

Towanda: County Seat of Bradford County

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The 5K route and the 10K route have different start locations.

Start Location for the 5K Route: Bradford County Veterans Memorial Park. Its address is 801 Main St, Towanda, PA but I found that Google Maps doesn't get me quite there with this address. I had better luck entering the intersection of John B Merrill Parkway and Robert D Farley Connector into Google Maps. Park in the small lot at the Veterans Memorial Park. Walk from Dawn to Dusk.

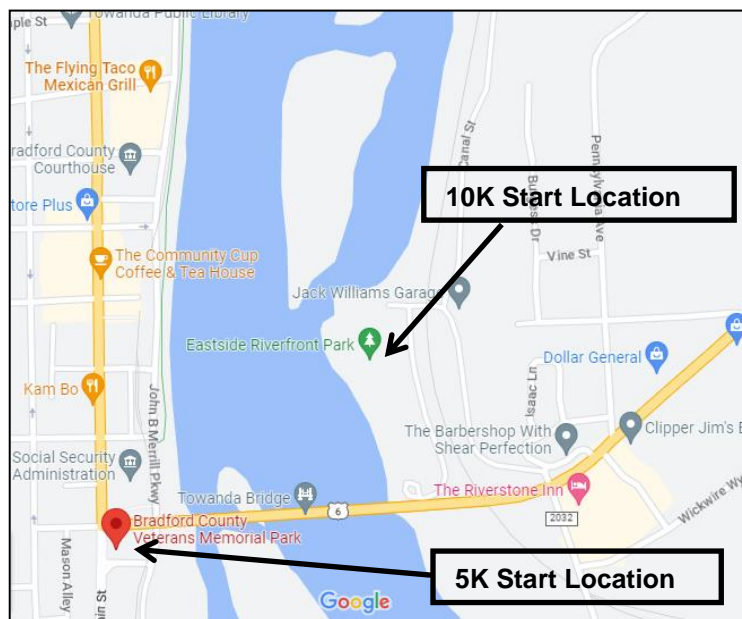
Driving Directions to get to the 5K Route Start Location:

From the east, take US-6 West to Towanda. After passing through Wysox, US-6 goes over the bridge across the Susquehanna. Turn LEFT at the traffic light after crossing the bridge. At the next light – which is a very short distance – turn left onto Robert D Farley Connector. Bradford County Veterans Memorial Park is immediately on your left. Turn LEFT into the parking lot.

Start Location for the 10K Route: Tommy Fairchild Park (formerly called Eastside Riverfront Park), 227 Old Rte 6 Rd, Towanda, PA.

Driving Directions to get to the 10K Route Start Location: From the east, take US-6 West to Towanda. After passing through Wysox, US-6 goes over the bridge across the Susquehanna. JUST BEFORE THAT BRIDGE, turn RIGHT onto Old Rte 6 Rd and go down the hill. Turn LEFT under the railroad bridge, and then turn left again and find a parking spot. We recommend you park near the picnic pavilion / portajohn (RESTROOM) area.

Walk Descriptions: Towanda is the county seat of Bradford County, PA. It sits along the Susquehanna River, and both the 5K and 10K routes will travel on a beautiful paved walkway along the river that has many benches, tables, Little Free Libraries and even a chess table or two. The trail returns along US-6 to pass historic mansions, some beautifully maintained and used as elegant Bed & Breakfasts, as well as Towanda's unique library, the county courthouse and many beautiful churches. The 10K route crosses the bridge over the Susquehanna River as well, and while on the bridge you can enjoy a great view of the town from a unique vantage point. Towanda is an old town and some of the sidewalks are uneven. There are steps along this route and there are some roads that do not have sidewalks, so you will need to walk on the left side of the road in those sections.



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These maps and directions may only be used in conjunction with a signed American Volkssport Association athletic waiver. All other uses are prohibited.

Restrooms: The 5K does not have a restroom at the start point. The 10K has a portajohn in the park at the start point. There is one portajohn along the riverwalk, and there is another portajohn at a park later in the walk on York Ave. There are restrooms available at the borough hall/police station and library when open. You might also be able to find a restroom at a business along your walk route.

