

**WELCOME TO THE
SITKA, ALASKA - SEASONAL WALK Y3167**
Marina and Nat'l Historic Park 5K is rated 1B due to gravel trails in the Nat'l Park
Russian Settlement and Downtown 5K is rated 2B due to some steps and one small hill
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This on-line packet contains the following 5 pages of information:

1. This information page including directions to the walk start and restroom info.
2. Walk directions for the Marina and Nat'l Park 5K route (1 page).
3. Map for the Marina and Nat'l Park 5K route (1 page)
4. Walk directions for the Russian Settlement and Downtown 5K route (1 page).
5. Map for the Russian Settlement and Downtown 5K route (1 page).

Getting to the Walk Start Harrigan Centennial Hall Coordinates: **N 57.02' 58.99" W 135.19' 57.50"**

The first alternative is to arrive in Sitka via **large cruise ship**. The **main cruise ship dock** is north of town about 5 1/2 miles. The city provides free, all day non-stop bus shuttle service from the cruise ship terminal to downtown Sitka and back. Both 5Ks start at Harrigan Centennial Hall (Sitka Historical Museum and Visitor Center) which is where the shuttle buses stop in the downtown area.

A second alternative is via **smaller cruise ships** that can moor in Sitka harbor and tender in. Most of the tenders come in to a dock in the marina right next to Harrigan Hall. However, an alternate tender dock is next to O'Connell Bridge. If dropped off there, simply walk from the tender dock along Harbor Drive 1/4 mile to Harrigan Hall and the start.

A third alternative is via **Alaska State Ferry** to Sitka. The ferry dock is 7 miles north of town. You will either need to drive in (if you have transportation) or arrange for a ride to town and back.

A fourth alternative is via **private boat**. Private watercraft can dock temporarily at the tender dock in the marina next to Harrigan Hall.

A fifth alternative is to **fly in to Sitka Airport**. If you fly in, you will need to arrange for a ride to town and back as the airport terminal is about 1 1/2 miles from the start point.

Restroom Information:

Restrooms available at Harrigan Centennial Hall, the City Library, and at the Sitka NHP Visitor Center.

Walk Information:

This walk event consists of two 5K routes through historic Sitka that once was the Russian capital of Alaska.

The 5K Marina and Sitka NHP route goes along the marina and through Sitka Nat'l Historical Park with its wooded trails, bald eagles and totem poles. Be sure to pick up a Sitka NHP map at the visitor center in case you want to walk some of the other trails in the park. This route continues by the Sheldon Jackson Museum and some Russian era buildings including the Russian Bishop's Museum.

The 5K Russian Settlement and Downtown route goes through the main downtown tourist shopping area and past the Russian Orthodox Cathedral. This route continues through historic Lutheran and Russian cemeteries. You'll walk to a Russian blockhouse, past the Pioneer Home, and up onto Castle Hill with its view of the city, port area and harbor. Plaques on Castle Hill have much local history. It is where the ceremony occurred when Russia deeded Alaska to the United States in 1867. The route then continues across O'Connell Bridge with its views of the working harbor area and back to the start point.

Thanks for participating and we hope you enjoy your walk in Sitka.

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Sitka, Alaska - Marina and Sitka Nat'l Hist. Park - 5K - Seasonal Walk - Y3167
Central Washington Sun Striders - Rated 1B - In Case of Emergency Call 911

1. **Facing** the main entrance to Harrigan Centennial Hall, turn **LEFT**. At the end of the building, angle **RIGHT** out to the waterfront trail by the marina.
2. Turn **LEFT** on the waterfront trail. The trail will curve to the **RIGHT** just before Lincoln St and continue along the marina.
3. At the end of the marina, (*Par for the Course playground on left*), **ANGLE RIGHT** on the boardwalk jetty.
4. At the end of the jetty, turn **AROUND** and return to the sidewalk/trail.
5. Turn **RIGHT** on the sidewalk trail. *Small creek on your right; playground on your left.*
6. Turn **RIGHT** on Lincoln Street. (*Fish hatchery/Science Center on your right*). The sidewalk will become a boardwalk trail along the bay. (*Watch for Bald Eagles*).
7. At end of the boardwalk, **CONTINUE** on the gravel trail across lawn sidewalk to Sitka NHP Cultural Center. (*Restrooms, trail maps, and cultural exhibits*).
8. Leaving Cultural Center main entrance, turn **LEFT** around the bldg on the gravel trail toward the water.
9. Turn **LEFT** on the gravel trail. (*Cultural Center on your left and water on your right*).
10. Go **STRAIGHT** on the gravel trail at the back of the Center into the woods. At the trail junction behind the center, keep **RIGHT** and stay on the main trail.
11. At next two trail junctions, stay **STRAIGHT** on the main trail.
12. Angle **LEFT** at the next "Y". You will come to an open grassy area which is the location of the Kiks.adi fort site on your left.
13. At the open grassy area "Y", keep to the **RIGHT**. The trail will curve to the **LEFT** around the grassy fort site. The Indian River estuary is now on your right.
14. Angle **RIGHT** at next 2 trail junction Y's staying on the main trail. Indian River estuary is still on your right.
15. At next trail junction, turn **RIGHT** and **CROSS** the pedestrian bridge over Indian River.
16. Just after crossing the bridge, turn **RIGHT** on the Russian Mem. Trail Loop. The river will be on your right.
17. At the Russian Sailor's/Aleut Hunter's plaque and bench, turn **LEFT** and stay on the main trail.
18. At 4 way trail junction, turn **LEFT** on the main trail, go past the vault toilet on right, and **CROSS** the ped bridge.
19. At trail junction, stay **STRAIGHT** on main trail.
20. At edge of upper parking lot, **ANGLE LEFT** on brick ramp down to visitor center parking lot.
21. **CROSS** lower parking lot to gravel path, boardwalk along the bay (*water on your left*) and sidewalk along Lincoln St.
22. At the children's playground, turn **RIGHT** and **CROSS** Lincoln Street in the crosswalk.
23. Turn **LEFT** and **CROSS** College St (no sign - entrance to Sheldon Jackson Museum) and continue on Lincoln St.
24. Just before the Russian Cathedral, turn **LEFT** and **CROSS** Lincoln St. in the crosswalk.
25. Turn **LEFT** on Lincoln St a short distance to Maksoutoff St. (no sign).
26. **CROSS** and turn **LEFT** on Maksoutoff St.
27. **CROSS** and turn **LEFT** on Harbor Drive.
28. At Harrigan Centennial Hall parking lot, turn **RIGHT** back to the Hall starting point.

