



**Historic Anderson/University
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The UpState PathFinders Volkssport Club of Greenville, SC., is the only South Carolina member of America’s Walking Club. This is a permanent Year-Round Event (YRE) and we thank you for taking interest in one of our walks. This event is rated 2A and the starting/finishing is in the parking lot across from 134 West Earle St. (the Earle St. Kitchen). Anderson has been dubbed the Friendliest City in South Carolina by the National Civic League also known as “The Electric City”. This walk has two distinct areas. The first is the quaint downtown featuring many old buildings and interesting architecture along with numerous art installations. There are 24 hidden Carolina Wrens bronze statues roosting downtown. Can you find them all? Also, this vibrant downtown has many interesting shops and restaurants for you to browse and visit. The second half is in the Anderson University Historic District. The college was built between 1912 and 1920 and contains many building on the National Historic Register including the Merritt Administration Building. Walk through the park like setting populated with mature magnolias, dogwoods, evergreens, and large expanses of beautifully landscaped lawns.

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).

1. **For AVA Book Participants: Register as credit.** The bank deducts \$4 (\$2 for AVA when directions downloaded and \$2 for the local club when you complete the Finish Tab).
2. **No IVV/AVA record books: Register as NC (No Credit).** The bank deducts \$2 for AVA directions when downloaded; the club does not receive any fee regardless if the NC participants chooses to use or not use the Finish Tab. The POC does not provide event directions or accept alternate payment methods.

Walk Completion and Walk Credit for AVA Book Participants

Once you have physically completed the walk, please login to your Online Start Box account, click on the “My Start Box” tab, and 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 from the Insert Card tab.

Walk Completion for non-AVA Book Participants

Once you have physically completed the walk you are finished. Optionally you may login to your Online Start Box account, click on the “My Start Box” tab, and then click on “Go to Finish Table” and donate to the club by selecting the Finish Table and use the Optional Non-IVV Participation Fee (ONIPF).

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History of Anderson-Anderson College, SC

Cherokees first settled the area of what is today the city of Anderson. During the American Revolution, the Cherokee sided with the British. After the American Revolutionary War, the Cherokee's land was acquired as war reparations, and colonized. In 1791, the South Carolina Legislature created the Washington District, which comprised Greenville, Anderson, Oconee, and Pickens Counties. The Washington District was then divided into Greenville and Pendleton districts. Anderson, Pickens, and Oconee comprised the newly created Pendleton district. Anderson was settled in 1826 and incorporated in 1828 as Anderson Court House, separate from the Pendleton district. The name Anderson is in honor of Robert Anderson, who fought in the American Revolutionary War and also explored the Anderson region in the mid-18th century. Anderson District (later Anderson County after 1867) was also established in 1826 out of the Pendleton district.

In 1851, the Johnson Female Seminary was established in Anderson as the first college of the town, and was named after William Bullein Johnson. One year later, the seminary was renamed Johnson University.^[6] During the American Civil War, Johnson University was closed and converted into a Confederate treasury. On May 1, 1865, Union forces invaded Anderson looking for the Confederate treasury. The treasury office of Anderson was ransacked by Union forces, and the main building of Johnson University was used as a Union headquarters. A minor skirmish erupted at the Battle of Anderson, leading to two Union casualties.^[7] After the war, a Union garrison was stationed in Anderson.

The Electric City



Portman Shoals Power Plant around 1920.

