

## Cooperstown NY Walks

Walks rated 1A

**STARTING POINT:** The Clark Sports Center

PH: 607-547-2800

124 County Hwy 52 (Susquehanna Ave.)

Cooperstown, NY 13326 website: <http://www.clarksportscenter.com/>

The Clark Sports Center is open Mon-Fri: 5:30 AM – 9:00 PM; Sat & Sun: 8 AM – 5 PM.

The Clark Center is closed on some holidays and some Sundays in the summer months. Call ahead to the Center or check the website to verify it is open for the availability of water and rest rooms. There are restrooms accessible from outside the building on the far side of the complex from the parking lot.

**DIRECTIONS TO START:** Cooperstown is located in central New York State, 70 miles west of Albany and 30 miles south of the New York State Thruway (Interstate 90).

**From the East:** Take US 20 west, turn left onto County Route (CR) 80 to Cooperstown (becomes Lake St.); turn right onto Chestnut St.; turn left onto Susquehanna Ave. (CR 52); Clark Sports Center will be on the right within 1 mile.

**From the West:** Take US 20 east, turn right onto County Route (CR) 80 to Cooperstown (becomes Lake St.); turn right onto Chestnut St.; turn left onto Susquehanna Ave. (CR 52); Clark Sports Center will be on the right within 1 mile.

**Course Description:** The historic village of Cooperstown is located on the shore of beautiful Otsego Lake. It was founded by Judge William Cooper, father of famed author James Fenimore Cooper. The walk route, **rated 1A** (one set of stairs), follows streets and sidewalks passing both historic homes and the Baseball Hall of Fame. Area attractions, in addition to the Hall of Fame, include: the Fenimore Museum, which has both permanent and special art exhibitions; the Farmers Museum, celebrating 19<sup>th</sup> century farm life; and the Glimmerglass Opera House.

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## Cooperstown NY 5K Walk -- Rated 1A

1. Leaving the Clark Sports Center, turn **LEFT** on Susquehanna Ave to Walnut St.  
*Note the soccer fields on the other side of the Sports Center (Par for the Course).*
2. **LEFT** on Walnut St to Delaware St.
3. **RIGHT** on Delaware St to Beaver St.
4. **LEFT** on Beaver St to Chestnut St.
5. **RIGHT** on Chestnut St to Elm St.
6. **RIGHT** on Elm St to its end at Pioneer St.
7. **Cross** then **LEFT** on Pioneer St to Church St.
8. **RIGHT** on Church St to Fair St.
9. **Cross** Fair St. then turn **LEFT** crossing Church St. and walk through pedestrian gate in the metal fence into the park.  
*Note J. F. Cooper statue on your left. It is the site of the original Cooper house, Otsego Hall. Otsego Hall burnt to the ground in 1853.*
10. **Continue** on park path to Main St.  
*The Baseball Hall of Fame is on your left facing Main St.*
11. **Cross** Main St. and **continue** down Fair St crossing Lake St to the waterfront.
12. Past the motel/restaurant patio area turn **LEFT** on path to Lakefront Park.
13. Continue on the plank path down at the edge of Otsego Lake past the statue inspired by a famous J. F. Cooper book. At the end of the path turn **LEFT** on Pioneer St.
14. **Continue** on Pioneer St. crossing Lake St. to Main St.
15. **RIGHT** on Main St. to stop light at Chestnut St. (Route 80).
16. **LEFT** crossing Main St. and turn **LEFT** again to walk back down the other side of Main St.  
*The Grand Slam Guitar Store (Step to the Beat) and Doubleday Field (Par for the Course) will on your right.*
17. **Continue** on Main St. crossing Pioneer St.  
*Note the Cooperstown Veterans Club across Main St. (Walking with America's Veterans)\_Baseball Hall of Fame will be on your right. Public restrooms are available inside after passing through the two sets of doors.*
18. After Hall of Fame turn **RIGHT** through second pedestrian gate in fence and into the park.
19. **Continue** on path retracing your steps through park and pedestrian gate to Church St.
20. **Cross** Church St. and turn **LEFT**.
21. After about 100 ft. turn **RIGHT** and take steps into the cemetery.
22. **Continue** on cemetery path noting fenced Cooper Family Plot across from chapel.  
*Can you find James Fenimore Cooper's grave?*
23. **Continue** on path and bear **LEFT** through wooden arch to River St. (no sign)
24. **RIGHT** on River St to Elk St.
25. **RIGHT** on Elk St to Fair St.
26. **Cross** then **LEFT** on Fair St to Beaver St.
27. **RIGHT** on Beaver St to Susquehanna Ave.
28. **Cross** and turn **LEFT** on Susquehanna Ave. and follow it back to the Start Point, the Clark Sports Center.

