Turn **left** on Park St.
13. Turn **right** on Lake St. at the Silver Beach County Park sign and follow the sidewalk along the beach. (Enjoy the view of Lake Michigan and the *North Pier Lighthouse*.)
14. Continue following the sidewalk as it angles **left** across the beach, passing unique artwork and *beach volleyball courts*.
15. Just past the *kid's playground* and at the flagpoles (restrooms a little further ahead if needed) turn **right**, crossing the road.
16. **Continue** on the sidewalk following Broad St., passing the park entrance gatehouse (blue roof). (The Whirlpool Compass Fountain will be across the street and the Silver Beach Carousel will be on the left.) (**4K**)
17. After carefully crossing the railroad track, turn **left** on the sidewalk along Vine St. (The Amtrak Station is across Broad St.)
18. Continue on the sidewalk curving **right** as Vine St. turns into Water St.
19. At the next intersection turn **right** going up the hill on the sidewalk along State St.
20. Carefully cross Port St. at the crosswalk, turn **right** to cross State St. and continue on Port St. The *John E. N. Howard Bandshell* is on the right at 550 Port St.
21. Turn **left** on Lake Blvd.
22. Turn **left** on Ship St. passing the home of the *Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra* at 513 Ship St.
23. Cross and turn **right** on State St. back to the Joseph Today Welcome Center.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS:

- Lighthouses II** – Saint Joseph North Pier Lighthouse
- Par-For-The-Course** – Beach volleyball and kid's playground in Silver Beach County Park
- Step to the Beat** - John E. N. Howard Bandshell, 550 Port St. & the Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra, 513 Ship St.
- Walking with America's Veterans** – Veterans Memorials in Bluff Park

In case of Emergency: Dial 911
Event related assistance: Tom Crabill 260-409-1659

Saint Joseph 5K



SAINT JOSEPH 10K WALK DIRECTIONS

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

1. Exit **St. Joseph Today Welcome Center, 301 State St.** and turn **right**.
2. Cross Pleasant St. and Ship St. and turn **right**.
3. Turn **left** on Main St.
4. Cross Port St. and turn **right**, crossing Main St. at the crosswalk, and continue on Port St.
5. Turn **right** on Church St., carefully crossing back over Port St., and continue for 5 blocks.
6. Cross and turn **left** on Market St. **(1K)**
7. Turn **right** on Olive St.
8. Cross and turn **left** on Pearl St.
9. Turn **right** on Langley Ave.
10. Crossing Langley St., turn **left** on Michigan Ave.
11. Turn **right** on Bernice Ave. **(2K)**
12. Turn **right** on Margaret Pl.
13. Cross and turn **left** on Langley Ave. for 6 blocks.
14. Cross and turn **right** on Orchard Ave. **(3K)**
15. Turn **left** on Morton Ave.
16. Turn **right** on Kingsley Ave.
17. Turn **left** on Niles Ave. (no sign), crossing Kingsley St., to the traffic light at Napier St.
18. Cross Niles Ave. at the light and turn **right**, back to Kingsley Ave.
19. Cross and turn **left** on Kingsley Ave. **(4K)**
20. **Continue** on Kingsley Ave. as it jogs at State St.
21. Cross and turn **right** on Lakeview Ave. (crossing back at Wallace Ave. **(5K)** to stay on the sidewalk) for 8 blocks to the intersection of Winchester Ave, Main St./Lakeshore, and Lakeview Ave. (this intersection is confusing, double check street names on directions).
22. Carefully cross Lakeview Ave. with the traffic light and then, carefully cross Lakeshore Dr. with the traffic light. Turn **left** on Lakeshore Dr. and continue for 1 block.
23. Turn **right** on Lake Court. At the end of the street take the wooden walkway, crossing the pedestrian bridge over the railroad, and continue down to the paved path.
24. **Continue** on the path, (The John and Dede Howard Family Recreational Trail), **(6K)** staying to the **right** at the next intersection, until reaching Park St. (no street sign).
25. Turn **left** on Park St.
26. Turn **right** on Lake St. at the Silver Beach County Park sign **(7K)** and follow the sidewalk along the beach. (Enjoy the view of Lake Michigan and the *North Pier Lighthouse*.)
27. Continue following the sidewalk as it angles **left** across the beach, passing unique artwork and *beach volleyball courts*.
28. Just past the *kid's playground* and at the flagpoles (Restrooms a little further ahead if needed) turn **right**, crossing the road.
29. **Continue** on the sidewalk following Broad St., passing the park entrance gatehouse (blue roof). (The Whirlpool Compass Fountain will be across the street and the Silver Beach Carousel will be on the left.)
30. After carefully crossing the railroad track, turn **left** on the sidewalk along Vine St. (The Amtrak Station is across Broad St.)
31. Continue on the sidewalk curving **right** as Vine St. turns into Water St. **(8K)**
32. At the next intersection turn **right** and go up the hill on the sidewalk along State St.
33. Carefully cross Port St. at the crosswalk, turn **right** to cross State St. and continue on Port St. The *John E. N. Howard Bandshell* is on the right at 550 Port St.
34. Turn **left** on Lake Blvd.
35. Turn **left** on Ship St. passing the home of the *Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra* at 513 Ship St.
36. Turn **right** on State St.
37. Cross and turn **right** on Broad St.
38. Cross and turn **left** on Lake Blvd. for 3 blocks. (Various *Veterans Memorials* in Bluff Park) **(9K)**
39. At the crosswalk turn **left** on Pearl St.
40. Turn **left** on State St. for 3 blocks.
41. Cross and turn **right** on Broad St.
42. Turn **left** on Main St.
43. Turn **left** on Pleasant St.
44. Turn **left** on State St. back to St. Joseph Today Welcome Center.

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Lighthouses II-Saint Joseph North Pier Lighthouse

Par-For-The-Course-Beach volleyball and kid's playground
in Silver Beach County Park

Step to the Beat-John E. N. Howard Bandshell, 550 Port St., Southwest
Michigan Symphony Orchestra, 513 Ship St.

Walking with America's Veterans-Veterans Memorials in Bluff Park

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Washtenaw Wanderers Volkssporting Club

2026 Year-Round Events:

Lansing - Capital

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2026 Seasonal Events:

April 1st – May 31st

Ann Arbor-Downtown & Argo Park

April 1st – September 30th

Grand Haven

Holland

Mackinac Island

Mackinaw City

Marquette

Northville-ITC Trail

Port Huron

Saint Joseph

Sault Ste Marie

South Haven

South Lyon

April 1st – October 31st

Maybury State Park

April 1st – December 31st

Frankenmuth

May 1st – October 31st

Westland Hines Parkway Trail

June 1st – September 30th

William C Sterling State Park

September 1st – November 30th

Island Lake State Recreation Area

Also, check on the Washtenaw Wanderers Volkssporting (Walking) Club Facebook Page www.facebook.com/washtenawwanderers/ for additional opportunities to do informal walks on Tuesdays or Wednesdays.