

STUFF YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT OUR MEMPHIS WALKS

Start Point at 1 Bass Pro Drive,
Memphis, TN

GPS: 35.1538, -90.0525

DIRECTIONS: DUE TO CONSTRUCTION, I-40 Bridge is temporarily closed. Use I-55 to US 61S/US64E/US 70E/US 79 N/W, E.H. Crump Blvd. Turn LEFT on Florida to W. Georgia Ave. Turn RIGHT on W. Georgia Ave. Turn LEFT on Front Street for approx. 16 blocks. From Front Street, turn LEFT on Jefferson St, crossing Riverside Drive to 1 Bass Pro Drive. (ONCE BACK OPEN, take Exit 1 off either I-40 West or I-40 East onto Riverside Drive.) Turn RIGHT onto Bass Pro Drive, passing the Visitor's Center (Tennessee Welcome Center) as you make your way to the Bass Pro Parking Lot, parking under the I-40 bridge and bridge ramps. Parking is not affected by the construction.

From Germantown, take Hwy 72/Poplar Avenue to N. Front Street in Memphis. Turn LEFT on N. Front Street to Jefferson Avenue. Turn Right on Jefferson Ave and cross Riverside Drive directly to 1 Bass Pro Drive, passing Visitor's Center (Tennessee Welcome Center).

PAY ATTENTION TO WHAT YOU WISH TO DOWNLOAD.

5K Map/Directions 1 Sheet
10/14K 3-4 Sheets depending on distance you desire to walk and programs you wish to complete.

Note: Optional Trolley Ride to explore more of Memphis. Return to walk

directions after tour so you can find your vehicle again. Trolley is on Main Street.

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**AMERICA'S
WALKING CLUB**
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MEMPHIS 10K-14K (2B)

Hosted by the Emerald Coast Volkssport Club

SPECIAL PROGRAMS: *Border Crossing* (6 a.m. to 10 p.m. [BIG RIVER CROSSING.Com](http://BIGRIVERCROSSING.Com), *Walk with America's Veterans*.

1. After parking under the bridges in the Bass Pro parking lot, follow drive/sidewalk back toward tall tower (Visitor's Center). Restrooms in both Bass Pro and Visitor's Center.
2. Turn **RIGHT** on wide driveway toward river as sidewalk ends. Drive narrows to a sidewalk. Continue to a "T" overlooking the river.
3. Turn **LEFT** at "T" toward Visitor's Center and walk around backside of building (river side). Visitor's Center will be on your left. Note, as you approach the Visitor's Center, there is a brick arch. Go thru it if you are participating in the Walk with America's Veterans. Return to walkway behind Visitor's Center. Continue on walkway to Bike Rack (Let's Go Explore.)
4. **VEER RIGHT**, slopping downhill and continue following sidewalk with river on your right.
5. **VEER RIGHT** @ silver art, keeping silver fence on right (Not railing.) **CHOICE:** Go up 8 % incline or not. The sidewalks on sides leads to same place but without the view. Sidewalk on left side passes entrance to a Beale Street info area. @ Tom Lee's Statue you have completed (4.8K).
6. At fork of gravel or paved, **choose either**. They come back together. Continue following sidewalk uphill. At intersection, turn **RIGHT** to wooded area with green railings (5.4K). Continue on pathway overlooking the **Mississippi River. Pass a black iron fence around a vacant lot.** Continue to Martyrs Park. At Yellow Fever Plaque and Memorial turn **LEFT**. (Bridge will be in plain sight.) Don't go straight. It's been blocked!
7. Pass info sign 4E 63. Turn **RIGHT** at circle drive and follow drive along black iron fence as it curves left.
8. Turn **RIGHT** at unmarked road with large white arch marked BIG RIVER.
9. **HUG** fence as it curves right passing an unregistered Little Free Library. **Carefully CROSS** road to sidewalk on other side.
10. Turn **RIGHT** on sidewalk and continue out to bridge.
11. Continue **STRAIGHT** on pedestrian bridge to State Line. At State line, reverse direction. Remain on paved trail leaving bridge. Pass bike rentals, benches, and parking.
12. Curve **LEFT** to use crosswalk. At Stop Sign behind tree, turn **LEFT** to use crosswalk.
13. Turn **RIGHT** on crosswalk and turn **RIGHT** on sidewalk (there is a black Rev Robert L. Carley sign up high out next to crosswalk). Sidewalk curves left and becomes Riverside Drive. Do NOT go over bridge. Riverside drive will continue. Road is blocked at W. Georgia Street.
14. Turn **RIGHT** to cross Riverside to W. Georgia. **Continue** on West Georgia, crossing Tennessee Ave. At next block you will cross railroad tracks and Georgia ends.
15. Curve **LEFT** on Front Street. Pass between newer row houses to the Memphis Farmer's Market on right. Amble on in if its open. Continue to Mina Ave just past the Blue Monkey.
16. Turn **LEFT** on Mina Ave. Sign will be up high across the street from Blue Monkey.
17. Continue 1 block to "T", passing The Brewery. Cross to other side of road. Turn **RIGHT** (no sign, on Tennessee).
18. Turn **LEFT** on 1st sidewalk between black railings across from W. Butler Avenue. (You should see a walking path.)
19. Turn **RIGHT** on sidewalk overlooking earlier park and trail along Mississippi River. Continue as you pass thru Butler Park in front of some gorgeous homes.
20. As you pass Vance Park and Beale Street Landing, take the steps down to Beale Street just before Pedestrian bridge. **Cross** Beale Street and turn **RIGHT** on Beale Street. Some construction in area but should not cause a problem. At the "Arch" look to the right to see the Orpheum Theatre.
21. **Cross** Main Street on crosswalk @ arch. Turn **RIGHT** and cross Beale Street.