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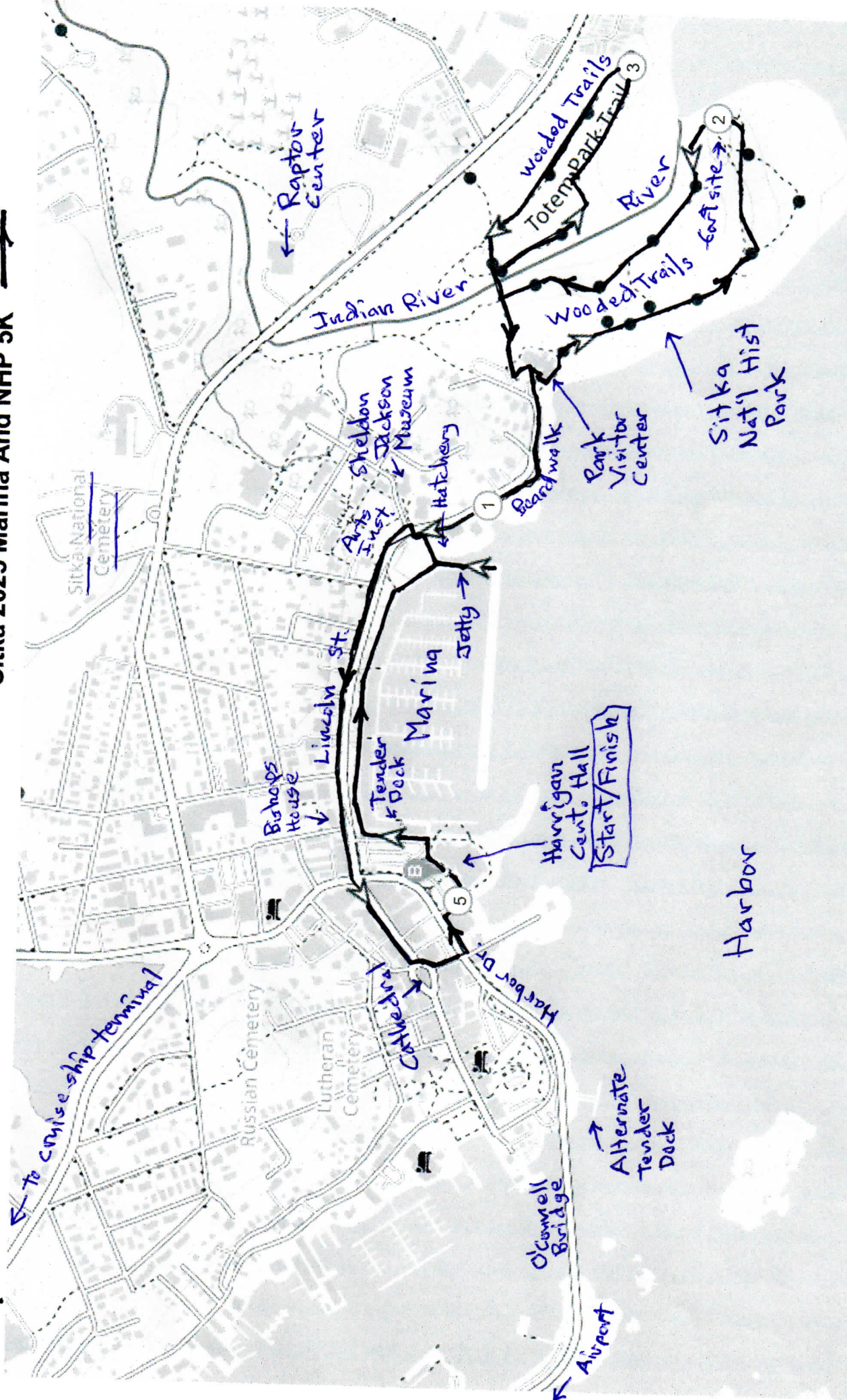
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Sitka 2025 Marina And NHP 5K



