

**Twin State Volkssport Association
Welcomes You to
The Springfield Walk
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Walk Description

This event is designed to give you a walk entirely along an old trolley line, now the Toonerville Rail Trail. The walk follows along the Black River between a trailhead near the Connecticut River and downtown Springfield. Both walks take a short detour to the Eureka Schoolhouse and Baltimore Bridge State Historic Site. The Eureka Schoolhouse is the oldest one-room schoolhouse in Vermont. The Baltimore Bridge is one of about 100 covered bridges remaining in Vermont, and was moved from its former location to Springfield in 1970. The rating is 1A.

5 km walkers can choose to start either from the southern trailhead (at park & ride), or the northern trailhead (2.2 miles closer to town). The distance and difficulty is the same. Starting at the southern trailhead includes a walk of about 1 km along rural Paddock Rd. Starting at the northern trailhead gives a walk entirely on the paved Toonerville Trail except for the detour to the schoolhouse.

There is an additional 2 km walk close to downtown, which explores the area of the former town common, passing some nice homes and exploring a cemetery.

Special Programs

Rails-To-Trails
Town Halls/City Halls

Walk Registration

Registration takes place online using the AVA Online Start Box, on my.ava.org. Follow the instructions provided to create a user account and sign the AVA waiver (one time). Instructions for payment are also included. Download the directions and print as needed. The POC does not provide event directions or accept alternate payment methods.

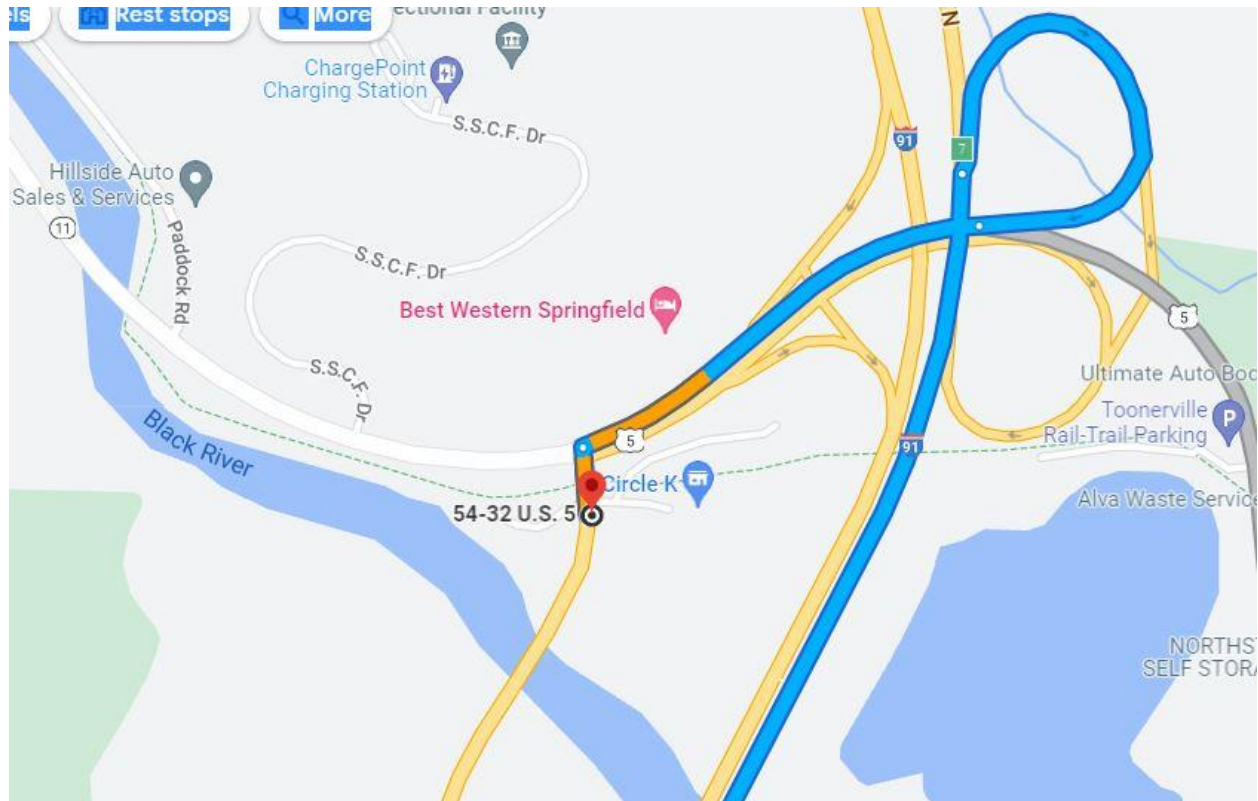
Walk Completion and Walk Credit

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

The main start point for the 5 and 10 km walk will be at the Park & Ride across the street from the Irving Circle K station, 14 Missing Link Rd., Springfield, VT. From I-91, from the north or south, take Exit 7, Springfield. The exit ramp will put you on Rte. 5