22. Then turn **LEFT** on Beale St. **Note:** *Informational signs and Elvis Presley statue.*

23. Continue on Beale Street 1 block further crossing 2nd Street. Continue a tad further to BB King Restaurant (RECOMMENDED.) **REVERSE** direction at restaurant and return to South 2nd Street. Turn **RIGHT** on 2nd Street and cross Beale St. You will pass the Memphis Music Hall of Fame and come to The Peabody Hotel on 2nd Street; well-known for its flock of ducks, legendary 13-stories, & roof-top bar. Recommend going in.

24. Leave hotel and cross Union Street. Turn **RIGHT on Union Street** to Charlie Vergos' Rendezvous Alley. (Short Distance.)

25. Turn **LEFT** into the alley and continue 1 block only to Monroe to see murals. **DO NOT GO FURTHER.** Seedy area!

26. Turn **LEFT** on Monroe to cross 2nd Street to Main Street.

27. Turn **RIGHT** on "Walkable" Main Street! You will pass KRESS (best viewed from right side of road).

28. **TURN RIGHT** at Court Square and walk at angle to the fountain in Court Square, noting several sculptures.

29. Turn **LEFT** at first intersection at fountain to return to and cross over Main Street on Court Ave. Lots of brick sidewalk but unmarked. You will need to be on the right side of Court Ave to cross over Front Street on crosswalk.

30. **Proceed** into and continue on to fencing along water at back of CHICKASAW BLUFF NUMBER FOUR Park. (**NOTE:** Old court building that is now the University of Memphis on left to side of park.)

31. Turn **RIGHT** at fence. Walk **DOWN** stairs and descend to Jefferson Avenue.

FOR 10K, Turn **LEFT** on Jefferson Street to intersection with Riverside Drive. Cross Jefferson. Turn **LEFT** and **Cross** RR tracks and Riverside Drive on crosswalk and continue straight to Sultana Disaster Plaque (horrific tragedy). **Continue straight** down ramp to walkway. Turn **RIGHT**. The green railing is now on your left. Return to walkway behind Visitor's Center to GREENLINE trail. Reverse steps #2 and #1 to complete 10K.

