



The Suncoast Sandpipers Volkssport Club
welcomes you to the
Downtown Fort Myers 6 & 10K Walk
An AVA Sanctioned Year Round Event



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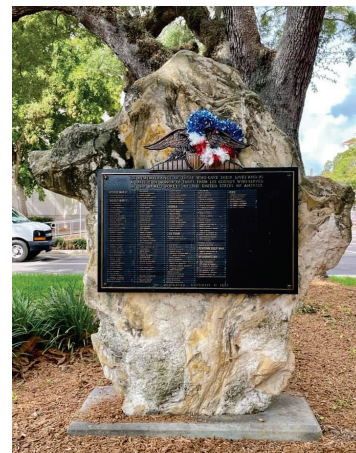
Course description: The rated 1A (easy) walk route guides participants through the historic and charming Fort Myers Waterfront district and downtown area. Be sure to enjoy a tour of the nearby Edison and Ford Winter Estates. For \$25, visitors can enjoy a self-guided tour of the museum and 21 acre botanical garden on the adjacent sites of the winter homes of Thomas Edison and Henry Ford.

For more Fort Myers history see:

<https://www.myriverdistrict.com/our-history/>

*Photo by
Craig Bennington*

Eligible AVA Special Programs	
PROGRAM	STEP
Par for the Course	1
Step to the Beat	4
Walking with America's Veterans	17
Walking the United States (Florida)	All
Walking the USA A - Z (F)	All



*Photo by
Robin Kelly*

Online Start Box Finish Table: 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.

Driving Directions to Walk Start Point Start.

Start Location: Centennial Park, 2000 W First St., Fort Myers, FL 33901. Follow directions below to the parking area beneath S-bound US-41 (60 spots). Pay with parking app (see sign) and pay via your phone. Cost is \$1/hour. There is metered parking on nearby streets at 25¢/hr. and garages for \$1/hr. Prices are subject to change!

From US-41S: After crossing Caloosahatchee River just north of downtown Fort Myers, exit right on the cloverleaf to MLK Blvd. Go under the bridge. Turn LEFT on Heitman St. Parking is on left under bridge.

U-41N: Use Main St. exit, crossing FL-82 and merging onto Main. In 75 yards, turn LEFT on Heitman St. At first intersection, angle left, crossing First St., continuing on Heitman St. Parking is on left under bridge.

BOTH ROUTES start at Fire Dance Sculpture, visible on west side of parking. Porta Potty restrooms are just beyond sculpture.

In Case of Emergency: Dial 911
For event related assistance:
Call Craig Bennington (239) 687-8333

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6 & 10K Walk Directions & Points of Interest (POI)

1. Leave Fire Dance sculpture and head toward river.
2. RIGHT on walkway before river. Go under bridge & continue past these POI: *airplane propeller monument and American Legion Memorial.*
3. PRIOR TO AMPHITHEATER - RIGHT to fountain circle. POI: *Edison, Ford & Firestone statues.*
4. Leave statues passing in front of Amphitheater stage continuing to riverside sidewalk.
5. RIGHT - go to bridge over river basin.
6. RIGHT - (keep water basins on left) - Go 2 blocks, passing hotel on right, continuing across Bay St.
7. RIGHT ½ block to alleyway on left (aka Bayview Ct).
8. LEFT to First St.
9. RIGHT 1 block, CROSSING Dean St.
10. LEFT - CROSS First St.
11. RIGHT - CROSS Broadway & go ½ block to alleyway on left.
12. ENTER alleyway. POI: *Sepia-toned tile mural on side of building. The mural, Fort Myers: An Alternative History, depicts Chief Billy Bowlegs; a section of stockade of old fort for which the city is named; a contingent of the 2nd Regiment of the United States Colored Troops that defended the fort from Confederate attack in the waning days of the Civil War; a cattle rancher leaning against one of his steers; and the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad*

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locomotive that brought rail service to the fledgling town on February 20, 1904.

13. **FACING MURAL - ENTER BUILDING** on left (**Post Office Arcade**) - Go to 1st hallway on left. **RESTROOMS & WATER** available.
14. LEFT to exit building on **Broadway** (not marked).
15. RIGHT to & **CROSS Main St.**
16. RIGHT 1 block to **Monroe St**, passing (on left) **POI: HUGE Banyan Tree and Oak Tree Eagle Sculpture with info plaque.**
17. LEFT to rock (on right). **POI: plaque memorializing Fort Myers residents who died in wars through 1967.**
18. Continue along **Monroe** 1 block to 2nd Street.
19. LEFT 1 block, **CROSSING Broadway.**
20. LEFT 1 block to just before Main St **POIs (on left): multiple iron artworks.**
21. CROSS Main St.
22. RIGHT - CROSS Broadway.
23. Continue ½ block to alleyway on left (**Patio de Leon**).
24. LEFT - go through alleyway to **First St. POI - iron artwork - children playing dominos.**
25. RIGHT 3½ blocks to courtyard just before **Fort Myers Library** entrance. If open, **RESTROOMS & WATER** inside.
26. RIGHT to go through courtyard to **Richmond St** (not marked).
27. LEFT 1 block, **CROSSING Royal Palm Ave.**
28. RIGHT 1 block to **Second St.**
29. LEFT 3 blocks, **CROSSING Woodford Ave.**

****6K & 10K Routes Split Here****

6K follow LETTERED directions below.

