



The US FreedomWalk Festival Club
 Welcomes You to
The 2024 Find the LOVE in Beautiful Leesburg – East Walk
 An AVA Sanctioned Year Round Event



This walk offers a 5 km and a 10 km trail, all on sidewalks. Both are rated 1A. Carry adequate water.

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” insert cards that you may choose to print out.

Special Programs:

- Par for the Course [10K only. Keep your eyes open. We haven’t noted them all, so tell us if you find one on the 5K]
- Rails to Trails
- Step to the Beat!
- Town Halls/City Halls
- Walking with America’s Veterans
- IVV Americas
- Virginia Cities/Counties (Leesburg/Loudoun)
- Virginia Find the LOVE

Restrooms: Available at the Visitor Center when open and at locations within Market Station (when you turn right from the Visitor Center to start, restrooms are through the red door numbered 110). Also at the library when open (~6.5K)

Note: This event also has a Physical Start Box. Please use either the Online Start Box (OSB) or Physical Start Box (PSB) to register and complete the event. Do NOT mix and match, for example, by registering using the OSB then completing your event using the PSB nor signing the PSB log sheet. The sponsoring club only receives credit for an OSB participation when an OSB registration has been completed online by entering your participation date, distances, and any special programs using the OSB.

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Starting Point Location: Outside entrance to Loudoun County Visitor Center at Market Station (lower deck), 112G South St. SE, Leesburg VA 20715, 703-771-2170/800-752-6118. GPS: LAT: 39 06 39 N, LONG: 77 33 36 W.

Driving Directions:

From Washington DC via VA Rt. 7: Take VA Rt. 7 into Leesburg (becomes Market St); after crossing Catoctin Cir get in left lane; at top of hill bear left, and next intersection, Harrison St., turn left to Visitor Center (see parking below).

From Washington DC via Rt. 267 (Dulles Toll Rd and Greenway--toll): Take right exit onto VA Rt. 15 north; left at next light (Plaza St); after crossing Catoctin Circle get in left lane; at top of hill bear left, and next intersection, Harrison St., turn left to Visitor Center (see parking below).

From I-66 in VA: Exit 40 toward VA Rt. 15 North. Travel about 21 miles through pleasant Virginia horse country to Leesburg. Rt. 15 becomes S. King St. in Leesburg. Continue straight on S. King St./Business 15 into town. Turn right on Loudoun St. to Market Station across from the parking garage at the corner of Church St. NE and Loudoun St. NE

From MD: Take Business Rt. 15 into Leesburg; at Loudoun St (traffic light one block after Courthouse), left; at 2nd street, right on Harrison St. to Visitor Center (see parking below).

Parking: Park in either lot on right at either end of Market Station, in the public Church St. lot at the corner of Church St. NE and Loudoun St. NE, or in the parking garage at corner of Church St. NE and Loudoun St. NE (parking garage available to public only on weekends.)

Food and Drink: You can't go wrong here. There are numerous restaurants at the start location and along the trail, including a number of pubs. If the Visitor Center is open, ask for recommendations, but we have enjoyed Fireworks Pizza and South Street Under in Market Station.

5/10K Walk Directions

1. With your back to the Visitor's Center at Tuscarora Mill/Market Station, turn

➔ **RIGHT** (Restrooms through red door numbered 110. Note Dairy Barn historical sign.)

Market Station: collection of historical structures, some original to the site, including a former mill (now the Tuscarora Mill restaurant, rated by residents as the county's most popular) and a railroad station.

2. At street (South St.), turn ◀ **LEFT**. At **corner** (Harrison Street), turn ➔ **RIGHT**, cross street and continue to W&OD Trail (Portable toilet on right at Bike Depot.)

3. At W&OD Trail (before Raflo Park sign), turn ◀ **LEFT** onto trail (**Rails to Trails**)

(Pass **LOVE** sign on your right at corner of Depot Ct SE and Harrison St SE)

The trail follows the former railbed of the Washington and Old Dominion Railroad which runs 45 miles from Alexandria to Purcellville. Before and during the Civil War it was known as the Alexandria, Leesburg, and Harrison Railroad. "The skinniest park in Virginia," it was designated a National Recreation Trail in 1987.

4. At Catoctin Circle, turn ◀ **LEFT** on sidewalk Cross East Market Street at traffic light and continue on Catoctin Circle.

5. At Edwards Ferry Road NE, cross street and turn ◀ **LEFT** on sidewalk; continue for 3 blocks.

*#217 Edwards Ferry Road NE (yellow-painted brick as you go downhill past 229 Edwards Ferry Rd.) is the George C. Marshall house (**Walking with America's Veterans**). General of the Army Marshall was Army Chief of Staff during World War II. Afterward as Secretary of State he created the Marshal Plan to aid Europe after World War II which earned him the Nobel Peace Prize in 1953. Open for tours (fee) on the weekend.*

6. At Harrison Street NE, turn ➔ **RIGHT** for 2 short blocks.

5-km walkers only:

At North St., turn ◀ **LEFT** for 3 blocks

At King Street, cross and turn ➔ **RIGHT** for 1 block

At Union Street NW, turn ◀ **LEFT** for 1 block

At Wirt Street, turn ◀ **LEFT** for 1 block

At North Street NW, turn **RIGHT** for 1 block

At Liberty Street NW, cross and turn ◀ **LEFT** on sidewalk for 1 block

Resume directions at #15.

