

**Freestate Happy Wanderers Fort Smallwood, Maryland 5K & 10K Year-Round Event
(Y2767), an AVA Sanctioned Year-Round Event**

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Fort Smallwood Park - A Hidden Gem near the mouth of the Patapsco River. Fort Smallwood was a sea coast defense built in the late 1880's to the early part of the 1900's. The fort was in use from 1890 until 1927.

Trail Description:

This event consists of a 10KM route and a 5KM route throughout Fort Smallwood Park and two local communities. The majority of the walk is either on macadam paths or roads. A small portion of the walk is on natural surfaces. These routes are considered medium difficulty for stroller and hard for wheelchairs. Pets are allowed, but must be kept on a leash. There is a fee to enter Fort Smallwood Park (\$6 per vehicle as of this writing).

1. Fort Smallwood 10KM route: While in Fort Smallwood Park, you will enjoy views of the Patapsco River, its beaches and pond, a 380 foot fishing pier and a historic gun battery and barracks. In addition to the park, the 10K route includes two local communities with lovely water views. This route is rated 1A.
2. Fort Smallwood 5KM route: On the 5K route you will enjoy Fort Smallwood Park with views of the Patapsco River, its beaches and pond, a 380 foot fishing pier and a historic gun battery and barracks. This route is rated 1A.

Special Programs:

Walking with America's Veterans
Par-For-the-Course

Freestate Happy Wanderers Website: <https://sites.google.com/svsvc.org/fhw/home>

Start Point:

Fort Smallwood Park, 9500 Fort Smallwood Rd, Pasadena, MD 21122 in Anne Arundel County Maryland. Park hours are 5:30 a.m. to dusk. Walk hours are dawn to dusk. Walk only during daylight hours. Pets are allowed on this event. Considered medium for stroller, but hard for wheelchairs.
Ft Smallwood Park website: <https://www.aacounty.org/recreation-parks/parks/fort-smallwood-park>
(GPS: Lat: 39.16277, Long: -76.47997)

Amenities:

Restrooms and porta-potties are available in the park.

Driving Directions:

9500 Fort Smallwood Rd, Pasadena, MD 21122.

From MD Rt 100, Turn North onto MD Rt 607 Magothy Bridge Rd. Continue on MD Rt 607 past Mountain Rd, where its name changes to Hog Neck Rd. Turn Right onto South MD Rt 173 Ft Smallwood Rd. Continue to park entrance.

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.

Note: The sponsoring club only receives credit for an OSB participation when an OSB registration has been completed online by entering your participation date, distance and any special program using the OSB. See below.

Walk Completion and Walk Credit:

Once you have physically completed the walk, please log in to your Online Start Box account, click on the “My Start Box” tab, then the “Finish Table” tab, and 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.

Emergency Numbers:

	<p>In case of Emergency: Dial 911</p> <p>Event related assistance: Barbara Esker (443) 721-0337</p>
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Freestate Happy Wanderers' Fort Smallwood Park YRE 5KM and 10KM

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- 1) Park in the first parking lot on the right.
- 2) Walk to the macadam path near the "Authorized Vehicles Only" sign.
- 3) Continue on the path as it bears right. **TURN LEFT** on first paved path. **TURN LEFT** on macadam path.
- 4) Continue on the path keeping the pond on your left and the beaches on your right. Note the "Hawk Watch" sign on the left.
- 5) Note Bathhouse ahead on left. **TURN RIGHT** on the first macadam path and walk toward the Bulletin Board. **CONTINUE** on path along River.
- 6) **BEAR RIGHT** at the Y.
- 7) **TURN RIGHT** at the road. (No sign)
- 8) At the second macadam path, **TURN LEFT**. Playground equipment will be straight ahead of you.
- 9) Follow the path as it turns left. Then, **TURN RIGHT** at the four-way intersection. (Restrooms) Continue onto stone path.
- 10) At the wooden bench, **TURN LEFT** onto the macadam path. Continue straight on path until you reach a stop sign. Cross the road (no sign) and continue straight crossing second road. Continue straight to T intersection.
- 11) At the T intersection, **5 KM WALKERS - TURN RIGHT AND WALK TO NEXT T INTERSECTION THEN GO TO DIRECTION #26. 10 KM WALKERS – TURN LEFT** and walk to the stop sign.
- 12) Cross the Entrance Road.
- 13) **TURN RIGHT** on entrance road.
- 14) Exit park and continue straight on Fort Smallwood Road.
- 15) **TURN LEFT** on North Avenue.
- 16) **TURN RIGHT** on Bay Street and continue past Main Ave. and Hilltop Road.
- 17) **TURN AROUND** at mailbox #7645 and retrace your steps.
- 18) **TURN LEFT** at Main Avenue.
- 19) **TURN RIGHT** at Fort Smallwood Rd.
- 20) **TURN LEFT** at Parkside Drive, carefully crossing Fort Smallwood Road.
- 21) **TURN LEFT** at Rock Creek Way.
- 22) **BEAR LEFT** at Cremen Road.
- 23) **TURN LEFT** on Fort Smallwood Road, walking on the left shoulder.
- 24) At Parkside Drive, carefully cross Fort Smallwood Rd. **TURN LEFT** and continue into park.

25) Just before the guardhouse, **TURN LEFT** at crosswalk and proceed to T intersection, ignoring macadam path on the right.

26) **(5K WALKERS REJOIN HERE.) TURN RIGHT** at T intersection, passing parking lot and concession building on right. Continue straight to the fishing pier.

Walk the length of the pier and then retrace your steps, **TURNING LEFT** at the first macadam path.

27) Pass the boat launching area on left and continue straight onto the macadam path, passing a pavilion on the left.

28) **TURN RIGHT** at road by the basketball court. Pass the Veteran's Memorial Grove on the right.

29) At the first stop sign (on the left), **TURN LEFT** on the macadam path. Take the natural path on your right, near the wooden bench (on the left). Continue straight onto a macadam path to the road (no sign). **TURN RIGHT** on the road.

30) Continue on the road, passing Hartshorne Battery on left. (Restrooms on right) Continue onto macadam path, with beaches on the left and the pond on the right.

31) Follow path as it turns right. **TURN RIGHT** on the first paved path.

32) **TURN RIGHT** onto macadam path back to the parking lot.

Thank you for joining the Freestate Happy Wanderers for our Year Round Event.

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Fort Smallwood 5K Final



100 m
500 ft

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Ft Smallwood Park 10K Walk