south. At the first traffic light, Rte. 5 goes left (south) while Rte. 11 continues to town. LEFT on Rte. 5, cross the rail trail, then Circle K is on your left while the Park & Ride is on your right. You will find restrooms and snacks at the Circle K, but we prefer that you move your car across the street to the Park & Ride for long-term parking during the walk.



Amenities:

Restrooms and food available at the Circle K next to parking. Downtown Springfield has more eating establishments which will also have restrooms.

Emergency Numbers:

	In case of Emergency: Dial 911 Event related assistance: Cynthia Gray: 802-498-8668
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**5 AND 10 KM WALK DIRECTIONS
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5 KM walkers can choose to start from the northern trailhead. Directions here are for the southern trailhead.

1. From the Park & Ride, walk towards the exit, then briefly left to find the rail trail on the other side of the fence. LEFT on the trail with the fence on your left and road (VT 11) on your right.
2. Trail crosses under VT 11 (0.5 km) and merges with Paddock Rd. This rural road was once the site for the popular Paddock Restaurant, which closed around 2015.
3. Cross the iron Goulds Mill Bridge (1.8 km), then sharp left on Perley Gordon Rd., a quiet road which closely follows the river.
4. Just before the road ends at VT 11, LEFT on mowed lane, cross the Baltimore Covered Bridge into the Eureka Schoolhouse & Baltimore Bridge state historic site. Information boards at the site will give you the history of these preserved treasures. (2.5 km) at Schoolhouse.
5. Turn around at schoolhouse, return across the covered bridge and RIGHT on Perley Gordon Rd to retrace your steps back to the rail trail.

5 KM WALKERS, turn around and retrace your route back to the start.

10 KM WALKERS CONTINUE

6. Continue along the trail which follows the river, soon passing a series of waterfalls remaining from the site of a former hydropower dam. After passing the John Deere outlet on the left, come to a kiosk marking the northern end of the trail at the Robert B. Jones Industrial Center. (5 km)
7. Turn around and retrace your steps along the trail. At the iron bridge (7 km), LEFT over the bridge, follow the bike route as it continues along Paddock Rd.
8. RIGHT on the bike path as it leaves Paddock Rd (8 km). Follow the path back to the Park & Ride (8.6 km).
9. Cross from the Park & Ride towards the Circle K, continuing on the bike path. Cross under I-91 and come to the southern end of the path at US 5/Rte. 11. (9.4 km)
10. Turn around, retrace your steps along the path and return to your start at the park & ride (10 km).

