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VIRGINIA VAGABONDS  
SEASONAL EVENT  
APRIL 1 THRU SEPTEMBER 30, 2022  
CHARLES CITY COUNTY VA  
5/10 KM



**SPECIAL PROGRAMS:**  
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**VIRGINIA COUNTIES - CHARLES CITY**  
**WALKING WITH AMERICA'S VETERANS**

**OPEN HOURS: The trail is open from sunrise to sunset.**

Please use either the Online Start Box (OSB) or Physical Start Box (PSB) to register and complete the event. Do NOT mix and match. For example, if you register using the OSB, do not complete your event by using the PSB (nor sign the PSB log sheet). The sponsoring club only receives credit for an OSB participation when an OSB registration has been completed online by entering your participation date, distances, and any special programs using the OSB.

**Walk Registration:**

Please use the online start box provided by the American Volkssport Association website ([my.ava.org](http://my.ava.org)). The directions and insert cards are PDFs that you can download and print as needed. The POC does not provide event directions or accept alternate payment methods. The entire online process should take less than 10 minutes for a first time user.

**Walk Completion and Walk Credit:**

Once you have physically completed the walk, please login to your Online StartBox account and select the "Maps /Finish" tab. Use the displayed entry form to submit the date and distance of your walk as well as select applicable AVA Special Programs to

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generate stamped “virtual” insert cards that you may later choose to print out.

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DRIVING DIRECTIONS to Start/Finish at 10760 Courthouse Rd, Charles City, VA:

FROM HAMPTON:

1. Follow I-64 to Exit 214 (Route 155, New Kent CH/Providence Forge).
2. At the top of the ramp, turn left on Route 155 South.
3. Follow Route 155 South for 11,3 miles, crossing US 60 after about 3.8 miles.
4. At the stop sign (flashing red light), cross Route 5 and continue for about 0.1 miles.
5. Turn left on Courthouse Green Way.
6. Park in the Visitors Center parking lot.

FROM RICHMOND:

Follow the directions above, except turn right at the top of the ramp when you exit I-64.

Charles City adopted the slogan “Four Centuries, Three Cultures, Two Rivers in One County” as a part of the commemoration of America’s 400th Anniversary. The slogan provides a capsule summary of the most important elements of our history. A visit to Charles City is like a journey back in time. It is a place where you can discover historical events spanning the four centuries that have made our nation. It is a place where you can experience the three cultures that first formed our union. The county is embraced by two rivers of the sort that made exploration, settlement and trade possible and that still provide a taste of the natural wonders the first Europeans experienced. And the county is one of the oldest in America founded on the idea of representative government - the idea that made America.

The Virginia Capital Trail is a pedestrian and bicycle trail that connects the Commonwealth’s past and present capitals of Jamestown, Williamsburg and Richmond along the Scenic Route 5 corridor. The Trail traverses 50+ miles, four jurisdictions and 400 years rich in history along one of the first inland routes in North America.

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Construction of the Virginia Capital Trail is now complete. This portion of the trail parallels Route 5 (John Tyler Memorial Highway).

### 10-KILOMETER WALKING DIRECTIONS:

1. From the parking lot, walk to the Visitors Center sign.
2. Follow the gravel and concrete sidewalk between the two brick buildings.

*The Visitor Center on the left is located in the county's historic 1901 Clerk's Office adjacent to Charles City Courthouse, the 3rd oldest courthouse in the country. Visitor Center exhibits invite guests to experience "the story of America in one small county" and acquaint visitors with things to see and do.*

*Restrooms are located in the building to the right of the Visitor Center, when you are facing it.*

3. Continue to follow the sidewalk in front of the Charles City County Courthouse of 1730 on the right. You may want to visit both the Visitor Center and the Courthouse. They have some interesting displays, including a memorial to the men of Charles City County who gave their lives in defense of the South from 1861 to 1865. This memorial is located inside the Courthouse.

