

**EAST TENNESSEE WANDERERS
THE BRIDGES OF PISTOL CREEK
ALCOA-MARYVILLE EXTENDED GREENWAY WALK
10K/20K**

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STARTING POINT

The starting point for both distances is the greenway parking lot outside of US Foods, 269 Kings Court, Alcoa TN 37701

Directions:

From the East (I-40W), take exit 386B for US-129/Alcoa Hwy toward Airport/Smoky Mountains. Just past the Knoxville Airport, keep left to Hall Road. Turn right onto Kings Court. Take the next left to pass in front of US Foods facility to the parking on your right.

From the West (I-40E), take exit 376 to merge onto I-140 E toward Maryville. Take exit 11A onto US-129 S/Alcoa Hwy toward Alcoa/Maryville. Just past the Knoxville Airport, keep left to Hall Road. Turn right onto Kings Court. Take the next left to pass in front of US Foods facility to the parking on your right.

Parking: The greenway parking lot has 15 spaces, and it would be rare to be filled. There is additional parking on the adjacent street if the lot should be filled.

Latitude 35.780248, Longitude -83.986771

GENERAL WALK INFORMATION

This walk uses the Alcoa/Maryville greenway which is a combination of paved and gravel trails. Some of the walk will be on sidewalks and along city streets, but much is in wooded parkland. While we recommend that you walk during daylight hours, the entire length of the trail is lit at night. If you choose to do this walk at night, please do so with a group, not alone.

There will be a PortaPotty early in both walks and restrooms at three locations on the 20K route.

POINT OF CONTACT

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If you have questions, comments, or recommendations with respect to this event, please do not hesitate to make contact.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

The Special Programs associate with this walk are A-Z (Alcoa, TN), 50 States (Tennessee), and Walking with America's Veterans (3 memorials are on both routes).

OSB REMINDER

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OTHER EAST TENNESSEE WANDERERS EVENTS

While in the area, you might enjoy some of our other events.

Alcoa Bike, Linda Nelson Memorial Walk, A.T. Through Tennessee, Clinton 12, Gatlinburg Trail, Gatlinburg Tourist, Elkmont Historic, Knoxville (Music, Moonshine, and Art), Knoxville (UT), Knoxville (North Knoxville - 4th & Gill), Seven Islands State Birding Park, Maryville, Oak Ridge, Townsend, and Fort Loudoun State Historic Park.





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THE BRIDGES OF PISTOL CREEK©

20 KM Rated 1A Y2700

***Caution: This walk mainly follows Pistol Creek and parts of the Greenway can flood during or after a heavy or prolonged rain. You will cross Pistol Creek or a tributary 31 times.**

- 1. From the parking lot next to US Foods, walk back toward the stop sign where you drove in.**
- 2. Pick up the Greenway path** on the right side of a small storage building, **taking a right down a small incline.**
- 3. Follow the loop** around Springbrook Lake on your left.
- Stay on the greenway and **follow it around the lake formed by Pistol Creek.** Pass the Alcoa city offices, the *Alcoa pedestrian bridge*, and exit through the cemetery.
- Turn right** on the street as you leave the cemetery: **[1 KM]** Follow the road past the US Foods facility on the right. The parking lot will turn into a paved section of the greenway.
- Follow the greenway to a T-intersection.**
- Turn right on the greenway** and you will be walking toward Maryville.
- Carefully cross over railroad tracks.**
- Cross under N. Calderwood St. and continue on** the greenway to **cross under W. Bessemer Street.**
- Cross over Pistol Creek [2.9 km]**

11. At 4.1 km **cross over Pistol Creek and then almost immediately cross Home Avenue.**

12. **Continue straight on the greenway** with the *PetSafe Pistol Creek Dog Park* on your left.

13. **At the T on the far side of the Dog Park, turn right** and stay on the greenway. [Don't take the spur to your left]

14. At the T intersection, you will have Pistol Creek on your right and a concrete dam/spillway to your left center. This area is *Bicentennial Park*.

