



Heart of Ohio Hikers
Welcomes You to
Wandering in Historic Westerville Walk:
Two 5k loops - Loop A and Loop B
An AVA Sanctioned Year Round Event
that highlights Westerville, Ohio



Two 5k loops both start at the Westerville Ohio Public Library at 126 S. State St., Westerville. Loop A takes you through the Otterbein Cemetery, past Alum Creek and through the First Responder Park. Loop B leads you through downtown Westerville, past Benjamin Hanby House and along a portion of Temperance Row.

Westerville, an Alternative Capitol, was known as the "Dry Capital of the World." From Wikipedia: An 1859 town ordinance prohibited sales of alcohol in Westerville. By the 1870s, a burgeoning conflict between pro- and anti-temperance forces boiled over into the so-called "Westerville Whiskey Wars." Twice, in 1875 and 1879, businessman Henry Corbin opened a saloon in Westerville, and each time the townspeople blew up his establishment with gunpowder. Westerville's reputation for temperance was so significant that in 1909 the Anti-Saloon League moved its national headquarters from Washington, DC to Westerville. The League, at the forefront of the Prohibition movement, gained its greatest triumph when the 18th amendment to the United State Constitution was ratified in 1919. The League printed so many leaflets in support of temperance and prohibition - over 40 tons of mail per month - that Westerville, by then known as "The Dry Capital of the World," was the smallest town in the nation to have a first class post office. The League's Westerville headquarters was given to the Westerville Public Library in 1973 and now serves as a museum attached to the library. After Prohibition ended, Westerville remained dry for most of the 20th century.

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.

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Loop A - 5K

Driving and Walking Directions for the Wandering in Historic Westerville Walk

Starting Point Location:

Both Loop A and Loop B start in front of the Westerville Public Library at 126 S. State Street, Westerville, OH 43081. Parking is available in the parking lot behind the library.

From the west, take Outerbelt/I-270 E. Take Oh-3, Exit 29, toward Westerville. Merge onto OH-3 (State Street) toward Westerville. Library is on the right.

From the north, take I-71 S toward Columbus. Take OH-61 exit, Exit 140, toward Sunbury/Mt. Gilead. The .24 miles, turn left onto State Route 61/OH-61. Then 8.92 miles, turn right onto US-36 W/OH-3. Continue to follow OH-3 (becomes State Street). Library is on your left.

Restrooms:

There are restrooms in the library if open. Also Westerville Rotary Amphitheater (#11 in Loop A) has a restroom. There are a number of retail establishments in downtown area.

Emergency Numbers:

In case of emergency call 911.

Event related assistance:

Mary Gustafson 614-313-2113 (text or call)

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Walk Directions for the Loop A - 5k:

1. Exit front of library, walk down steps to street and turn **LEFT** walking south on S. State Street.
2. **CROSS** the Post Office driveway. **CROSS** S. State St. then turn **LEFT**. Continue walking south on State St.
3. Turn **RIGHT** on Hiawatha Ave.
4. Turn **RIGHT** on S. Knox St.
5. Turn **LEFT**, carefully crossing S. Knox St. and enter Otterbein Cemetery.
6. Stay to **LEFT**, walking on outer loop around cemetery passing the Veterans Mausoleum and Benjamin Hanby's gravesite. Read the nearby historical marker.

Another notable and unique gravesite belongs to Purley Baker and his wife. A Methodist minister, Baker served as state superintendent of the Ohio Anti-Saloon League, and then as superintendent of the national organization. You'll notice, off to the right as you walk, the large rounded stone mausoleum settled underneath the pines.
7. Continue on outer loop until end. At the Charles Granger marker, turn **LEFT** to exit cemetery.

