



**The Mon Valley Trailblazers**  
 Welcomes You to the  
 AVA Sanctioned Walk of the  
 Flight 93 National Memorial  
 near  
 Stoystown and Shanksville, PA



This year-round walk is completely within the boundaries of the Flight 93 National Memorial located in Somerset County PA. The walk route is 5km long. For a 10km, it is recommended you walk same 5km path but in the reverse direction. The memorial grounds are open dawn to dusk, but the Visitor Center is open 9AM to 5PM daily except New Year's, Thanksgiving, and Christmas Day.

After entering the National Memorial, you will first stop at the newly installed Wind Chime tower ("Tower of Voices") for a short walk up to and around the tower. Then, you will drive about 2.5 miles to the Visitor Center parking lot where you will continue the rest of your walk. Here you will follow the sidewalk that proceeds along the path of Flight 93 to an overlook of the memorial grounds and the impact site in the distance. From here you may choose to go into the Visitor Center where there are many displays and historical artifacts. The walk then proceeds outside following a slowly descending gravel path crossing a pedestrian bridge to the Visitor Shelter, then on the Memorial Plaza walkway to the Wall of Names. The walk returns to Visitor Center parking lot follows a gravel path uphill with switchbacks to the building next to the parking lot.

**Bathrooms:**

There are no bathrooms at the wind chime tower, but there is a building with bathrooms next to the Visitor Center parking lot as well as facilities inside the Visitor Center.

**Walk Registration:**

Please use the online start box provided by the California Volkssport Association website ([www.cva4u.org](http://www.cva4u.org)). Follow the left side link, 'Online Start Box', and the instructions provided to sign a waiver and register for this event. Payments for event credit and directions use Paypal. The directions and insert cards are PDFs that you can download 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 and select the "Maps / Finish" tab. 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" insert cards that you may later choose to print out.

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**GPS address for the Memorial entrance:**

6424 Lincoln Highway, Stoystown PA

**Driving Directions:****From the WEST on PA TURNPIKE/SOMERSET:**

Take Exit #110 of the PA Turnpike (Interstate 70/76), follow signs for Rte. 281 north. Take Rte 281 north 1.7 miles to US 219 north. Travel 8.7 miles north on US 219 to the Stoystown/Jennerstown/US 30 exit; turn right on US 30 east. Travel 8.5 miles on US 30 east. Turn right into the park entrance. The entrance will be marked with official National Park Service signs.

**From JOHNSTOWN:** Take Route 219 South 9.6 miles. Exit onto US 30 East at Stoystown/Jennerstown Exit. Travel 8.5 miles east on the US Rte. 30. Turn right into the park entrance. The entrance will be marked with official National Park Service signs.

**From the EAST on PA TURNPIKE (Interstate 70/76):** Take Bedford exit #146 - At Turnpike light, turn left. Go to next light, turn left. Take 220 South. Follow 220 South to next exit. Exit US 30 West. Follow US 30 west approximately 25 miles. Turn left into the park entrance. The entrance will be marked with official National Park Service signs.

**From the WEST on ROUTE 30/Lincoln Highway:**

Travel east 8.5 miles past the US 219/US 30 interchange. Turn right into the park entrance. The entrance will be marked with official brown National Park Service signs.

Below are the directions and map for a 5 km walk around the Flight 93 National Memorial. Those wishing to do a 10 km should walk the 5km described below then do another 5km by walking the same path but in reverse.



In case of Emergency: Dial 911

Event related assistance:

Mike Green: 845-781-6801

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

1. After entering the Flight 93 Memorial grounds, **drive** to and park in the parking lot on the left next to the Wind Chimes tower ("Tower of Voices).
2. From the parking lot, **walk** to the information sign on sidewalk leading to the tower.
3. After reading the information, proceed on the sidewalk towards the tower and a T intersection with a gravel path.
4. **LEFT** on the gravel path following this path as it circles up to the base of the Wind Chime Tower. Pause to hear and contemplate the chimes.
5. **TURN AROUND** and follow the same gravel path back down to sidewalk.
6. **RIGHT** onto the sidewalk then immediately **LEFT** onto winding gravel path that leads back to the sidewalk next to the Parking Lot.
7. Use your car to **drive** about 2.5 miles on Approach Rd to the Visitor Center parking lot. **Please note the drive to the Visitor Center is NOT considered part of this sanctioned event.**
8. Starting from the parking lot, **walk** to the building closest to the parking lot where bathrooms are located.
9. View the map of the major features of the memorial outside of this building. Note the location of the Flight Path Walkway, the Visitor Center and Flight Path Overlook.
10. With the parking lot on your right and bathrooms on your left, **walk away** from the Visitor Center towards the parking lot entrance.
11. Pass through the parking lot entrance and keep to the left proceeding initially downhill.
12. Pass the first road on the left to next overlook area on the left (with limited car parking) to an informational sign titled "September 11, 2001".
13. After reading the sign, **TURN AROUND** and retrace your steps back to the building with the bathrooms and the map outside.
14. Proceed along the Flight Path Walkway, passing the Visitor Center entrance, to the Flight Path Overlook that has "A common field one day. A field of honor forever" engraved into the glass panel at the end.
15. **TURN AROUND** and walk back to the Visitor Center entrance on the right.