Anderson became one of the first cities in the Southeastern United States to have electricity. Electricity to Anderson was established by William C. Whitner in 1895 at a hydroelectric plant on the Rocky River, giving the city the name the Electric City. Anderson also became the first city in the world to supply a cotton gin by electricity. In 1895, Anderson Court House was renamed to Anderson. In 1897, Whitner's plant was upgraded with a 10,000-volt generating station at Portman Shoals. Whitner's power plant at Portman Shoals became the first hydroelectric plant in the United States to generate high voltage without step-up transformers. The Portman Dam was swept away in 1901, forcing Anderson into darkness until it was rebuilt in 1902.¹

Anderson College

In 1911, Anderson College was established by the Anderson Chamber of Commerce. Anderson College was a successor to the Johnson Female Seminary and is affiliated with the South Carolina Baptist Convention, in particular the First Baptist Church of Anderson. Anderson College became a co-educational, two-year junior college in 1930, and in 2006, it became Anderson University. Information courtesy Wikipedia

Historic Anderson/University Walking Directions

Start Point

134 West Earle St. in the parking lot across from Earle Street Kitchen and Bar, Anderson, SC 29621.

No restrooms at the start.

Driving Directions

From Greenville, SC:

1. Take the I-85 towards Atlanta.
2. Take SC-81, Exit 27 towards Anderson.
3. Turn **LEFT** onto N. Highway 81/SC-81.
4. Continue following SC-81.
5. Turn **LEFT** onto N. Main St./SC-28; go 6 blocks.
6. Right at W. Earle St. (one block after Orr St).
7. Destination – parking lot on the left across from restaurant.

Restrooms

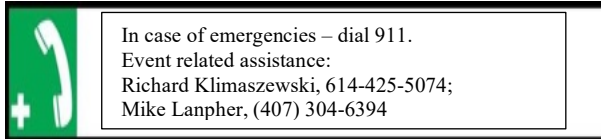
Public Restrooms at Wren Park Step #20.

Upstate Pathfinders Anderson Historic 5K Walk

Updated 11-24-2023



*Note: Start from the parking lot
Across from 134 W. Earle St...*



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Exit parking lot to road/W. Earle St. (no-sign)


1. **Left** at road/W. Earle St. (no-sign) and continue along sidewalk under the overpass then **carefully** cross W. Earle St. to the Clock Tower display (Textile Point Park). **POI: 1**
2. **Retrace** your steps back under the overpass and pass parking lot (start/finish). Continue uphill to Main St.
3. **Right** at Main St., cross Earle St. **POI: 2, 3 & 4**
4. **Left** after crossing Market St.
5. **Right** after crossing Main St. continuing on Main.
6. **Left** at River St.
7. **Right** at McDuffie St. after crossing.
8. **Left** at East Morris St.
9. **Left** at Manning St. (Little Free Library on the left near exit from Grace Episcopal parking lot).
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11. **Right** at Main St.

Points Of Interest

- 1: The textile industry's impact on Anderson has been enormous both economically and culturally. Textile Point Park features enhanced landscaping and a clock monument designed by local artist Scott Foster. Verdin Clock Company custom built the clock head making this structure one-of-a-kind. The base features imagery from the Anderson mills. The bricks, from Anderson's dismantled mills, represent times past, the present, and times to come.
- 2: Sculpture along Main St. The City of Anderson and the Anderson Art Center combine to display several pieces of art at various locations along Main St. Each year, new sculpted works are selected for public display through a Juried Show. walk along Main St. note the sculptures mounted at various locations.
- 3: The four-story brick building at the corner of Main St. and Whitner, was built in 1888 and named the Chiquola Hotel. It was built to give Anderson a luxury downtown hotel. Visitors included actresses Tallulah Bankhead and