*Four outdoor interpretive exhibits located on the Courthouse Green provide visitors with information about Charles City's historic courthouse and engagements at the courthouse during the Revolutionary and Civil Wars.*

*The obelisk on the left is a monument to the Confederate soldiers of Charles City County.*

*The Courthouse of 1730 on right - Here Simcoe's British cavalry surprised a party of militia, January 8, 1781. Here Grant's army passed on its way to the river, June, 1864. One of Virginia's important colonial courthouses built in the early 1730's. This courthouse was the scene of considerable fighting during the Civil War and many of its colonial records were lost. The brickwork is very similar to nearby Westover Church causing experts to assume the two structures were erected by the same builder.*

*On the right just past the Charles City County Courthouse of 1730, you will see the Veterans Monument.*

4. At the T-intersection of the sidewalks, continue straight across the grass to the road (Courthouse Road - no sign).
5. Turn left on Courthouse Road.
6. Cross Watermelon Field Road and continue south on Courthouse Road, passing the U. S. Post Office on the left.

*LOVE sign is on the left in front of the Government and Administration Building.*

7. When the road curves right to Route 5, continue straight, walking by the Memorial United Methodist Church on the left and the "No Outlet" sign on the right.

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8. At the asphalt walkway, continue straight on the Virginia Capital Trail (no sign - "No Motor Vehicles" sign is on the right).
9. Continue straight on the Virginia Capital Trail.

*At the first entrance to a field on the left, look right and you will see Greenway, where President John Tyler was born on March 29, 1790. The frame, one-and-a-half story, center-hall plan house was built for circa 1776 for Judge John Tyler, Governor of Virginia (1808-1). The plantation comprises approximately 1,100 acres (4.5 km<sup>2</sup>) and consists of several outbuildings in addition to the main house. The frame structures have beaded clapboard siding and wood-covered gable rooflines. The main structure is symmetrical in its front, southern facade and possesses the end chimneys so characteristic of southern Colonial structures. It has a unique T-Shaped plan and the brick foundation walls are constructed mainly of Flemish bond, with the exception of a few areas where an English brick bond is possible evidence of additions. When Judge Tyler died in 1813, John Tyler at the age of 23 inherited Greenway and lived there until age 39 (1829), when he sold the plantation and moved to nearby Sherwood Forest. Although its architecture is of significant import, the historical figures associated with the structure provide the greatest argument for the plantation's historic integrity.*

10. Continue straight on the Virginia Capital Trail. **1 km at the first driveway to the right past Greenway. 2.03 km at the metal guard rail on the right.**
11. Cross under the power lines and continue straight on the Virginia

Capital Trail. **3.1 km at the green "Lawrence Lewis Jr. Park" on the right**

12. At the stop sign, cross Willcox Wharf Road and continue straight on Virginia Capital Trail. **4.07 km at the yellow left curve sign on the right**

*Charles City Tavern is located on the right shortly after you cross Willcox Wharf Road. It is located in a circa 1889 farmhouse that sits on a 2,000 acre working farm. The building once house the Indian Fields Tavern, which operated for 20 years. The Charles City Tavern was opened in 2007.*

*Little Buckland is on the left.*

13. Continue straight on the Virginia Capital Trail, walking past a blue "Virginia Byway" sign on the right.
14. At the tree break (after you pass the sign for Little Buckland) on the left between two fields, reverse your direction, walking back toward the start/finish. If you get to the driveway to the brick house with silos on the right, you have gone too far. **5 km at the turn around. 6.24 km at the green "Lawrence Lewis Jr. Park" sign on the left**
15. At the stop sign, cross Willcox Wharf Road and continue straight on the Virginia capital Trail. **7.07 km where you cross the driveway for 9761 John Tyler Memorial Highway**
16. Continue straight on the Virginia Capital rail, passing the brown sign

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for Laurel Hill on Gunn's Run on the left at 10040 John Tyler Memorial Highway. **8.22/3.22 km at the yellow right curve sign on the left. 9.13/4.13 km at the driveway for Greenway on the left.**

17. At the end of the Virginia Capital Trail at the stop sign, continue straight on Courthouse Road (no sign), walking past the Memorial United Methodist Church on the right.
18. At the U.S. Post Office, cross Watermelon Field Road.
19. At Cul's Courthouse Grill (on the left), veer right to walk across the grass to the sidewalk in front of the old courthouse.