Other N.H.P Trails

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1. **Facing** the main entrance to Harrigan Centennial Hall, turn **LEFT**. At the end of the building, **ANGLE RIGHT** out to the waterfront trail by the marina.
2. Turn **LEFT** on the waterfront trail. Trail will **CURVE** to the **RIGHT** just before Lincoln St and continue along the marina.
3. Turn **LEFT** at the first sidewalk that goes through the grass to Lincoln St. (*Totem Pole & Pacific HS across street*).
4. **CROSS** Lincoln St. and turn **LEFT** on Lincoln St.
5. **CROSS** Lake St/Harbor Dr. Stay on Lincoln St.
6. Pass St. Michael's Cathedral on the right side of the Cathedral. Continue on Lincoln St.
7. Turn **RIGHT** on Barracks St.
8. Turn **RIGHT** on Seward Street.
9. Immediately turn **LEFT** on Princess Way.
10. At Princess Maksoutoff's grave, turn **AROUND** and return to Seward St.
11. Turn **LEFT** on Seward Street.
12. Turn **LEFT** on Observatory St. At the end of the road (pavement) go **STRAIGHT** into the Russian Cemetery.
13. Stay on main trail through the wooded cemetery. There are several small side trails (*shown on the map*).
14. Exit the cemetery down a short, narrow, gravel trail next to a chain link fence to Erler Street.
15. Turn **LEFT** on Erler Street.
16. **CROSS** and turn **LEFT** on Marine Street.
17. Just before the "T" at Seward St. turn **RIGHT** and go up the 17 concrete steps to a dirt trail that goes to the wooden 8 sided Russian blockhouse.
18. Turn **AROUND** at the blockhouse and return on the dirt trail and down the steps to Marine Street.
19. Turn **RIGHT** on Marine Street.
20. Turn **LEFT** on Seward Street.
21. Turn **RIGHT** on American Street.
22. Turn **RIGHT** on Lincoln Street.
23. At Katlian St., turn **SHARP RIGHT** on the paved path that goes through the grass to the Prospector's Statue.
24. Go to the **RIGHT** of the statue and up the 8 steps to the flagpole. (*Enjoy the view*).
25. Turn **AROUND** and return down the steps to the Prospector.
26. At the Prospector statue, **ANGLE RIGHT** on the paved path out to Katlain St.
27. **CROSS** Katlian Street and turn **LEFT** on the sidewalk.
28. The sidewalk will **ANGLE RIGHT** and then **ANGLE LEFT**.
29. Turn **RIGHT** on the paved path keeping the grassy Totem Square on your left and go all around the grassy square to the Katlain St./Lincoln St. intersection.
30. At the intersection, turn **RIGHT** and **CROSS** Lincoln St.
31. Turn **RIGHT** on Lincoln St.
32. **CROSS** and turn **LEFT** on Harbor Way.
33. As Harbor Way begins to curve left, turn **LEFT** and **CROSS** Harbor Way in the crosswalk onto the paved Baranof Castle Hill trail (small sign).
34. At the Baranof Castle State Historic Site sign and kiosk, turn **LEFT** on the paved ramp with handrails and walk up the switchback ramp to the top of Castle hill.
35. **CIRCLE** the hilltop area reading the historic signs. (*small lighthouse across the harbor*).
36. Walk back down the ramp to the bottom of the hill and the Baronof Castle State Historic Site sign.
37. Turn **LEFT** on sidewalk to the corner of the parking lot.
38. Turn **RIGHT** and **CROSS** Harbor Way in the crosswalk. (*See map and note that there is a Harbor Way and a Harbor Drive both of which you will walk on*).
39. Turn **LEFT** on the sidewalk along Harbor Way.
40. Turn **RIGHT** on Harbor Drive and **CROSS** O'Connell Bridge to the trees at the far end of the bridge.
41. Turn **AROUND** and return across the bridge.
42. Carefully **CROSS** Harbor Way in the crosswalk.
43. At Maksoutoff Street, turn **RIGHT** and **CROSS** Harbor Drive in the crosswalk.
44. Turn **LEFT** and **CROSS** Maksoutoff St. and continue on Harbor Drive a short distance to the city library.
45. At the far corner of the city library, turn **RIGHT** on the wide pedestrian walkway toward Harrigan Hall.
46. Keeping the Hall on your left, circle the Hall counterclockwise back to the hall entrance start point.

We hope you enjoyed our Sitka walking event.

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