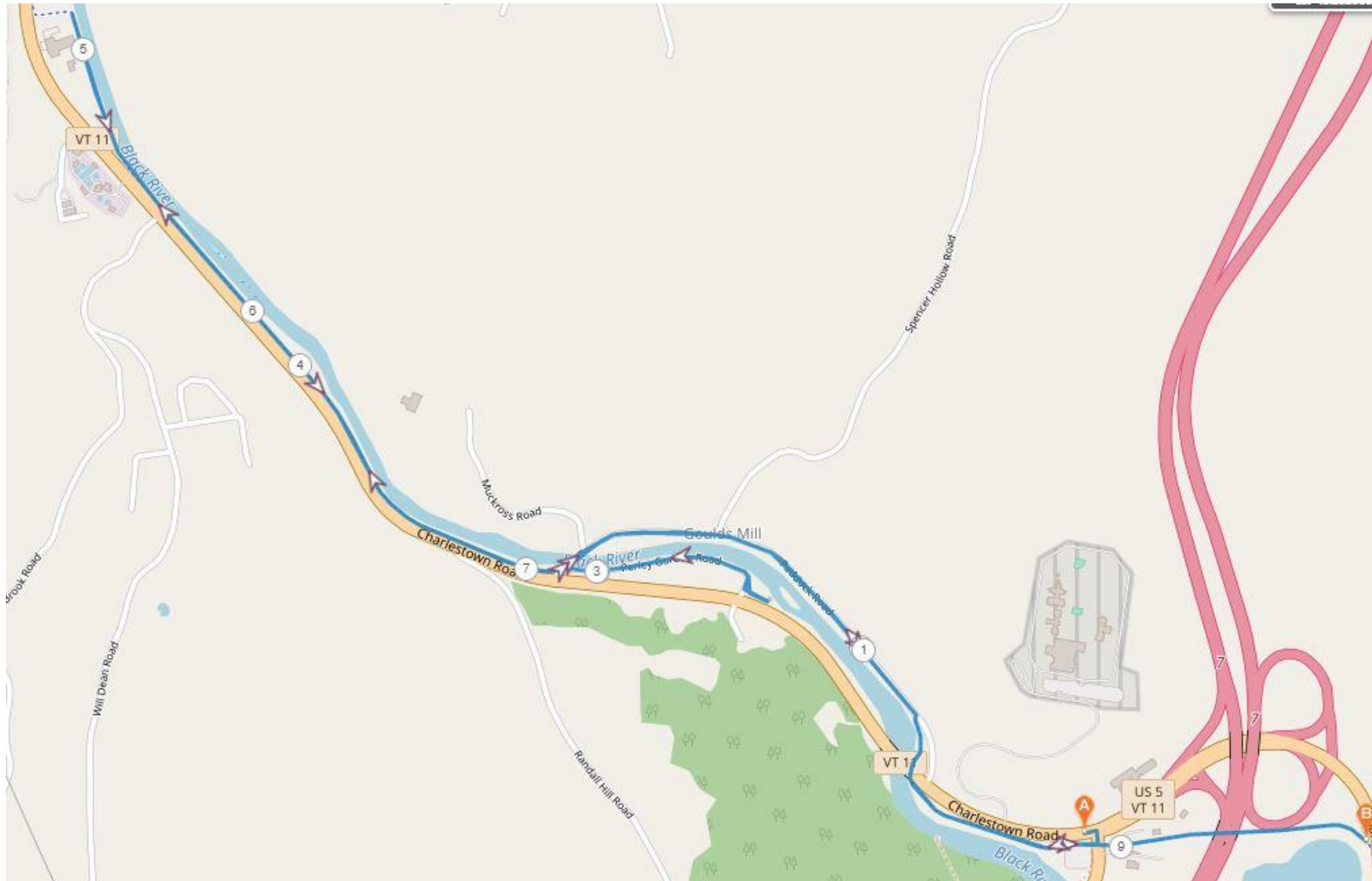
5 KM Alternate Route (from northern Trailhead).

The northern trailhead is at the Robert Jones Industrial Center, 280 Clinton St. Abundant parking is available. From the park & ride at Circle K, take a LEFT at Rte. 5, then LEFT at Rte. 11 west towards town. Follow Rte. 11 for 2.2 miles, and turn RIGHT into the industrial center (just past John Deere, also on the right). You will see the trailhead ahead and slightly to your right, at the boundary of the woods.

1. From parking, head towards kiosk and RIGHT on paved trail. Follow it for 2 km with the river on your left and the road (VT 11) on your right.
2. Trail intersects Paddock Rd. LEFT on Paddock, and immediate right on Perley Gordon just before the bridge.
3. Follow this quiet road which closely follows the river. Just before the road ends at VT 11, LEFT on mowed lane, cross the Baltimore Covered Bridge into the Eureka Schoolhouse & Baltimore Bridge state historic site. Information boards at the site will give you the history of these preserved treasures. (2.5 km) at Schoolhouse.
4. Turn around at schoolhouse, return across the covered bridge and RIGHT on Perley Gordon Rd to retrace your steps back to the rail trail.
5. At Paddock Rd, follow bike route ahead keeping the river on your right. Return to parking.

