



The East Texas Trekkers
Welcomes you to
Canton First Monday
 AVA Sanctioned Year Round
 Event



This walk is composed of 6km and 10km routes. The walk is rated 1A and is along city sidewalks and paved trails. The walk explores Canton, the county seat of Van Zandt County with its historic downtown and city park with an opportunity to experience one of the state's most famous flea market. First Monday Trade Days got its name when the circuit riding judge would come to Canton on the first Monday of the month to conduct business (trials, marriages, and court business). Local farmers and ranchers would bring crops and animals and whatever to sell and trade. The tradition continues today with the world's largest flea market held each month on the Thursday thru Sunday before the first Monday of the month. Check the www.FirstMondayCanton.com for exact dates.

The 6k walk features the historic downtown area, the city park with its disc golf course and mostly avoids the Trade Days Market area. The 10k trail continues thru a portion of the markets. Although Canton has a population of about 4000 people, Trade Days can draw several thousand more each day. For a quiet walk, do not visit during trade days. For a taste of the markets, consider visiting on Thursday when the vendors are setting up and parking is easier to find. For the full experience, Friday and Saturday are for the bold.

Walk Registration:

Please use the Online Start Box (OSB) to register and complete the event or contact the POC for remote registration. If registering thru the POC, insert cards will be mailed to you after your payment is received.

Walk Completion and Walk Credit:

Once you have physically completed the walk, 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:

The walk starts at the Van Zandt County courthouse at 121 E Dallas (US-64). From I-20, take TX-19 1.5 miles south to US-64, then right on US-64 2 short blocks to the courthouse on the left. Parking is free in and around town **EXCEPT** for 1st Monday weekend when parking is at a premium. There are many, many lots adjacent to the markets which charge \$5-10 for the day. Just make a note of where you have parked so you can find your way back. Restrooms available at business along the route and in the park, plus many more in the Trade Days market area.

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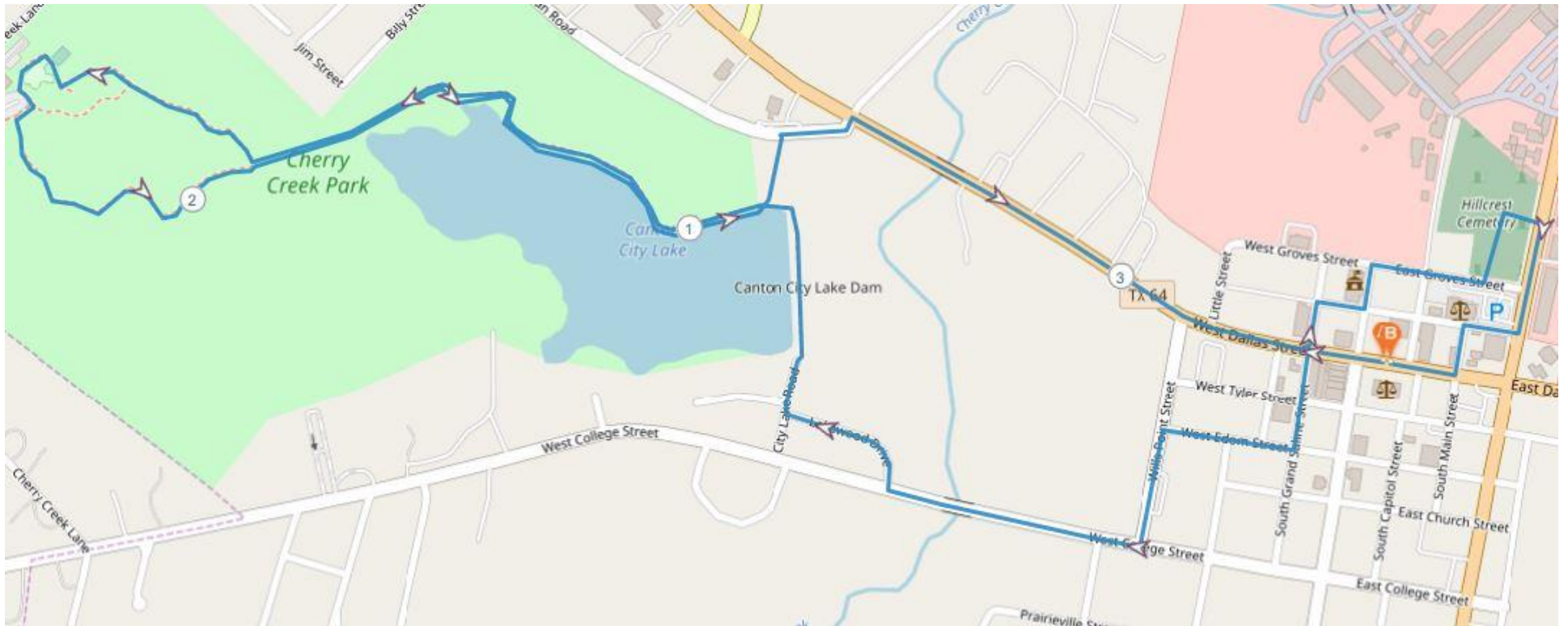
Canton – 6K

