

SHEARER HILLS-RIDGEVIEW YEAR-ROUND WALK

SHEARER HILLS 5k& 10k ROUTE DIRECTIONS

In San Antonio, take McAllister Hwy U.S. 281 south from North Loop 410 to the Jones Maltsberger exit. Turn SHARP RIGHT on Jones Maltsberger, then turn LEFT on Oblate, then LEFT again on McCullough Ave. Look for walking trail on right and turn RIGHT on Jackson-Keller Rd and trailhead parking lot is immediately on the right. Coming from the south or from Pan American Expressway I-35, take U.S. 281 north to the West Basse Road exit. Take Basse Rd. and turn RIGHT on McCullough Ave. Turn LEFT on Jackson-Keller and the trailhead parking lot is immediately on the right.

1. The start point is at the parking lot for the Shearer Hill/Ridgeview Walking Trail – Olmos Basin, 101 Jackson Keller Rd., Tx 78216. [A farmers market directly across Jackson-Keller Rd has a **restroom**.]
2. From the parking lot, enter the walking trail and turn LEFT. You are encouraged to use the exercise equipment along the trail. (Par-For-The Course SP) (Note S1).
2. **LEFT** on first side walkway that you come to. **CONTINUE** on street (Mountain Top). It may be muddy.
3. **LEFT** on Rilla Vista Drive.
4. **SLIGHT RIGHT** on Dot Drive with apartments on right. **CROSS** and **TURN RIGHT** on El Montan Ave.
5. **CROSS** Harriet Drive and then **LEFT**. Turn **RIGHT** on service driveway before reaching San Pedro Ave. Follow driveway past businesses. (Note S2)
6. **RIGHT** on Jeanette Drive. **CONTINUE** straight across El Montan Ave.
7. **LEFT** on Mountain Top Blvd. **RIGHT** to continue on Mountain Top. (Note S3) Note that while walking on

Mountain Top, the cross streets do not have stop signs.

8. After 2 blocks, **LEFT** on Shannon Lee Drive. (Note S4) **RIGHT** on Oblate Drive. (Note S5) [Oblate Cafe on right just past Barbara Dr. has restrooms.]
9. 5K Walkers: **CONTINUE at step 27**.
10. 10K Walkers: After 3 blocks, **CROSS** and **RIGHT** on McCullough Avenue. (Note S6)
11. After 2 blocks, **CROSS** and **LEFT** on Shannon Lee Drive.
12. When Shannon Lee turns right and becomes Basin Drive, turn **LEFT**, **CROSS** the street, and **LEFT** on walkway. **FOLLOW** walkway with drainage channel on right and Shannon Lee Drive on left. (Note S8)
13. **RIGHT** on McCullough Avenue, then **RIGHT** on Barbara Drive. **FOLLOW** walkway with drainage channel on right and Barbara Drive on left.
14. **RIGHT** on Skipper Drive West.
15. After 3 blocks, **LEFT** on Linda Drive. (Note S9)
16. **LEFT** on Skipper Drive East.
17. After 4 blocks, **RIGHT** on Oblate Drive.
18. **CROSS** Jones-Maltsberger Road and **CONTINUE** on Concord Plaza Drive. [Restrooms available at 7-11 or nearby hotel.] (Note S10)
19. When you reach second office building on right you will see a large number 300 and there is a skybridge ahead. (Note S11) **TURN LEFT** here crossing Concord Plaza Drive and follow sidewalk past parking garage.
20. **RIGHT** on Jones-Maltsberger Road.
21. At the stoplight, use crosswalks to **CROSS** both Sunset Road and Jones-Maltsberger, then turn **RIGHT** to continue on Jones-Maltsberger.

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22. After 3 and a half blocks, turn **LEFT** on Millwood Lane, then **LEFT** on Mertz Drive. (Note S12)

23. After 3 blocks, **RIGHT** on Springwood Lane, then **LEFT** on Waring Drive.

24. After 3 blocks, **RIGHT** on Shadywood Lane. (Although Little Free Libraries are no longer a valid SP, there is one that is painted like a Whataburger if you go a short distance to the left on Shadywood.)

25. **LEFT** on McCullough Avenue.

26. After 2 blocks, use crosswalks to **CROSS** McCullough Avenue and Oblate Drive. **CONTINUE** on McCullough past businesses, then **RIGHT** on Barbara Drive. (Note S7)

Skip to step 28.