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Anniversary Hurrah!	Par for the Course
Step to the Beat	Walking with America's Veterans

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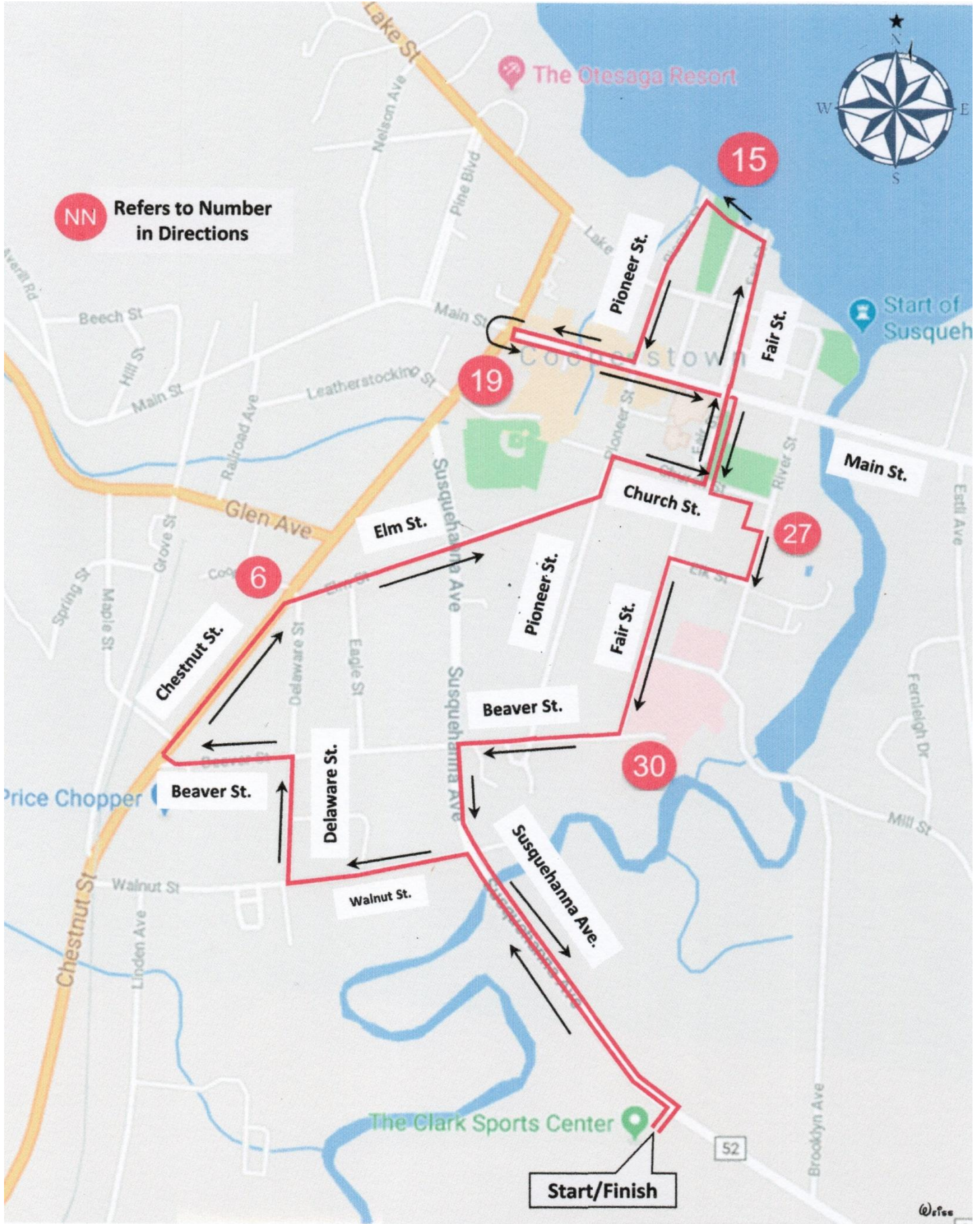
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# Cooperstown NY 5K Map