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1. **FACING** the courthouse on Dallas St, **RIGHT** on Dallas 1 ½ blocks to Grand Saline.
2. **LEFT** on Grand Saline 2 blocks to Peace (Edom) St.
3. **RIGHT** on Peace 2 blocks to Wills Point, then **LEFT** on Wills Point 1 blocks to College St.
4. **RIGHT** on College (staying on right shoulder) about ¼ mile to Lakewood Dr.
5. **VEER RIGHT** on Lakewood to City Lake Rd, then **RIGHT** on City Lake Rd to the dead end and the lake dam.
6. **CONTINUE** across the dam to the other side of the lake, then **LEFT** along the paved path beside the lake to the soccer fields.
7. **CONTINUE** on the paved path as it curves to the left, then right to Cherry Creek Park.
8. **Keep RIGHT** at the 'Y' intersection and circle the park passing the disc golf course and playgrounds. Return to the 'Y'.
9. **RIGHT** on trail and return to the parking lot just before getting back to the dam.
10. **LEFT** at parking lot to street (Old Kaufman Rd), then **RIGHT** a short distance to Dallas St (US-64), a very busy street. Note entrance to the Trade Days and the Civic Center across the road.
11. **RIGHT** on Dallas about ¼ mile staying on the shoulder and staying very aware of traffic. Continue to Grand Saline St.
12. **LEFT** on Grand Saline 1 block to Terrell St
13. **RIGHT** on Terrell 1 block Buffalo.
14. **LEFT** on Buffalo 1 block to Groves.
15. **RIGHT** on Groves 2 ½ blocks to the entrance to the Hillcrest Cemetery on the left.
16. **LEFT** into the cemetery and continue to the center, then **RIGHT** to exit the cemetery onto Trade Days Blvd (TX-19).
17. **RIGHT** on Trade Days 2 blocks to Terrell.
18. **RIGHT** on Terrell 1 block to Main.
19. **LEFT** on Main 1 block to Dallas, then **RIGHT** on Dallas returning to your car.

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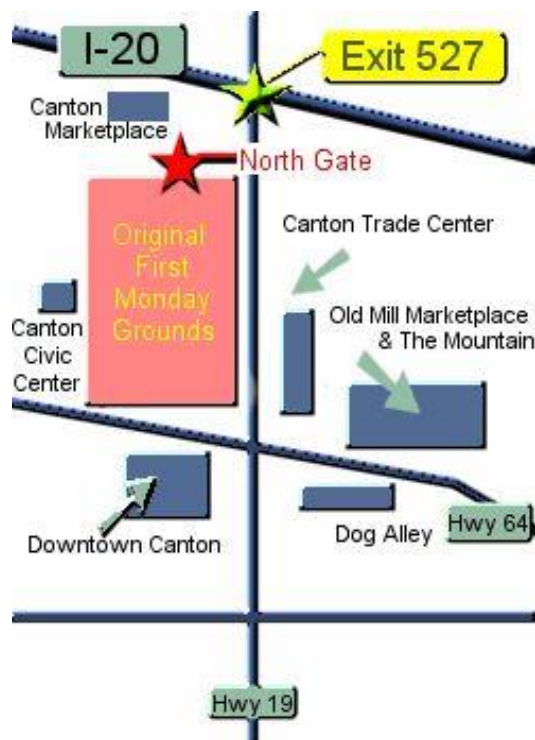
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11. **CAREFULLY** cross the highway and follow the road into the Trade Days Park. Continue to the road on right to the Civic Center.
12. **RIGHT** toward the Civic Center, then continue to the back and cross the bridge to the market stalls.
13. **Following is a suggested route thru the market grounds, but if visiting during First Monday, feel free to wander around and browse at the many stalls. There are both open air stalls, covered pavilions, permanent and semi-permanent vendors. Although this routing is mainly in the original 6 acre site, there are more vendors on the east side of TX-19.**