*Cul's Courthouse Grill - In 1872, The Nance-Major Store was built by Julia Nance-Major and Edward Major. The house and store face south across Courthouse Road toward the circa 1750 Charles City Courthouse. The*

### 5-kilometer directions:

1. Follow 10-kilometer directions 1 thru 10.
2. Cross under the power lines.
3. At the wooden cross on the right just before you start up a small hill, reverse your direction, walking back

*general store provided dry goods, sundries, agricultural supplies, and tools that were necessary to support the local agricultural economy. County residents remember the store as the most well-known and prosperous general store in the county. During various periods, the Major family operated a blacksmith shop, a livery, a gas station, an automotive and tire repair shop, and an ice delivery service, acknowledged in the 1875 account book, the year the store was granted a liquor license. The last of the Major family to own the house and store complex were Ann Weaver Major and Edward Major who acquired the property in 1987. They lived in the house for nearly two decades, but the store was used only for storage. Cul's Courthouse Grille was established in 2009 in a renovated country store that was built in 1872. The heart-pine floors and original doors, down to the wavy glass panes, give the Grille a unique atmosphere. They serve traditional food.*

20. Continue straight on the sidewalk to walk between the old courthouse and the Visitors Center.
21. Continue to the Visitors Center parking lot and your car.

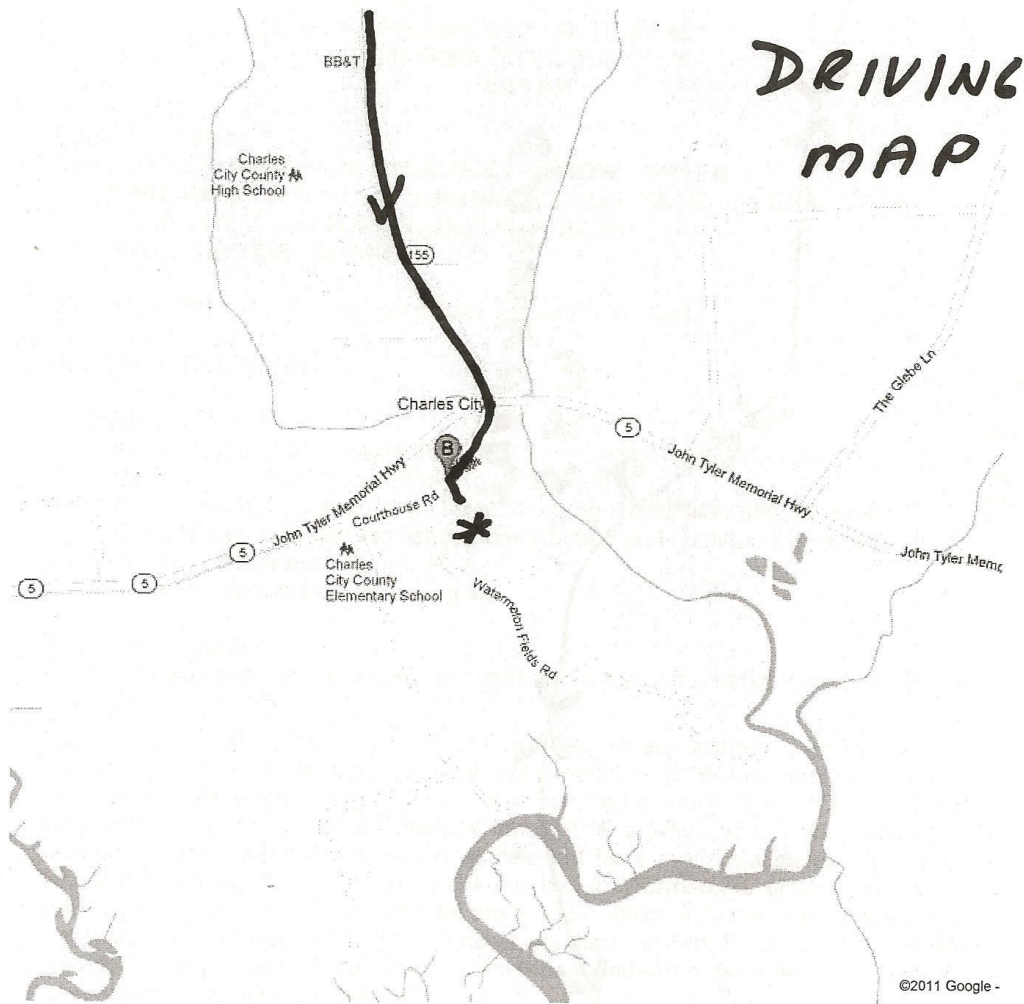
4. Follow 10-kilometer directions 16 thru 21.

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