FOR 14K

32. Turn **RIGHT** on Jefferson Street to Front Street. Turn **LEFT** and **Cross** Jefferson Street at Front Street.

33. Continue on Front Street to entrance to walkway/skyway to Mud Island on left. [SEE 33a-f BELOW](#) (∞):

(∞) PAY ATTENTION IN NEXT PARAGRAPH IF YOU WISH TO ADD A PHENOMINAL EXTRA 4K. At MARK (∞) TAKE PEDESTRIAN RAISED SKYWAY TO MUD ISLAND.

33.a. (∞) ADDITIONAL DISTANCE & DIORAMA:

Take Skyway and cross to Mud Island. Descend to Mud Island.

33.b. Turn **RIGHT** and follow massive diorama that is cut into quartz basin. NOTE DISPLAY INSTRUCTIONS AND INFO and follow "**Mississippi River**" to end. Take time to read some of the information panels along the sides. **PLEASE USE CAUTION WHEN WANDERING AROUND.** As big as this diorama is, there is still a possibility of tripping or falling into the diorama "River." Stay to far side as you start South along "The River." The REAL MISSISSIPPI will be on your right. You will pass the area where you descended the stairs. Continue South.

33.c. "The River Diorama" will take you to the "Gulf of Mexico." As you approach the Gulf you will see a concession/snack bar. Keep concession stand to right and take sidewalk along field with MEMPHIS sign. Continue out to the MEMPHIS sign for some excellent pictures of the Memphis skyline in the background. *There was a flag display and another sidewalk to obtain better pictures but the display has been torn down. The ramp and sidewalk were excellent for pictures.*

33.d. Follow sidewalk back to the "Gulf of Mexico" and resume your walk along the diorama until you come to the stairs or elevator back to the elevated skyway.

33.e. Return on skyway to Front Street. Turn **RIGHT** on Front Street from skyway.

33.f. Turn **RIGHT** on Jefferson Street to get to Riverside Drive. Cross RR tracks at Riverside Drive on crosswalk and continue straight to Sultana Disaster Plaque (horrific tragedy). Continue straight down ramp to walkway. Go to #31 above.

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10K/14K Trails

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MEMPHIS 5K

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4. Continue **STRAIGHT** ahead. **CROSS** Riverside Drive on the crosswalk, crossing RR tracks and proceed up the hill on Jefferson Street to Front Street.
5. Turn **LEFT**. Continue on Front Street to entrance to the Skyway on the left. Ascend stairs (or use elevator) and continue to Mud Island skyway/bridge.
6. FOLLOW skyway over water to Mud Island.
7. Descending to Mud Island, turn **RIGHT**, and stay to right as you follow this massive diorama that is cut into a quartz basin. Follow "*Mississippi River*" to where diorama ends going North. Take time to read some of the information panels along the side walls. **PLEASE USE CAUTION WHEN WANDERING AROUND.** As big as this diorama is, there is still a possibility of tripping or falling into the diorama "River!"
8. Stay to right, doing a large U-turn at the end of diorama as **you** start South along "The River." You will pass the area where you descended the stairs. Continue South.

9. "The River Diorama" will take you to the "Gulf of Mexico." As you approach the "Quartz Gulf" you will see a concession/snack bar (may or may not be open). Keep concession stand to right and take sidewalk along field with MEMPHIS sign. Continue past the MEMPHIS sign, out to any area while old memorial is being removed/refurbished or whatever. Good area for pictures of the sign with downtown Memphis as a backdrop. Follow the sidewalk back to the concession and the "Quartz Gulf of Mexico." Resume your walk along the diorama until you come to the stairs or elevator back to the skyway.

10. **CHOICE:** Leaving the skyway, either retrace steps back from whence you came or go **LEFT** one block to large silver art work.

11. Turn **RIGHT** to Main Street to catch the trolley. Depart the trolley on Main Street. Using your map walk to Jefferson Street.

12. Take Jefferson Street down the hill and continue across RR tracks, crossing Riverside Drive. Continue on sidewalk back past Sultana Disaster Plaque, to Visitor's Center grounds. Continue straight toward river following sidewalk around and behind the V.C. Continue to GREENLINE Trail and follow it, until you come to the turn you made starting the walk. If you don't turn Right at intersection you will walk for miles alongside a big flood wall. Return back to Bass Pro parking lot and your vehicle.