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13. **Left** at McDuffie St. no sign.
14. **Right** at Benson St. then **Left** after crossing McDuffie St.
15. **Right** into Generator Park, circle center of display; exit towards traffic light at corner of McDuffie St. and Whitner St.
16. **Right** at McDuffie St. & cross Whitner St.
17. **Left** on Whitner St.
18. **Right** at sidewalk past Groucho's Deli. (Wren Park is on your left. Groucho's on your right. Restrooms available in park)
19. **Left** at end of the water feature down steps into park.
20. Continue through park back to road. (Whitner St -no sign)
21. **Right** at Whitner St.
22. **Right** at Main St. (Note the mural on your right as you cross Orr St.)
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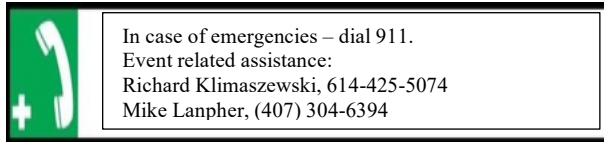
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 27. **Right** at traffic light/Calhoun St. after crossing Calhoun.
 28. **Left** at North St. (no sign for North; see black sign 351>).
 29. **Right** at Summit Ave.
 30. **Right** at Boulevard. (walk in bike lane to sidewalk)
 31. **Left** at crosswalk in front of Jane Ferguson Clamp Hall. (*You are standing at the entrance to Anderson University*) **POI: 6**
 32. **Right** after crossing Boulevard.
 33. **Left** at traffic light/Calhoun St.
 34. **Left on sidewalk after** crossing college parking lot exit, 100 paces.
 35. **Continue** with the low brick wall on the left and the parking lot on the right to the stairs. Follow the sidewalk passing Pratt Hall, Merritt Admin. Building, Denmark hall and College of Education. (*Rest in the 4 person swings*)
 36. **Right** at road (Kingsley Rd.– no sign).
 37. Follow sidewalk down to crosswalk.
 38. **Left** at crosswalk (*facing the Thrift Library*).
 39. **Right** after crosswalk.
 40. Follow Kingsley Rd. & curve right carefully crossing over to the other sidewalk. Pass Lawton and Village parking & Student Center service only lots.
 41. **Right** on sidewalk into the last campus parking lot prior to main road.
 42. **Right** at diagonal sidewalk passing Peace fountain. Keep Student Center on the right.
 43. **Stay Left** at splits walking on upper curve past the Athletic Center and Sullivan Bldg.
 44. **Left** at 4 way at 4 black benches. Sidewalk ends at driveway; continue straight to Kingsley Rd.
 45. **Cross** Kingsley Rd. in front of Thrift Library.
 46. **Slight Right** on sidewalk.
 47. **Left** at the “Y” keeping to the right of the library.
 48. **Left** at 1st “T” towards USPS Blue Mailbox /driveway (*at the back of the library*).
 49. **Right** at driveway following road.
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 52. **Left** at traffic light/Greenville St.

