

The Northern Virginia Volksmarchers Club
Alexandria Waterfront Walk

AVA Sanctioned Event (#118757/Y2854)

Description: Walkers have a choice between 6KM (3.7 miles) and 10KM (6.2 miles). Both trails are rated 1A and have limited elevation gain. Walkers will enjoy views of the Alexandria Waterfront and several waterfront parks. Walkers will also enjoy a half-mile pedestrian bridge over Great Hunting Creek and the memorial in the Contrabands and Freedmen Cemetery. The longer trail includes additional footage along the waterfront.

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Club Website: www.northernvirginiavolksmarchers.club

Driving Directions to the trail start:

Starting Point Location: Jones Point Park Parking, Jones Point Drive, Alexandria VA 22304, 7933919, -77.0406705

From Maryland on the Capital Beltway (I-95/495): Keep right at the fork to stay on I-95/I-495 S across the Woodrow Wilson Bridge into Virginia. Use the right lane to take Exit 177C (US-1 N) towards Alexandria/Mount Vernon. Keep right, follow signs for Mount Vernon. Merge onto Church Street and take left at light onto George Washington Parkway (AKA Washington Street). Then right onto Green Street, and right again onto S. Royal St. Turn left onto Jones Point Drive (at purple recycling center) and continue to parking.

From Virginia on the Capital Beltway (I-95/ I-495): Drive towards Alexandria and take Exit 177C to Alexandria North. Turn right onto Green St and turn right to S. Royal St. Turn left onto Jones Point Drive and continue to parking.

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Registration: Online registration takes place using the AVA OnLine Start Box on my.ava.org. Follow the instructions provided to create a user account, and sign AVA's waiver (one time). Payment instructions are also included. Once registered for the walk, you can download the start point and walk directions. The fee for this download is \$2. You will be credited this fee if you complete the walk and pay the \$3 walk participant fee within 60 days. The club does not provide event directions or accept alternate payment methods. **This event also has a Physical Start Box (PSB). Please use either the OnLine Start Box (OSB) or Physical Start Box (PSB) to register and complete the event. Do NOT mix and match, for example, by registering using the OSB then completing your event using PSB or signing the PSB log sheet. The sponsoring club receives credit for OSB participation when the OSB registrant has entered completion date online, that is, your participation date, distance, and any special programs.**

After you've completed the walk: Please remember to log back into the OSB's "Finish Table" after finishing this walk. Completion information includes the date the event was walked, the distance walked, and applicable special programs.

Restrooms: Restrooms are available at the start point. Food, beverages, and restrooms are available at several restaurants along the trail.

Special Programs: Rockin' Around the Clock, Little Free Libraries.

**IN CASE OF EMERGENCY: DIAL 911
EVENT RELATED ASSISTANCE:
HELEN GARAMONE: 571-243-2573**

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ALL OTHER USES ARE PROHIBITED.



Alexandria Waterfront 6/10K Directions

NOTE: Bathroom located under bridge.

1. After parking at Jones Point, walk towards the water and past seven black posts, turning left past three white posts onto the Mt. Vernon bike trail. You are now heading towards Alexandria Old Town and through to the north side of town. Given a choice of paths, take the route closest to the river. You will walk along the waterfront for three kilometers.

2. Continue on the river's edge towards brick townhouses (Ford's Landing). At sign titled "Private Property" exit bike path onto a wide concrete walkway on the right.

3. Continue on fine gravel path past second set of townhouses. Walk up stairs and continue on wide white brick walkway.

4. Continue on fine gravel path and keep to right of small parking lot. You will pass several small city parks.

DECISION POINT at Waterfront Park:
6K walkers: Turn left in front of Vola's Dockside Grill and walk out to base of King St. Go to instruction #12.

10K walkers: Continue with instruction #5.

5. Pass Vola's Dockside Grill and head on city plaza toward Blackwall Hitch building and turn right to walk around the right side of Chart House Restaurant.

6. Turn right at anchor to walk through Founder's Park passing volleyball net on left. At end of park, turn left to cross Union St.

7. Turn right on Union St (Robinson Terminal building on left) to cross Pendleton St at the crosswalk onto sidewalk. Turn right at Oronoco Bay Park. Continue through the park (towards blue boathouse on your right) and straight past brick townhouses into Rivergate and Tide Lock parks.

8. Cross wooden bridge over canal. You will eventually see the defunct power plant (five smokestacks). Stay on asphalt path until you see yellow "cable crossing" sign. Shortly after sign follow the path as it turns left up steep hill.

9. At T, turn left and left again to stay on yellow-striped path (railroad tracks on right) for one long block. Stay in right lane so bikes can pass on left.

Bear right at stop sign to cross railroad tracks and immediately turn left to continue on the trail for three long blocks, the last one of which leads you past Oronoco Bay Park on your left.

10. Turn left at Y before Pendleton St. When you reach Pendleton, turn left to Union St. Turn right at crosswalk and walk along right side of road.