10K Go to NUMBER 30 below.

- A. Continue along 2nd St. 3 blocks, **CROSSING Evans Ave.**
- B. LEFT 1 block to **Michigan Ave.**
- C. RIGHT 1 block, **CROSSING Cranford Ave.**
- D. LEFT - CROSS Michigan Ave.
- E. RIGHT 1 block to **Palm Ave.**

- F. **LEFT** 2 blocks to **Rhode Island Ave.**
 - G. **LEFT** 1 block to (just beyond where **Cranford Ave.** dead ends into **Rhode Island Ave.**) to enter Dean Park. *POI: Marker commemorating **Dean Park Historic Neighborhood.***
 - H. Continue through Dean Park **CROSSING Providence St.**
 - I. **RIGHT** 1 block, **CROSSING Evans Ave.**
 - J. **LEFT** 1 block to **Avalon Place.**
 - K. **RIGHT** 1 block to **First St.**
 - L. **LEFT** 1 block to **Park Ave.**
 - M. **RIGHT - CROSS First St.**
 - N. **LEFT - CROSS Park St & go 7 blocks, CROSSING Hendry St.**
- 30. **LEFT** 1 block to **First St.**
 - 31. **RIGHT** 1 block, **CROSSING Poinsettia Ave.**
 - 32. **RIGHT** 1 block to **Second St.**
 - 33. **LEFT** 2 blocks, **CROSSING Evans Ave.**
 - 34. **LEFT** 1 block to **Michigan Ave.**
 - 35. **LEFT** 1 block, **CROSSING Providence Ave.**
 - 36. **LEFT** 1 block to (on right) entrance to triangular park.
 - 37. **RIGHT** - Enter Park *POI: plaque denoting **Dean Park Historic Neighborhood.***
 - 38. **Continue** through park to **Rhode Island Ave.**
 - 39. **RIGHT** 1 block to **Palm Ave.**
 - 40. **LEFT** 1 block to **First St.**
 - 41. **LEFT** 2 blocks, **CROSSING Evans Ave.**
 - 42. **LEFT** - keep Evans Ave on left to **Avalon Place.**
 - 43. **RIGHT** to **First St.**
 - 44. **LEFT** 1 block to **Park Ave.**
 - 45. **RIGHT - CROSS First St.**
 - 46. **LEFT - CROSS Park Ave** - Go 3+ blocks **CROSSING Fowler St & Bay St to Vivas Ct.**
 - 47. **RIGHT** - go straight about .2 mile (**CROSSING**) **Bay St.** & through parking lot to apartment building entrance with awning.
 - 48. **LEFT** to end of building.
 - 49. **RIGHT** on sidewalk (keep building on right) to **Edwards Ave.**
 - 50. **LEFT** 3 blocks, **CROSSING** (divided) **Hendry St.**
POIs: "Little Free Library" (free book swap); Veteran's Memorial @ corner of Edwards/Lee St; & old Hall of 50 States building (note Mural) on patio).
 - 51. **RIGHT - CROSS Edwards Ave.**
 - 52. **LEFT** - walk along **Edwards Ave** (beyond where it turns 90° left, turning into **Heitmann St.**) to West First St.
 - 53. **RIGHT** - Pass under bridge & go 5 blocks **CROSSING**

Clifford St.

- 54. **LEFT** ½ block to parking lot entrance to Publix. *RESTROOMS & WATER in Publix.*
- 55. Exit Publix – **LEFT, CROSSING Altamont Ave.** (not marked) - **continue** on sidewalk in front of West End of City Walk apartments to **Virginia Ave.**
- 56. **LEFT** to **McGregor Blvd..**
- 57. **RIGHT - CROSS Virginia Ave. & West First St.** and **continue** to (on right) *POI: **Edison/Ford Winter Home Estates.*** Go to the end of the fence fronting the homes.
- 58. **TURN AROUND - Go 5+ blocks along McGregor Blvd. to Bayside Parkway.**
- 59. **LEFT** to & **CROSS West First St.**
- 60. **RIGHT** to **Carson St.** - Enter Centennial Park finishing @ Fire Dance Sculpture

Congratulations! You just walked a shade over 6 & 10 kilometers. Reward yourself with lunch. Go under the bridge, cross the street & continue straight on Bay St 2 blocks to Dean St. RIGHT to First Street. LEFT - Restaurants are on both sides of First Street for the next 4 blocks.

