



The East Texas Trekkers  
 Welcomes You to  
**Port Hudson**  
 (East Feliciana Parish)  
 AVA Sanctioned Year Round Event



The Port Hudson State Historic Park tells the story of the longest siege in the Civil War. Port Hudson is about 30 miles north of Baton Rouge and 150 river miles south of Vicksburg. Following the fall of New Orleans in 1862, Port Hudson and Vicksburg became the key to holding the Mississippi River and preventing the Union from dividing the South. The Port Hudson siege began March 14, 1863 and continued thru July 9, 1863, 5 days after the fall of Vicksburg. Visit the museum and watch the 15 minute video about the siege before walking the trails. The park is open every day from 9AM to 5PM (when the gates are closed), closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day.

**Walk Registration:**

Please use the Online Start Box (OSB) or contact the POC for remote registration to register for the walk. If using the OSB, then complete the walk online as indicated below. If registering remotely, insert cards will be mailed to you. Directions and stamps will be available during the MLK weekend, Jan 13-17, 2022 at the events.

**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.

**Driving Directions to Start Point:**

Drive to the start point Port Hudson State Historic Park at 236 US-61, Jackson. The park is about 25 miles north of Baton Rouge and 10 miles west of Zachary. From Zachary, take LA-64 west to US-61, then north on US-61 to the park on the west side. From Baton Rouge, take US-61 north to After paying entry fee (\$4 adults, free for over 62), follow park road to the Visitor Center and Museum. Restrooms available in the visitor center.

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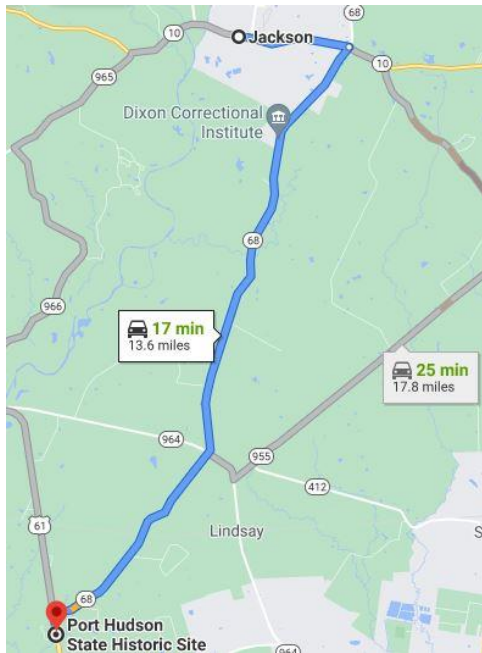
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## Port Hudson State Historic Park – East Feliciana Parish – 5/10K © 2022 East Texas Trekkers

Drive to the start point at Port Hudson State Historic Site at 236 LA-61, Jackson. From Jackson, take LA-10 east to LA-68, then south on LA-68 to US-61. Finally south on US-61 a short distance to the entrance on the west side.) Follow park road to the Visitor Center and Museum where you will pay the entry fee (\$4 adults, free for over 62). Pick up a Historical Trail Guide brochure at the visitor center which describes the various locations.

**Note:** Some visitors may find the following sections difficult (hiking sticks suggested) due to steep grades (A to F, F to G, and I to M).



1. **After visiting the museum and watching the video (strongly recommended)**, exit out the back to the hiking trails. The trails are well marked with signs at all intersections along with trail maps.
2. **The North section of the park (points A to F)** showcases the Union forces and positions, while the **South section (F-P)** highlights the Confederate positions.
3. **ENTER** the trail and follows the trail in order from A to C. **(Steep section from A to B)**
4. **LEFT** at C to the end, a ravine probably used as a Union campsite. U-Turn back to the main trail. **LEFT** on main trail.
5. **CONTINUE** on the main trail to E (passing D on the left). There are 2 short trails branching off at point E. Follow each spur out-and-back returning to point E.
6. **Return to point D, then RIGHT** at intersection to point F. (Ignore sign 'to B' and museum) **Veer RIGHT** to F and the bridge on right.
7. **5k ONLY: Stay to the left (do not go to F and G)**. Continue on trail to Fort Desperatae. Visit the displays, then follow the boardwalk pass the tower. **CONTINUE** on trail back to the museum. **END of 5k.**
8. **10k ONLY: RIGHT** at F to the boardwalks crossing the bridge and continue to point G **(steep section from F to G, seems steeper coming down)**, then **RIGHT** to Fort Babcock (point H).
9. **U-TURN** back to top of hill, then **RIGHT** on trail to point I (Alabama/Arkansas Redoubt).
10. **RIGHT** on park trail to points J, Bennett's Lunette, and the K intersection.
11. **VEER LEFT** on trail to point L and the end of the trail, then **U-TURN** back to point K.
12. **LEFT** on trail to Bennett's Redoubt to point N and then end of the trail. **U-TURN** back to point K and the main trail.
13. **LEFT** on main trail to I passing K and J back to top of hill.
14. **RIGHT** on trail toward Commissary Hill (point M), going downhill to a bridge, crossing it, then back uphill to Commissary Hill **(Steep section going down and up, then return.)**
15. **U-TURN** back down and up to point I.
16. **RIGHT** on trail to point G, then **RIGHT** downhill **(Steep)** to point F.
17. **After crossing bridge, RIGHT** on trail to Fort Desperate (point P). Visit the displays, then follow the boardwalk pass the tower.
18. **CONTINUE** on trail back to the museum.

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These walk directions and maps may only be used in conjunction with a signed American Volkssport Association athletic waiver. All other uses are prohibited.