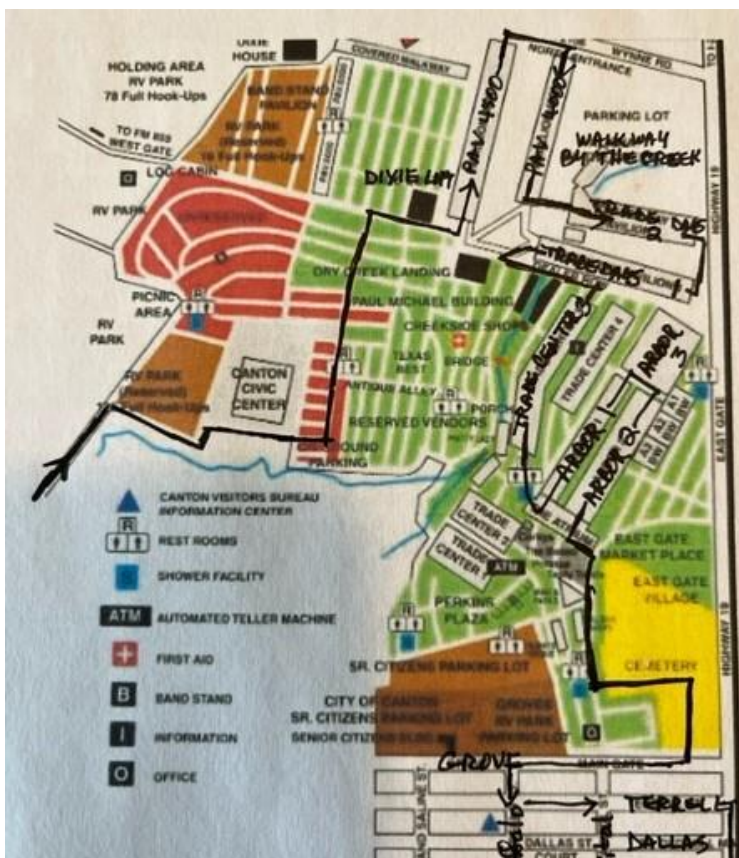


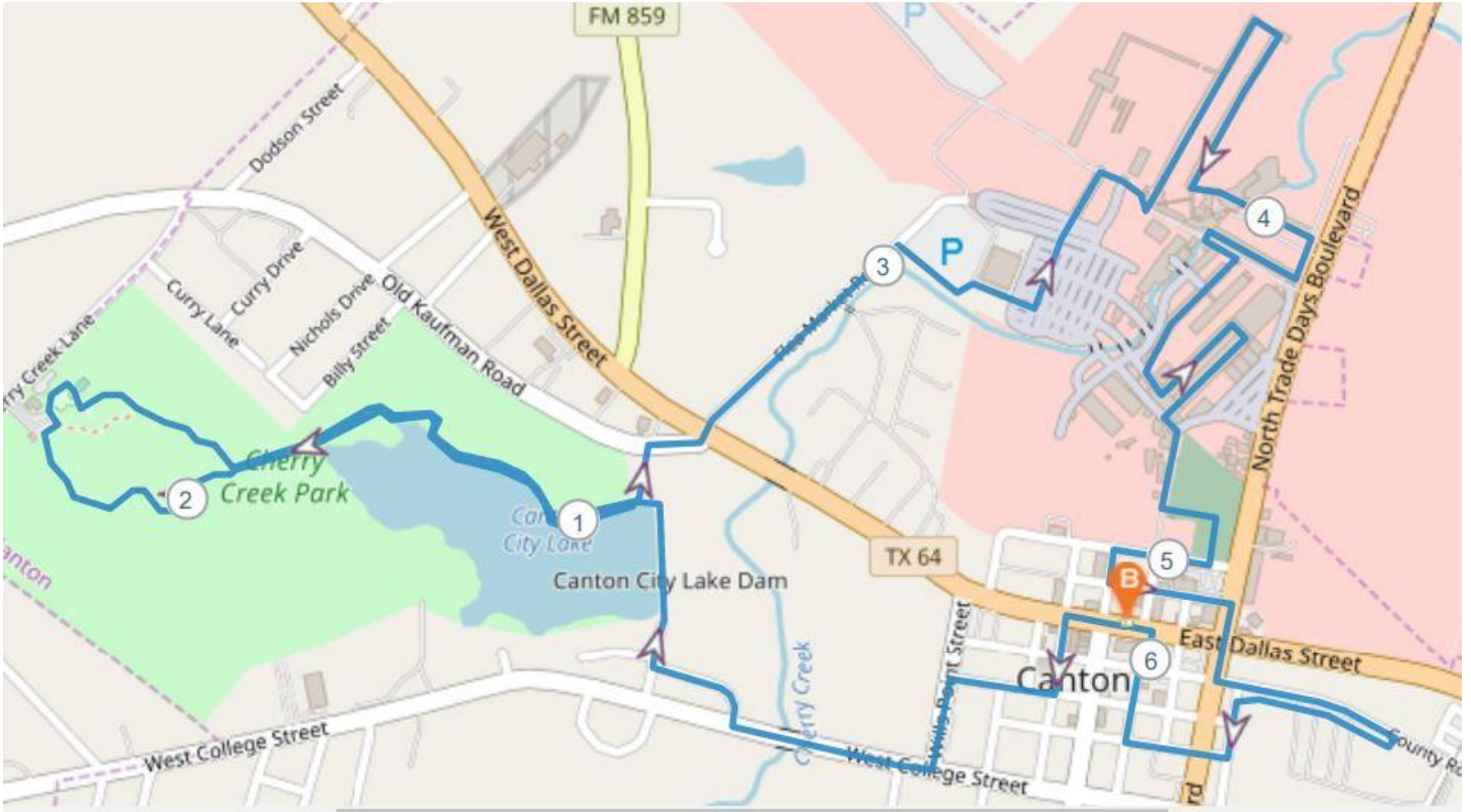
14. **LEFT** on first alley way to the street (look for Dixie Loft to the right), then **RIGHT** on street to Pavilion 4500 (just after Dixie Loft).
15. **LEFT** thru Pavilion 4500 to end, then right to Pavilion 4000 and right again to end.
16. **LEFT** to Pavilion 3 and 4 to exit. Right and right again to enter the next building. Exit at breezeway.
17. **LEFT** to cross the center street, then left again toward the Creekside Shops. Continue to Trade Center 3, then left thru the building.
18. **LEFT** at end of TC-3 to Arbor 1, then **LEFT** thru Arbor 1 and continue to Arbor 3. **RIGHT** before Arbor 3 to Arbor 2, and **RIGHT** thru Arbor 2 to exit the building.
19. **LEFT** to main road on right (next to cemetery), then **RIGHT** on road about 2/3 way up to cemetery entrance on left (small gate).
20. **LEFT** into cemetery to center, the **RIGHT** to exit the cemetery on Groves St.
21. **RIGHT** on Groves 2 blocks to Buffalo. **LEFT** on Buffalo 1 block to Terrill, then **LEFT** on Terrill 3 blocks to Trade Days Blvd (TX-19).
22. **RIGHT** on Trade Days 1 block to Dallas.
23. **CROSS** both TX-19 and Dallas at the light to the opposite corner.
24. **CONTINUE** 1 block to Tyler and entrance to Dog Alley on east side of TX-19.
25. **LEFT** on Tyler and continue to the end of Dog Alley and all the animal stalls.
26. **U-TURN** back toward TX-19, but turn **LEFT** on Live Oak just before reaching TX-19.
27. **LEFT** on Live Oak 2 blocks to Church St.
28. **RIGHT** on Church 3 blocks to Capital taking care when crossing TX-19.
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