8. Turn **LEFT** on W. Walnut, walking on sidewalk to University St., continuing on sidewalk.
9. Turn **LEFT** on W. Park St. which becomes S. West St. at the curve. Continue on sidewalk.
10. Turn **LEFT** into Alum Creek Park entrance which is marked by a wooden post on the asphalt path (no name on sign.) There are also large rocks on both sides of the entrance.
11. Walk down the hill on asphalt path, passing the Westerville Rotary Amphitheater on your right. Further to your right is a public restroom and drinking fountains.
12. At bottom of the hill, **CROSS** private driveway and continue walking on asphalt path. Alum Creek is on your left, providing excellent bird watching.
13. Continue on asphalt path which becomes a short boardwalk, then back to asphalt path.
14. Stay straight on path as you exit park, turn **LEFT** on W. Main St. (no sign) walking on bridge over Alum Creek.
15. At traffic light, **CROSS** Collegeview Rd., then turn **RIGHT** crossing W. Main St. Enter First Responders Park straight ahead.
16. Walk back to street on brick path and turn **LEFT** on W. Main St., once again crossing Alum Creek.
17. Turn **RIGHT** at Grove St., carefully crossing W. Main St. in crosswalk.
18. Continue on S. Grove St., turning **LEFT** on W. Plum St. Note the many beautiful 19th century homes. Carefully **CROSS** W. Plum and turn **LEFT** continuing to S. State St.
19. Turn **RIGHT** on S. State St.
20. At traffic light at W. Walnut St., turn **LEFT** crossing S. State St. Then turn **LEFT** again, returning to Westerville Public Library and finish point.

*After you cross the bridge, look to your left - the stand of trees is known as Astronaut Grove. The park is dedicated to the Astronauts lost in the Apollo 1 and the Challenger disasters. You will also pass the Benjamin Hanby House at 160 W. Main St. (National Registry of Historic Places - 1970). On your right is Alum Creek Part North (221 W Main - **Special Program: Par For The Course.***

On the left will be Otterbein University's Towers Hall (National Registry of Historic Places - 1971). You will also be walking along one portion of Temperance Row in the vicinity of Park, Grove, Walnut and University Streets. From Wikipedia: Westerville became the headquarters of the Anti-Saloon League of America (ASLA) in 1909. In the same year, the 11-acre tract of land would become Temperance Row was purchased by Purley Baker, general superintendent of the ASLA. Over the next fifteen years, new homes in the district were built for and occupied by the founders and leaders of the ASLA. The architecture in the district is predominantly Craftsman in style (National Register of Historic Places - 2008).

The centerpiece of the park is the twisted piece of World Trade Center Steel, known as C-40, measuring 18 feet long, 8 feet wide and weighing 2 tons. This piece was part of the federal investigation into the collapse of the towers. It once spanned the 98th-101st floors on the north face of WTC1, which was struck by a 767 aircraft at 8:46am on September 11, 2001, a gift from the City of New York to Westerville, Ohio.



Loop B - 5K

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Walk Directions for Loop B - 5k

1. Exit front of library, walk down steps to street and turn **RIGHT** walking North on S. State Street. You'll be walking through the heart of Uptown. Westerville City Hall is located at 21 S. State St. (Special Program - Town Halls/City Halls)
2. Turn **LEFT** at traffic light at E. Main St., crossing S. State St.
3. Turn **RIGHT** crossing E. Main St. and continue walking North on State St.
4. Turn **LEFT** on County Line Rd., walking west on asphalt trail.
5. Turn **LEFT** on Africa Rd., which will become N. West St.
6. Turn **LEFT** on W. Main St. You will soon pass on your left, the Benjamin Hanby House, 160 W. St. (National Register of Historic Places - 1970)
7. Turn **RIGHT** on N. Grove St., carefully crossing W. Main St. in crosswalk.

Benjamin Hanby, American composer, songwriter and pastor, is best known for "Darling Nelly Gray", "Up on the House Top", "Jolly Old Saint Nicholas", and the hymn "Who Is He In Yonder Stall".

- On the left will be Towers Hall on the Otterbein University Campus, Main and Grove Streets (National Register of Historic Places - 1971

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8. Turn **LEFT** on W. Park St., carefully crossing S. Grove St. Continue walking on W. Park St.

10. At traffic light at W. Walnut St., turn **LEFT** crossing S. State St. Then turn **LEFT** again, returning to Westerville Public Library and finish point.

9. Turn **RIGHT** on S. State St.

The Heart of Ohio Hikers hope you've enjoyed the Wandering in Historic Westerville Walk!

Special Programs for Wandering in Historic Westerville Walk

- **Walking the United States (50 States):** Ohio
- **Walking the USA - A-Z:** Westerville
- **Walking with America's Veterans:**
Loop A - Otterbein Cemetery and First Responder Park
- **Town Halls/City Halls:** Loop B - Westerville City Hall
- **Par for the Course:** Loop A - Alum Creek Part North (221 W Main)