10-km walkers only:

7. At North Street NE, turn ➔ **RIGHT** on the sidewalk. At bend, pass gazebo and continue ahead a short distance.

8. At corner, turn ➔ **RIGHT**, remaining on North Street NE for 3 blocks.

9. At Catoctin Circle NE, turn ◀ **LEFT** for 1 block. At Marshall Drive, turn ➔ **RIGHT** for several blocks to stop sign at Plaza Street NE.

10. At Plaza Street NE, turn ◀ **LEFT** to end at Battlefield Pkwy NE. At Battlefield Parkway NE, turn ◀ **LEFT** on paved town trail 3 long blocks to traffic light at North King Street/Rt 15 Business. NOTE: Trail is "fair weather," may not be cleared in winter.

11. At North King Street, turn ◀ **LEFT** remaining on the paved trail for 2 long blocks. At Oakcrest Manor NE, turn ➔ **RIGHT** to take crosswalk across street and ahead on paved town trail into Ida Lee Park

Ida Lee Park is Leesburg's largest, containing a recreation center, sports complex, and more.

Union Cemetery, to your left, opened in 1850 and contains many graves of soldiers who fought in the Civil War. To the left of tall white Doric column in the center are graves of unknown soldiers who died in the Battle of Balls Bluff north of town on October 21, 1861.

12. At top of hill, bear ◀ **LEFT** staying on main path toward library. At near corner of red brick library, turn ◀ **LEFT** on sidewalk (restrooms and water inside during operating hours— opens 10 am). At far corner of building, turn ◀ **LEFT** to street (Old Waterford Rd.) (Look right for playground at library **Par for the Course** and Loudoun County VFW Post 1177 **Walking with America's Veterans**)

13. At Old Waterford Road, turn ◀ **LEFT** on sidewalk. At covered bus stop past 209 Old Waterford Rd, carefully cross street and turn ◀ **LEFT** to continue on sidewalk on right side of Old Waterford Rd.

Mount Zion United Methodist Church cemetery contains the graves of African-Americans who attended Old Stone Church (segregation prohibited whites and blacks being buried in the same cemetery). Four who fought for the Union during the Civil War are buried here—see historic marker.

14. At Liberty Street NW, turn ➔ **half right** for 1 block

15. At Cornwall Street NW, turn ◀ **LEFT**, cross street, and continue.

Old Stone Church site and cemetery: First Methodist church-owned property in America (May 11, 1766). Historical markers inside fence.

16. At Wirt Street NW, turn → **RIGHT** for 1 block.
 #21 Wirt Street NW: Post-war home built by Elijah White, commander of the Laurel Brigade, 42nd VA Cavalry, during the Civil War. After the war he owned White's Ferry and started People's National Bank (now Lightfoot Restaurant).

17. At West Market Street, turn ← **LEFT** to North King Street. Pass Leesburg **Town Hall**.
 #19 W. Market St.: Tally Ho Theater is a depression-era movie palace renovated as an art deco treasure and presenting live music and theater.
 #20 W Market St: An ordinary (1760s-mid 1800s), an inn/restaurant (1946-2002), now law offices (2005-). Laurel Brigade Inn is named for a local Confederate unit. Mosby's 42nd Virginia Cavalry frequented it.
 NOTE: If Dance King Studio is still at #26 W. Market, it could be a **Step to the Beat!** qualifier.

18. At corner of North King Street and East Market Street is the County Courthouse.
 The County Courthouse, 1894, combines Roman Revival and Georgian style architecture. Unusual iron gates. War memorials in front and on both sides.

19. At King Street, turn → **RIGHT**, cross Market and continue on **South** King Street for 1 block.
 #20 S. King Street: Only the left (north) wall and fireplace remain of what was Thomas Roper's tavern (1776; George Washington stayed here).
 #30/32 S. King Street: Site of an "ordinary" (rest house for travelers; 1767) and later the Town Hall/Opera House (1870s).



5-km walkers only:
 At Loudoun Street, turn ← **LEFT**
 #4 Loudoun Street SE: the stone Patterson House, dates to 1761-62 and features Georgian style with a Colonial Revival porch. As Captain Henry McCabe's Ordinary in the late 1770s, George Washington reportedly dined here and the Marquis de Lafayette was toasted on the front steps in 1825.
 #7 Loudoun Street SE: Fendall House, a 1790 stone building in Greek Revival style—one of the finest old homes in Leesburg. During the Civil War a Union soldier exiting Patterson House across the street fired at a Confederate soldier exiting this house one Sunday morning.
 #18 Loudoun Street SE: Lynch-Tebbs house, 1760-61 Federal style home; originally two homes.
 At County office building (past parking garage), turn → **RIGHT** at crosswalk and return to Visitor Center.

10-km walkers only:
 20. At Loudoun Street, cross and continue down South King Street
 21. At W&OD Trail (immediately after bridge over creek), turn ← **LEFT**. At Harrison St., turn ← **LEFT**.
 22. At South St., turn ← **LEFT** and return to Visitor Center.

Thank you for walking with us. Enjoy one of the many eateries in Leesburg, and have a safe trip home.

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

In case of Emergency: Dial 911
 Event related assistance:
 Celia Miner, 571-212-0329