PLAN TO VISIT the Edison-Ford Estates (\$25 pp entry). Directions to parking - Exit parking lot under bridge. TURN RIGHT on Heitman St. At stoplight TURN RIGHT. Go under the bridge and continue on McGregor Blvd 7 blocks. Parking entrance is on left just beyond W First St / Larchmont Ave intersection.



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6K Walk Route

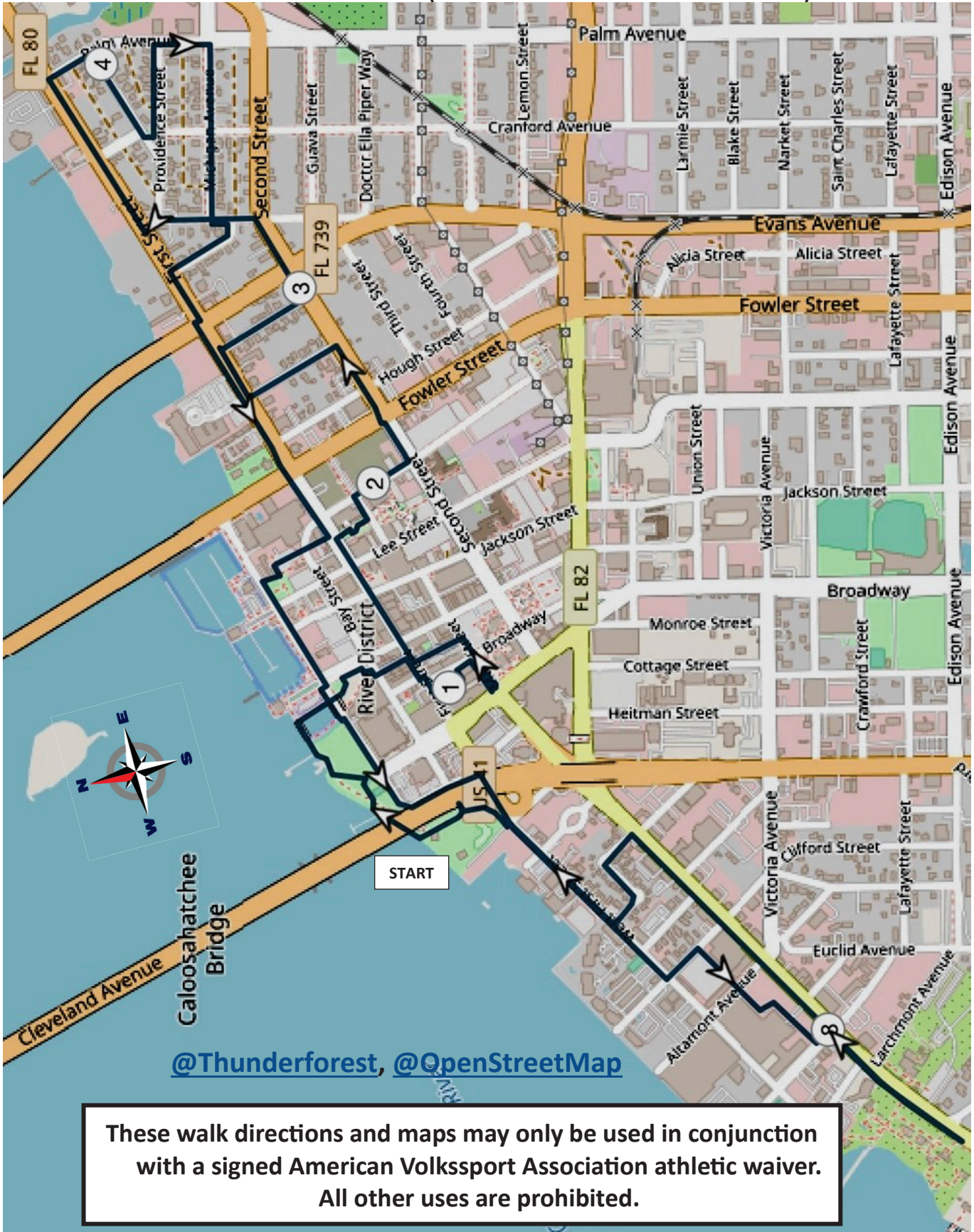
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10K Route (Circled numbers are kilometers walked)



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