11. At Oronoco St, cross Union and walk on left side of Union by Founder's Park. Continue past the Torpedo Factory Art Center and turn right on King St. (many eateries here)

12. Walk two blocks and turn left on Fairfax St.

13. Walk one block and turn right on Prince St.

14. Walk two blocks and turn left on Pitt St. (Little Free Library 213 S. Pitt)

15. Walk one block and turn right on Duke St.

16. Walk two blocks and left on S. Washington St. (freestanding clock on right)

17. Walk three blocks and turn right on Gibbons St.

18. Walk one block and turn left on S. Columbus (Little Free Library at 725 S. Columbus St) to end of Columbus.

19. CAREFULLY Cross Church St at crosswalk, go left one block to return to S. Washington St.

20. Turn right and enter the Contrabands and Freedmen Cemetery. Take a moment to see the memorial.

21. Return to Washington St and go right, taking another right at second brick walkway. (Cement dial embedded in the walkway will indicate you are walking towards Route One.)

22. Continue on the pedestrian bridge over Great Hunting Creek. When the cement path turns to asphalt near the Hampton Inn it is time to turn around and retrace your steps back to Washington St.

23. Cross Washington St at crosswalk and take downhill path on the right side of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge.

24. Continue on the Mt. Vernon bike trail. After entering Jones Point Park, walk on right shoulder of path. This is a bike-free lane for pedestrians.

25. Continue as path curves left under bridge and towards bathroom. Turn

left on cement path toward large exhibit board and parking lot beyond.

In case of emergency-Dial 911

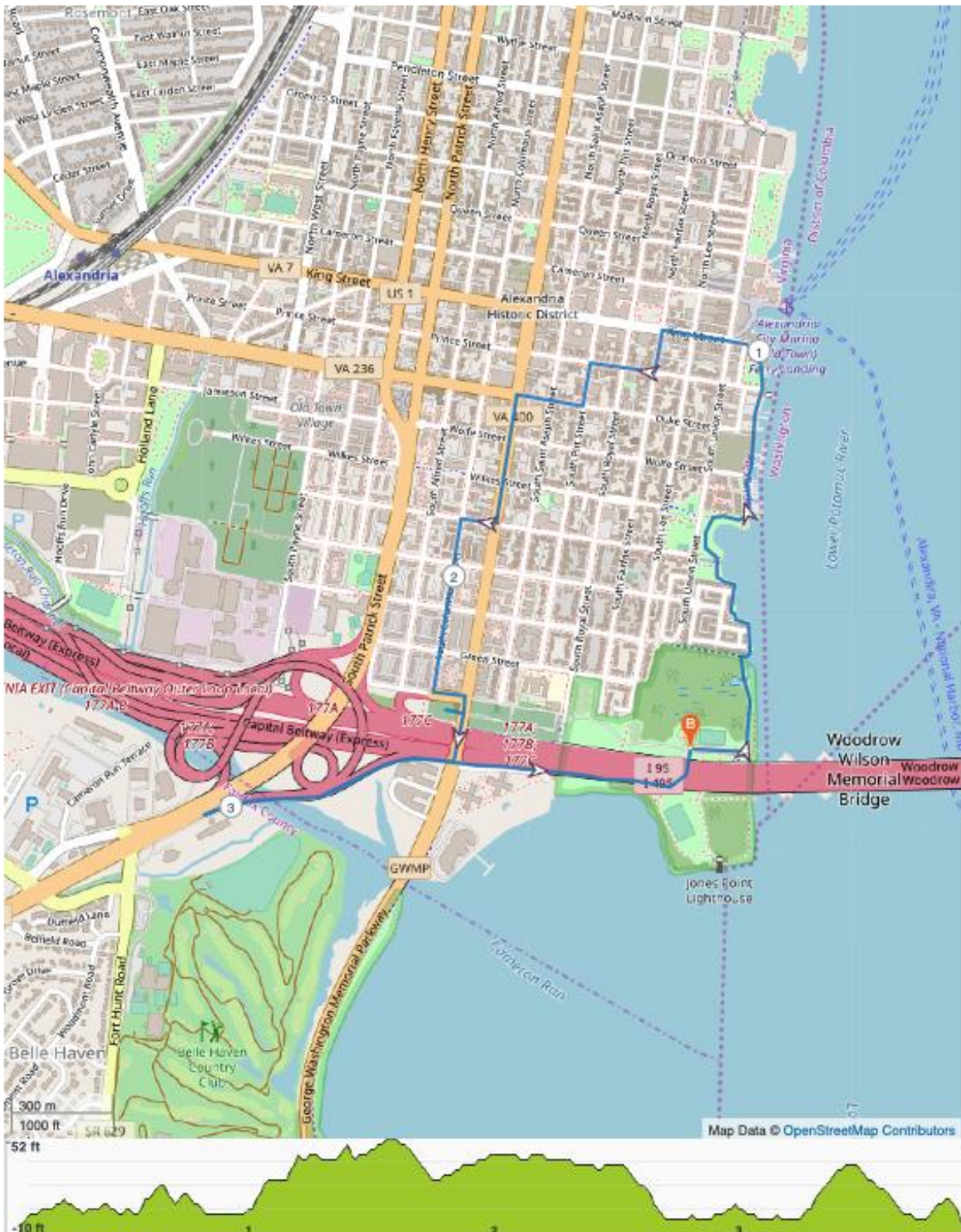
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The Northern Virginia Volksmarchers hope you enjoyed your walk!

Alexandria Waterfront 6K



Alexandria Waterfront 10K