15. **Turn left** to follow the greenway path with Pistol Creek on your right.

As you reach some steps on your left, the bridge in front of you on North Cusick Street honors veterans of the Korean War. If you want to document the sign at the bridge, take these steps up and walk through the parking lot of the Los Amigos restaurant to photograph the sign at the entrance to the bridge.

16. After passing under the Korean War Memorial Bridge, watch for the ramp to your left that leads up to the Blount County Library where there are restrooms during regular operating hours. [5 km]

If you take the ramp up to the library, turn right and walk along the back of the library. At the back door to the library across from the pedestrian bridge is a Veterans' Memorial.

17. **Continue under the pedestrian bridge to Parham Ave** (unmarked).

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18. **Turn left on Parham Ave, and walk up the sidewalk to North Washington Street.**
19. **Turn right to walk across Veterans Memorial Bridge to East Broadway Ave.**
20. **Turn right onto East Broadway and walk along the sidewalk to Tennessee St.** [just beyond Maryville Bike & Trail store]
21. **Turn right onto Tennessee St. and walk to E. Harper Ave and turn left.**
22. **Walk to E. Church and turn left.** [6 km]
23. **Follow the sidewalk along E. Church to mid-block and turn left to re-enter the greenway.**
24. **Walk down the incline** to pass under Highway 411/E. Broadway and **cross over Pistol Creek.**
25. Continue along the greenway. **After crossing over Pistol Creek again**, *Fort Craig Spring* will be on your left.
26. **Continue to follow the greenway** with Pistol Creek on your right. You will pass under four bridges during this stretch.
27. After passing under the fourth bridge, you enter Jack Greene Park. **[6.8 km]** There are restrooms on your left. **Continue straight** on the main trail past the *Maryville Greenbelt Amphitheatre* on your left.
28. Follow the greenway as it **veers left** just past the amphitheater and arrives at W. Lamar Alexander Parkway/U.S. Highway 321.
29. **Be sure to push the button to activate the crosswalk warning lights, but be very cautious while crossing W. Lamar Alexander Parkway.** While the law says cars must yield to pedestrians, you could easily be "dead right."
30. Once on the far side of W. Lamar Alexander Parkway, **turn right** to follow the sidewalk **and cross Cates Street.**
31. **Follow the sidewalk with the parkway on your right and a brick wall on your left.**
32. **Turn left** at the end of the brick wall.
33. **Follow the greenway to Montvale Road.**
34. **Turn left** on the sidewalk to the crosswalk.
35. **Carefully cross Montvale Road** using the crosswalk and then **turn left** on the sidewalk.
36. **Continue straight**, crossing Mountain View Avenue, and arriving at the **greenway on your right.**
37. **Turn right on the greenway, leaving the road behind you and crossing Pistol Creek.**
38. **Continue straight** on the greenway and **make another crossing of Pistol Creek.**
39. **Cross S. Cedar Street** using the crosswalk and **continue** on the greenway and cross Pistol Creek. There will be tennis courts and ball fields on your left on the other side of Pistol Creek.
40. Shortly after the next crossing of Pistol Creek, there will be **public restrooms and drinking fountains on your left** at *Sandy Springs Park*. **[9 km]**
41. **Continue straight** past the restrooms following the main path to your right (playground on your left) to **cross Best Street** using the crosswalk. [At 9.72 km on your left note the memorial to Maj Denson, USMC]
42. **Continue on the greenway** to *Pearson Springs Park* where there are public restrooms and drinking fountains for humans and dogs (in warmer months) up the hill to your left.

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43. Watch on your right for a unique memorial (bird house) to Paul Hawkins, Korean War, 2 Bronze Stars

44. **Continue on the main greenway trail on your right as the trail loops around until you are facing the way you came.**

45. **As you end the loop, turn left to retrace a short bit and turn right to cross the pedestrian bridge.**

46. **Follow the greenway until you reach Montgomery Lane (unmarked).**

47. **Turn left and walk to the crosswalk at Mize Lane (10.8 km)**

48. At this point turn around and begin to **retrace your route back. Don't re-walk the loop but turn left after you cross the bridge.**

49. Follow the greenway past Pearson Springs Park, crossing Best Street, past Sandy Springs Park, turn left on Montvale Road, cross Montvale Road at the crosswalk, turn left and then right to follow the greenway, turn right at W. Lamar Alexander Parkway, cross Cates Street, and cross the parkway at the crosswalk (**don't forget to activate the warning lights**).