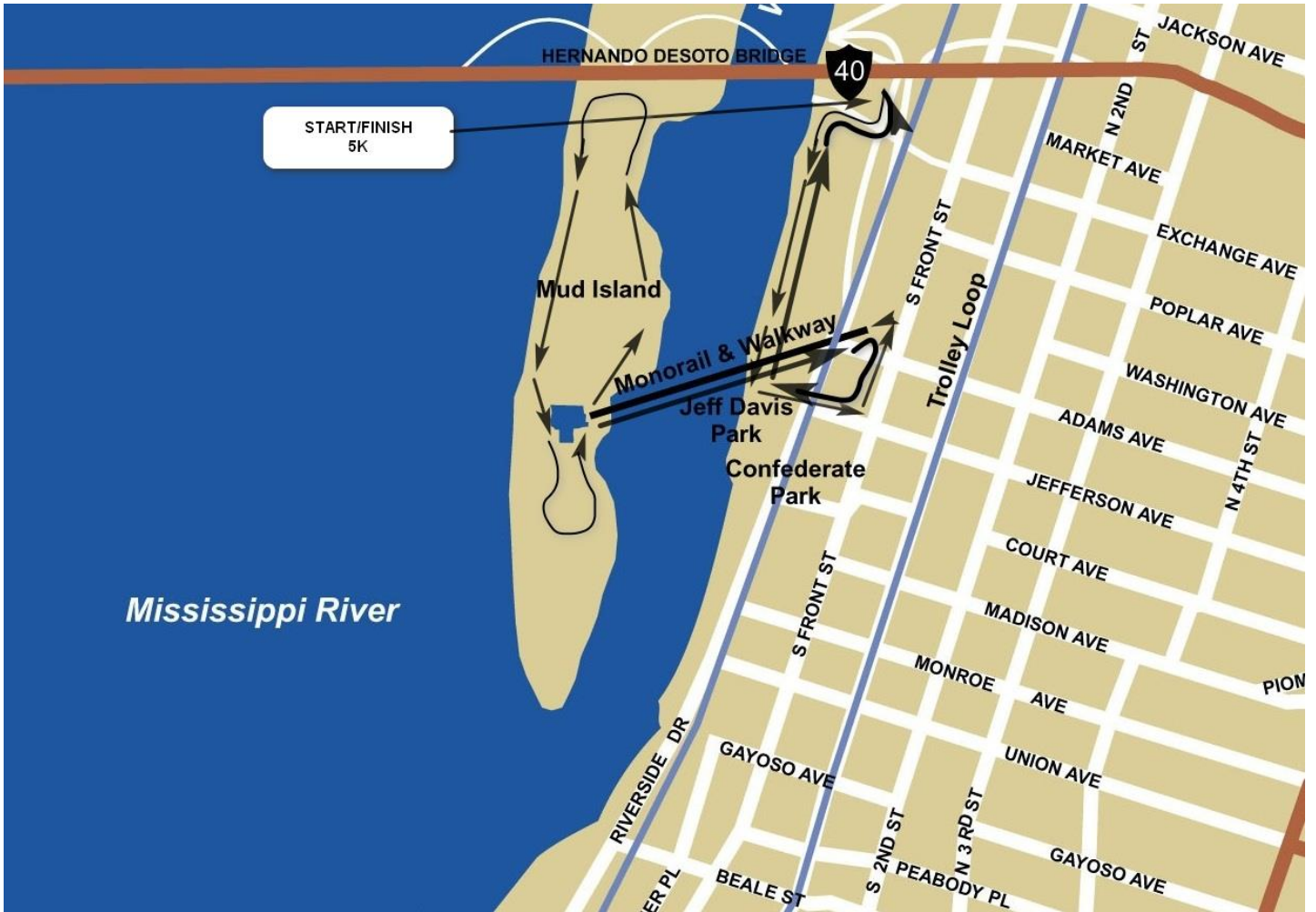
NOTE: At #11, feel free to take trolley and do some touring, but return to Jefferson Street to finish your 5K.

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5 K Trail