16. Turn **RIGHT** and walk through a passageway past the Visitor Center on the right (or you may choose to visit the Visitor Center now, if you are close to the 5PM closing time instead of at the end of the walk.)
17. After passing the Visitor Center, continue on the Allée (formal walkway) and 40 Memorial Groves path.
18. Follow the fine gravel walkway downhill as it slowly curves to the right crossing a bridge to the Visitor Shelter.
19. Turn **RIGHT** into the area in front of the Visitor Shelter then walk around this area passing all information signs.
20. Proceed through the Visitor Shelter on the Memorial Plaza walkway to the Wall of Names.
21. After walking to/along the Wall of Names **TURN AROUND** and walk back a short distance (~50 ft) on the walkway to a gravel path on the left
22. **LEFT** on the fine gravel path and follow the meandering path back uphill to the building with the bathrooms and map outside.
23. If have not yet visited the Visitor Center do so by following the Flight Path walkway then **LEFT** into the Visitor Center.
24. After walking around the numerous displays and artifacts in the Visitor Center proceed back to where you parked in the parking lot.
25. You have completed a 5km walk, those wishing to do 10km should repeat this same path but in reverse.

#### Applicable Special Programs:

- Bridges - Spanning the USA  
*The walking bridge on the way to the Visitor's Shelter.*
- National Parks Centennial Challenge  
*The memorial is maintained/managed by the National Park Service.*
- Vice Presidential Walks  
*Vice President Joe Biden addressed families, friends and citizens gathered at the Memorial on Sept 11, 2012 to mark the 11th anniversary of Sept. 11, 2001.*

#### Other Mon Valley Trailblazers Sponsored YRE/SEs:

- **Clinton, Pennsylvania**  
Raccoon Creek State Park  
Year-Round Walk #112951 AT19/Y2332  
10K and 5K with a Trail Rating of 3C  
BEAVER COUNTY
- **Zelienople/Harmony, Pennsylvania**  
Earn Your "Z", Lagerhaus Bakery  
Seasonal Walk #112952 AT19/Y2309  
April 1 to December 31, 2019  
5, 6, 10, and 11K with a Trail Rating of 1B  
BUTLER COUNTY
- **Farmington, Pennsylvania**  
Sundial Lodge, Nemacolin Woodlands Resort  
Seasonal Snow Shoe #112953 AT19/Y2280  
January 1 to March 31, 2019  
5K with a Trail Rating of 1  
FAYETTE COUNTY
- **Ligonier, Pennsylvania**  
Ramada Inn Westmoreland County  
Year-Round Walk # 112954 AT19/Y2277  
10K and 5K with a Trail Rating of 2A  
WESTMORELAND COUNTY
- **Washington, Pennsylvania**  
Hampton Inn  
Year-Round Walk # 112955 AT19/Y2279  
10K and 5K with a Trail Rating of 2A  
WASHINGTON COUNTY
- **Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania**  
Three Rivers Heritage Trails  
Seasonal Walk # 112956 AT19/Y2291  
April 1 to December 31, 2019  
5K up to 26K with a Trail Rating of 1B  
ALLEGHENY COUNTY
- **Confluence, Pennsylvania**  
Turkeyfoot Valley, Parkview Grill  
Seasonal Walk # 112957 AT19/Y2275  
April 1 to November 30, 2019  
10K and 5k with a Trail Rating of 1B  
SOMERSET COUNTY
- **West Newton, Pennsylvania**  
Walk & Bike along the Great Allegheny Passage  
West Newton Visitors Bureau  
Year-Round Walk #112959 AT19/Y2230  
10K and 5K with a Trail Rating of 1B  
Year-Round Bike #112960 AT19/Y2229  
13K/25K/342K with a Trail Rating of 1B  
Both available January 2 – December 31, 2019  
WESTMORELAND COUNTY

### Walk Route Map near Flight 93 Memorial Visitor Center



# Overview Map of Flight 93 National Memorial