## Cooperstown NY 10K Walk -- Rated 1A

1. Leave the Clark Sports **RIGHT** on Susquehanna Ave to Brooklyn Ave. (*no street sign*)  
*Note the soccer fields on the left side of the Sports Center (Par for the Course).*
2. **LEFT** on Brooklyn Ave. to Mill St.
3. **LEFT** on Mill St. **Cross** the bridge over the Susquehanna and walk up the hill to the Bassett Medical Center.
4. **RIGHT** using cross walk just before intersection with River St.
5. **Continue** on River St.
6. Just past Elk Street **cross** River Street and enter the cemetery through the wooden arch.
7. Follow the path to Christ Church and at the entrance bear **RIGHT** towards Saint Agnes Chapel.  
*James Fenimore Cooper is buried in the fenced-off section of the cemetery across from the chapel.*
8. **Continue** on the path down steps to Church St.
9. **LEFT** and **continue** walking on Church St. to Fair St.
10. **RIGHT** crossing Church St.
11. Enter the park through pedestrian gate in the metal fence and continue on park path.  
*Note J. F. Cooper statue on your left. It is the site of the original Cooper house, Otsego Hall. Otsego Hall burnt to the ground in 1853.*
12. **Continue** on park path to Main St.
13. **LEFT** on Main St to Pioneer St.  
*You'll be walking past the Baseball Hall of Fame. Public restrooms are available inside after passing through the two sets of doors. Note the Cooperstown Veterans Club across Main St. (Walking with America's Veterans)*
14. **LEFT** on Pioneer St. and walk up as far as the Smithy on your left. (Upstairs is a gallery.)  
*The Smithy is the oldest building in Cooperstown.*
15. **Cross** Pioneer St. and walk back to Main St.
16. **LEFT** on Main St.  
*You'll pass many stores as you walk along Main St. You'll also walk by Doubleday Baseball Field (Par for the Course) and the Grand Slam Guitter Store (Step to the Beat) on your left.*
17. **Continue** on Main St. crossing Chestnut St. to Pine Blvd.
18. **RIGHT** on Pine Blvd to Lake St.  
*Note the WW I Veterans Memorial at the end of Pine Blvd. (Walking with America's Veterans)*
19. **LEFT** on Lake St. Sidewalk ends but **continue** on wide grassy shoulder.
20. **Continue** on Lake St. past the Farmers Museum to a couple crosswalks.  
*Public restrooms are available in the Farmer's Museum just inside the stone building left of the gift shop.*
21. **CAREFULLY CROSS** Lake St. (Route 80) at second Crosswalk (Golf cart crossing) and continue up the path next to the circular driveway to the Fenimore Museum. (Path on left side of picket fence not the golf cart path).
22. Walk past the right side of the Fenimore Museum and around the back to the patio and garden area.
23. Walk across the patio area to the north end of the Fenimore Museum noting the view of Otsego Lake.
24. Take the walkway back to front of the Museum and turn **LEFT** onto the path along the circular driveway back to Lake St. golf cart crosswalk. (5km point)

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25. **CAREFULLY CROSS** Lake St. and retrace your steps back towards town and Nelson Ave.
26. **RIGHT** on Nelson Ave to Main St.
27. **Cross** and turn **LEFT** on Main St.
28. At the Court House (middle building on your right with tower) turn **RIGHT** onto the path and follow it to the front of Court House.
29. Walk past the left side of Court House through parking lot to Leatherstocking St. *(no street sign)*
30. **LEFT** on Leatherstocking St to Chestnut St.
31. **LEFT** on Chestnut St, crossing Main St to Lake St.
32. **RIGHT** on Lake St to Pioneer St.
33. **Cross** then **LEFT** on Pioneer St and continue to lake front. Lakefront Park is on your right.
34. **RIGHT** on the path down at the edge of Otsego Lake past the statue inspired by a famous J. F. Cooper book.
35. **Continue** walking past the lighthouse and the boat docks on your left to Fair St. *(no street sign)*
36. **RIGHT** on Fair St to Lake St.
37. **LEFT** on Lake St to River St.  
  
*At the corner of Lake St. and River St. is the site of Council Rock and Clinton's Dam.*
38. **RIGHT** on River St to Main St.
39. **LEFT** on Main St.  
  
*While crossing the bridge over the Susquehanna read the plaques about Clinton's battle. (Anniversary Hurrah!)*
40. **Continue** to the intersection of Main St. and Estli Ave.
41. **Cross** Main St. Just inside the fenced area is an Indian burial mound. There's a plaque with an inscription on the mound.
42. **Return** to other side of Main St. and follow it back to town to River St.  
  
*At the corner of Main St. and River St. notice the stone house, under the eaves of the east end of the house are the entwined initials of Ann Cooper and George Pomeroy, 1804. The house was a wedding gift from Ann's father, Judge Cooper.*
43. **Cross** then **LEFT** on River St to Atwell St.
44. **RIGHT** on Atwell St to Fair St.
45. **LEFT** on Fair St to Beaver St.
46. **RIGHT** on Beaver St to Susquehanna Ave.
47. **Cross** then **LEFT** onto Susquehanna Ave. and continue back to the Start Point, the Clark Sports Center.

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