TOONERVILLE RAIL TRAIL MAP

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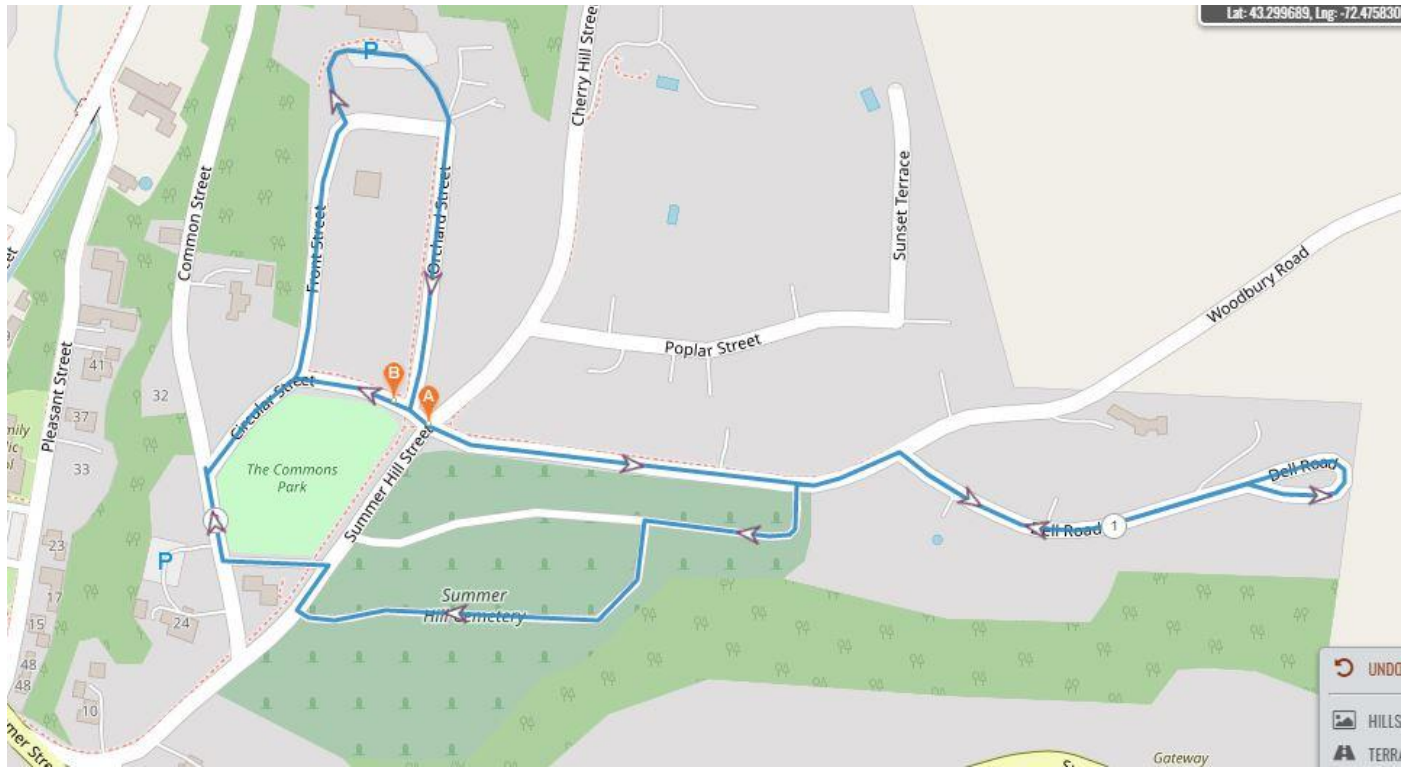
**2 KM Old Common Walk
Springfield, VT
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Driving Directions from Irving Circle K

Exit the Park & Ride, brief LEFT on Rte. 5, then LEFT on Rte. 11 west towards Springfield. Go about 3.5 miles, then sharp RIGHT on Summer St. in the center of town (pizza on right at corner). Take second left up Summer Hill St. Pass Common St. on left, note the cemetery on right, and The Commons Park on the left. Park near the junction of Circular St. anywhere along the side of the commons.

Walk Directions

1. With the common on your left, continue on Circular St, which soon ends at Front St.
2. RIGHT on Front St. In front of you will be the Hartness House Mansion, built in the early 1900s for James Hartness, former governor of Vermont, inventor, and astronomer. You may enter the driveway to view the historic sign. The mansion, a former B&B and restaurant, is closed, but recently it has been purchased, renovations will be made, and it will be reopened. It is supposedly haunted.
3. After viewing the house, RIGHT on Orchard St., returning to the Common.
4. LEFT on Circular St, crossing Summer and Cherry Hill St., passing the cemetery on your right, staying on the sidewalk of what is now Woodbury Rd.
5. After the cemetery ends, RIGHT on Dell Rd. Walk this semi-rural drive a short distance to its end in a cul-de-sac where trails enter the woods into Hartness Park. Continue around the cul-de-sac to retrace your steps on Dell Rd.
6. LEFT on Woodbury Rd, then LEFT into cemetery. (Those with pets will have to skip the cemetery by remaining on Woodbury Rd and turning LEFT on Summer Hill.)
7. Fork LEFT to remain near the outside of the cemetery, following through to the lane's end at Summer Hill St.
8. RIGHT on Summer Hill St. to edge of COMMON.
9. LEFT along edge of Common with park on your right. Continue to circle the common until you return to your car.



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