Walk Completion and Credit: Be sure to log back into the OSB system to finish/complete your online registration after doing the event. The OSB system does not deduct any event fee from a participant's Event Bank until they have submitted event completion info including the date the event was walked, the distance walked, and the selection of applicable special programs that person is participating in. Nevertheless, a fee of \$2 for a downloaded PDF is deducted from the user's Event Bank when the PDF is downloaded. Later, any PDF fees are credited back to a user's Event Bank

when he/she submits the event completion info as a paying for credit participant. Note, however, the \$2 coupon for the downloaded PDF will expire in 60 days.

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5K Volkswalk Route

Rated 2A

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1. To begin the 5K walk, drive to Bradford County Veterans Memorial Park. Its address is 801 Main St, Towanda, PA but I found that Google Maps doesn't get me quite there with this address. The park is located at the intersection of John B Merrill Parkway and Robert D Farley Connector. Park in the small lot at the Veterans Memorial Park. There are no restrooms at the start point so you should try to find a restroom before you park, if you need one. There will be a few possibilities for restrooms and a portajohn along the walk.

2. Visit The Bradford County Veterans Memorial **(WALKING WITH AMERICA'S VETERANS Special Program)**. When you are finished, take the sidewalk with the black railings that goes away from the parking lot and underneath the US-6 bridge. Follow the sidewalk until it reaches a T-intersection with another sidewalk. Turn RIGHT onto that sidewalk.

3. Follow the sidewalk across railroad tracks and across a crosswalk in a road. The road is John B Merrill Parkway. Turn LEFT onto the asphalt trail on the other side of the road.

4. You are now on the Tommy Fairchild Trail, with the beautiful Susquehanna River on your right. You will be following this paved trail for quite a distance.

Enjoy the sights of the river as well as little gems along the trail itself. There are also interesting places across the street and sometimes railroad tracks to your left. You will pass the historic train stations, one of which now houses the Bradford County Tourism Promotion Agency. There are other historic sites along the trail and across the road with plaques that tell their story.

5. Across the road on the left, pass Elizabeth St, Washington St, Pine St and Court St.

6. At Park St across the road on the left – just before a large parking garage – look left. There is a POLICE sign on a brick building, and this is also Towanda's Borough Hall **(TOWN HALLS/CITY HALLS Special Program)**.

*There are also **RESTROOMS** inside the Police Station / Borough Hall when the building is open. Go inside the doors from Park St and look for an unlabeled white door on the right side of the hallway between the two doors for the police.*

7. Across the road on the left, pass State St, Jefferson St, Mix Ave, Chestnut St, a cemetery up on the hill, and a long ramp next to a black fence that goes up to Locust St.

8. Pass a portajohn (**RESTROOM**) on the right side of the trail.

9. When you come to a silver chain-link fence on your right, you are across from Packer Ave. Continue on the trail with the chain-link fence on your right, passing Kingsbury Ave, to Pratt Ave, which is just before the end of the chain-link fence. There is a Little Library on the right just after the chain-link fence.

10. Carefully cross John B Merrill Parkway and turn LEFT onto Pratt Ave. Use the sidewalk on the right side of Pratt

Ave. Cross William St, then a driveway to the right that goes into the Guthrie Robert Packer Hospital complex, and Sayre St on the left.

11. At the stop sign, turn LEFT, carefully crossing Pratt Ave and walking on the left side York Ave, which is also US-6. At first, walk through the parking lot of Dunkin Donuts and Hoffman Health Partners. After you cross Kingsbury Ave, and then pick up the sidewalk that now starts on the left side of York Ave.

You are now entering the Towanda Historic District, and this section of your trail is lined with stunning houses boasting unique architecture. Some are used today at Bed & Breakfasts. You will also pass historic churches and a very unique library!

12. Cross Packer Ave on the left, pass Oak St on the right and descend a short set of steps after the PennDOT building. Pass Ann St on the right.