50. As you enter the park at the Bicentennial Park sign, **go left** with the pavilion (Jack Greene Park sign) on your right, then straight to once again cross Pistol Creek. Once across, turn right on the greenway putting Pistol Creek on your right. When you cross back over Pistol Creek, the restrooms will be in front of you.

51. Turn left on the greenway and continue until you get back to East Church [under Highway 411/E. Broadway] again crossing Pistol Creek.

52. At the crosswalk, **cross East Church and turn right and cross West Harper.**

53. **Left on West Harper then immediately before the parking garage turn right on the Greenway.**

54. **Follow the upper greenway trail, crossing through Pistol Creek Station (pedestrian bridge to the library [water and restrooms] will be to your right).**

55. **Continue on the upper section of the greenway and at the junction of three trails take the middle trail. This right turn takes you to another bridge over Pistol Creek.**

56. **Once across, turn left and follow your original route back to parking and the Finish of the 20 km walk.**

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You may not have counted, but you did cross Pistol Creek 31 times on this walk. Some crossings were obvious and some were not so obvious, but there were 31.

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2. **Pick up the Greenway path** on the right side of a small storage building, **taking a right down a small incline.**
3. **Follow the loop** around Springbrook Lake on your left.
4. As you approach the City of Alcoa Municipal Building, there will be a large Porta Potty on your right. It is usually clean and well stocked. There is also a dog watering station with a spigot and bowl.
5. **Stay on the greenway and follow it around the pond formed by Pistol Creek. Pass the Alcoa City offices, the Alcoa pedestrian bridge, and exit with the cemetery on your left.**
6. **Turn right** on Kings Court following the road as it **turns left.**
7. **Turn left** with the road, following the bike path and Greenway signs, passing by an industrial entrance gate (US Foods) and a 15 space parking lot on your right.
8. **Follow the greenway to a T-intersection.**
9. **Turn right** walking toward Maryville.

10. **Carefully cross over railroad tracks.**

11. **Pass under N. Calderwood St. and W. Bessemer Street.**

12. **Cross over Pistol Creek and then almost immediately cross Home Avenue.**

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13. **At the Y on the far side of the Dog Park, turn right** and stay on the greenway.

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15. **After passing under the Korean War Memorial Bridge, watch for the ramp to your left that leads up to the Blount County Library where there are restrooms during regular operating hours.**

If you take the ramp up to the library, turn right and walk along the back of the library. At the back door to the library across from the pedestrian bridge is a Veterans' Memorial. (Optional 0.24 km up and back)

16. **Continue under the pedestrian bridge and continue to Parham Ave (unmarked).**

17. **Turn left on Parham Ave, and walk up the sidewalk to North Washington Street.**

18. **Turn right to walk across Veterans Memorial Bridge to East Broadway Ave.**

19. **Turn right onto East Broadway and walk along the sidewalk to College St.**

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20. **Turn right onto College St and walk to Pistol Creek Station**, site of an old train station. Across the pedestrian bridge is the *Blount County Library* with another chance for a bathroom break.
21. **Turn left to take the lower greenway path that will go under N. Cusick Street.**
22. With the dam/spillway on your right, **take the upper path** past the *Maryville Bicentennial Memorial*.
23. **Follow the greenway as it loops** around to Pistol Creek and **cross over the bridge on the left.**
24. The first intersection on your left is where you entered Bicentennial Park.
25. **Turn left on the greenway and retrace your path back to the parking lot where you started**

Congratulations on completing your 10 KM walk.

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The East Tennessee Wanderers have other Year Round Events in the area that you might enjoy.

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