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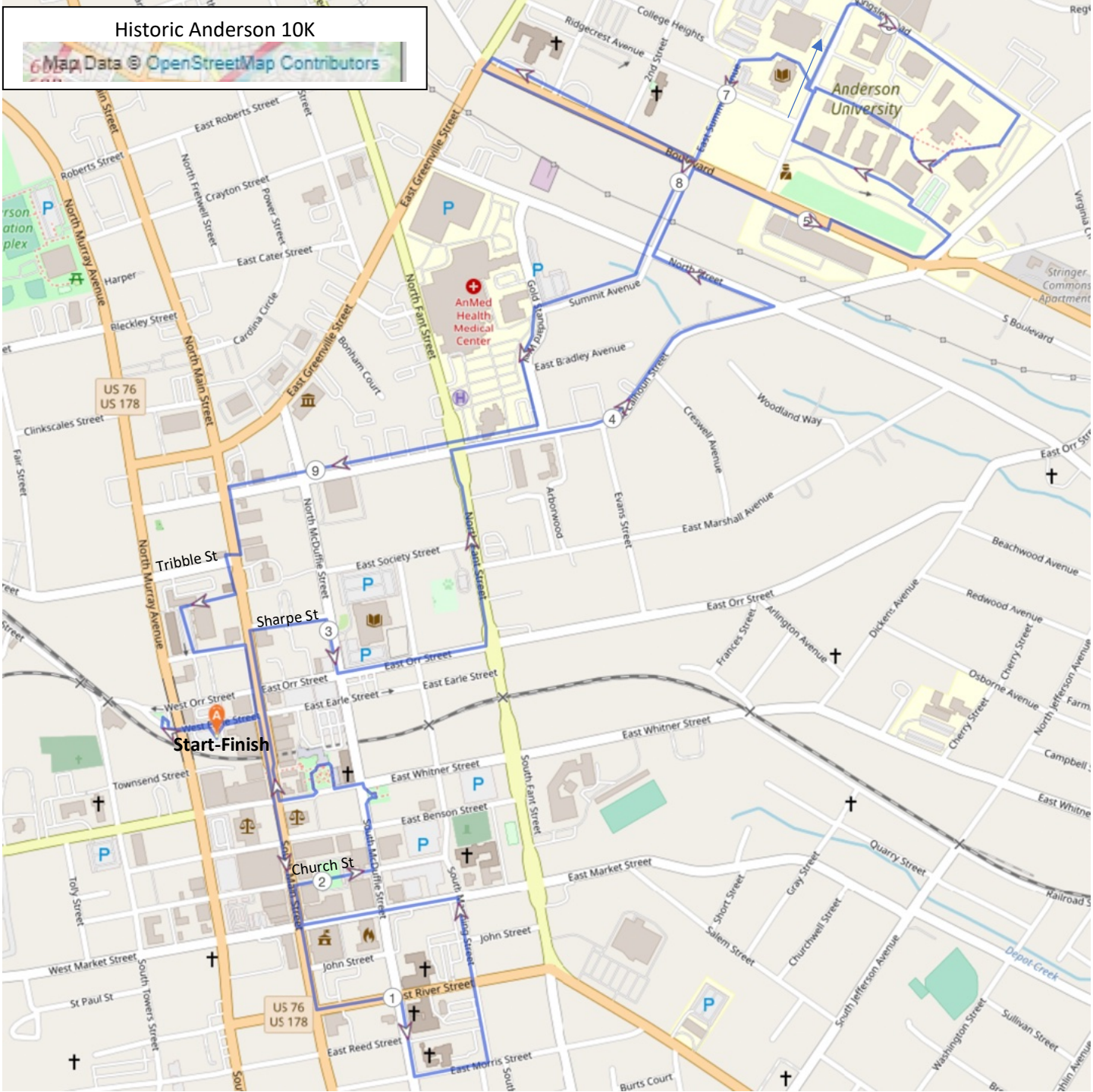
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6: Anderson College was founded in 1911 when the Anderson Chamber of Commerce raised \$100,000 and purchased 32 acres for the campus. They were given to the South Carolina Baptist State Convention to establish the college. At first a female college, it became a co-educational junior college in 1931. It became Anderson University in the 1990’s. Bachelor, Masters and PhD degrees are offered in 78 areas. Mechanical and Electrical engineering were added in the fall of 2021. It is affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention.



**The UpState PathFinders
Historic Anderson
2024 Special Programs**

<u>Special Program</u>	<u>Location</u>
Walking With the Wild Things	Find as you Walk
Step to the Beat	Rainey fine arts Center
Par for the Course	Carolina Wren Park
Walking the USA A – Z	A

**UpState PathFinders
Listing of YRE's**

Historic Greenville - 5/10K YRE https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?y=Y2062	Historic Anderson - 5/10K YRE (OSB) https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?y=Y2919
Greenville City Parks - 5/10k YRE https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?y=Y0232	Clemson Botanical Garden - 5/10K YRE (OSB) https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?y=Y2067
Greenville-Alta Vista - 5/10K YRE https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?y=Y2529	Historic Greer - 6/10K YRE (OSB) https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?y=Y2530
Greenville's Conestee Nature Preserve - 5/10K YRE (OSB) https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?y=Y2342	Historic Simpsonville - 5/10K YRE OSB https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?y=Y2920
Greenville's Furman University - 5/10k YRE https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?y=Y0688	Greenville/Travelers Rest Swamp Rabbit Trail 5K-50K YRE (OSB) https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?y=2531
Travelers Rest - 5/10K YRE https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?y=Y0578	AMERICA'S WALKING CLUB has 2000 permanent walks annually with over 1100 on line to walk for very reasonable fees, \$2 (online) or \$4 (permanent sites)
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