27. 5K Walkers: After 3 blocks, **RIGHT** on McCullough Avenue, then **RIGHT** on Barbara Drive. (Note S6, S7)

28. **LEFT** on Mountain Top Boulevard.

29. After 2 blocks, **LEFT** at Sharon Drive.

30. **RIGHT** on McCullough, then after 3 blocks, turn **RIGHT** on Harriet Drive.

31. **LEFT** on Mountain Top, and **CONTINUE** 2 blocks to dead end, then take sidewalk on left leading to walking trail.

32. Turn **LEFT** on walking trail. Do not take walkways leading to McCullough Avenue. There are more exercise stations on the way to the finish. We hope you enjoyed the walk.

In case of emergency, call 911.

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HISTORICAL NOTES

- S1. After advocacy from the neighborhood association, the walking trail was upgraded in recent years to a concrete surface, and lights and exercise stations were added. Thanks to the association's continued efforts, a restroom facility is being planned. The trail lies on the edge of Olmos Basin Park, which is the flood basin behind the Olmos Dam that helps prevent floods in downtown San Antonio.
- S2. The Pizza Hut is one of the oldest ones in Texas but no longer has the classic architecture.
- S3. Shearer Hills, which is south of Oblate and north of the Olmos Basin, has the largest lots and homes in the area with excellent examples of mid-century modern architecture, along with many heritage trees. Shearer Hills was mapped out around 1950 by real estate developer H.J. Shearer. Most of the streets were reportedly named after his daughter's childhood friends.
- S4. Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, at Shannon Lee and Oblate, was built in 1976 and seats 800 people. The parish was established in 1956 and now includes a school, athletic field, and family center, which the neighborhood association uses for its meetings.
- S5. Legacy Traditional School-Oblate is part of Legacy Traditional Schools, previously known as the School of Excellence in Education, a charter school system with four campuses in San Antonio. The school was renovated and repainted in 2021 when the system got its new name. This campus was earlier named after local physician and art collector Harmon W. Kelley, but in 2023 was renamed. We have not been able to confirm, but we heard that the building was originally the home of Shearer Hills Baptist Church.
- S6. Oblate Café has been here for many years and serves some delicious Mexican and American comfort food. If you stop in to use the restroom we recommend getting something to eat.
- S7. In 2021-22, the city completed the Barbara Drive drainage project, phase 2, including larger box culverts under Barbara Drive and curb inlets. Phase 1 can be seen in the eastern route of this walk, and there is a phase 3 being planned that will extend north of Oblate Drive.
- S8. In May 2013, a storm dumped up to 14 inches of rain in the area, causing dozens of homes in this area to be flooded. This led to phase 1 of the Barbara Drive drainage project. The city bought out and tore down 34 homes on Barbara and Shannon Lee drives and improved the channel from a narrow ditch to 150 feet wide. The area is being enhanced with park-like amenities.
- S9. On February 19, 2017, an EF-2 tornado with winds estimated at 120 mph hit this street, damaging about 40 homes. It was one of five tornadoes to hit San Antonio that evening. All homes have generally been repaired, but you will notice relatively few mature trees.
- S10. In the 1980s and 90s, the Concord Athletic Club was located at the southern end of Concord Plaza. It was the premier fitness club and social hub, with a waiting list and high monthly fees. Members had access to multiple workout rooms, an indoor pool, regulation basketball court, squash and handball courts, aerobic and spin classes, running groups that would go through the neighborhood, personal trainers, a nutrition consultant, a restaurant, day care for children, sports gear shop, a hair and nail salon, shoe shine service, and massage therapists, free covered parking with carwash and detailing business, and social hours and other events. In 2009 the club was bought out by Spectrum, and later by Gold's Gym, and it fell into disrepair and closed in late 2016.
- S11. The second office building on the right, previously occupied by the energy company then known as Tesoro, is now the headquarters of Whataburger. The first Whataburger restaurant opened in 1950 in Corpus Christi and there are now more than 850 of them in 10 states. The headquarters moved here from Corpus Christi in 2009. Whataburger has bought most of the commercial property on this side of U.S. 281 between Oblate and Loop 410.
- S12. This is the Ridgeview neighborhood, developed in the mid-1950s. It is informally known as The Woods because many of the street names end in "wood".