*There is a playground and basketball courts on the left at Locust Ave and York Ave (**PAR FOR THE COURSE Special Program**). There is a portajohn (**RESTROOM**) along the side of the park furthest away from York Ave.*

13. Cross Walnut St and Barstow Ave on the left and Huston St on the right.

14. At Chestnut St, carefully cross Chestnut St AND York Ave in the crosswalks. You need to do this now, because the sidewalk on the left side of York Ave ends soon.

15. At Mix Ave on the left and Elm St on the right, York Ave merges with N Main St and the road ahead of you is now called Main St. Cross Elm St in the crosswalk and continue straight ahead on the sidewalk on Main St.

16. Cross Lombard St on the right, Jefferson St on the left and Maple St on the right.

*After Maple St is the Towanda Public Library, a very interesting building. Inside are **RESTROOMS** when the library is open – enter the front door and the restroom is on the left. As of this writing, the library is closed on Sundays and Fridays.*

17. Just after The Daily Review is State St. The road signs are on the wall of the brick building on the corner diagonally opposite The Daily Review. Carefully cross both Main St and State St in the crosswalks to get onto that diagonally opposite corner. You should now be standing in front of Foster Hall Antiques and General Store. Continue now on the sidewalk on the left side of Main St. You will continue to pass old storefronts and historic buildings as you enter the downtown area of Towanda.

18. Cross Park St on the left. You are now in front of the courthouse; Towanda is the County Seat of Bradford County.

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*In front of the courthouse, there is a clock (**ROCKIN' AROUND THE CLOCK Special Program**).*

In front of the courthouse is a historical sign that tells the history of Bradford County. Note that it had been named Ontario County until 1812. This is a qualifier for the **GREAT LAKES, GREAT FUN, GREAT FITNESS, GREAT FRIENDSHIP Special Program**. (Yup. We checked with the program's POC to make sure! ☺)

On the pillars of the courthouse are memorial plaques that are also qualifiers for the **WALKING WITH AMERICA'S VETERANS Special Program**. One plaque is a memorial for World War 1 veterans. The other plaque is a memorial for veterans who fought in the War with Spain in 1898.

19. Cross Court St on the left and Pine St.

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20. Continue on the left side of Main St, crossing Bridge St with the traffic light. Cross Beidelman Alley on the left, Washington St, and pass the historic Keystone Theatre on the left. Cross Elizabeth St.

21. Just before the traffic light at US-6 East / Means St with the US-6 bridge to the left, turn left on the sidewalk. The One Progress Plaza building is on your left. Follow the curving walkway down the hill (not the walkway over the bridge.)

22. Before you reach the railroad tracks, turn RIGHT onto the sidewalk that goes under the bridge.

23. Follow the sidewalk back to your car at the Bradford County Veterans Memorial.

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2. With the picnic pavilion on your left, begin walking on the wide trail to the left of the road. At the path triangle, you might wish to take a little optional detour to the left, away from the railroad bridge, to view the Susquehanna River up-close. The building with the dome across the river is the County Courthouse, which you will pass later in the walk.

3. At the path triangle, turn RIGHT, walk under the railroad bridge, and turn right again to walk up the hill.

4. At the top of the hill, turn RIGHT to walk on the sidewalk on the right side of US-6.

5. Cross the bridge over the Susquehanna River. The bridge is the Bradford County Veterans Memorial Bridge (**WALKING WITH AMERICA'S VETERANS Special Program**). From the bridge, you can enjoy a lovely view of the river with the skyline of Towanda next to it. You might even be able to see a train pass under the bridge as you cross it.

6. At the end of the bridge, turn RIGHT onto a sidewalk and descend a set of short set of steps. Turn right and descend the steps. Follow the walkway down the gentle hill.

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8. Follow the sidewalk to a parking lot. Go up the steps from the parking lot into the Bradford County Veterans Memorial.

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20. Cross Oak St and then turn RIGHT onto Oak St to walk on the sidewalk on the left side of the road. Where the sidewalk ends, walk on the left side of Oak St facing traffic.

21. Cross Orchard St, Porter Pl and Watts St on the left. Pass Oak Hill Cemetery on the right.

22. Turn LEFT onto N Fourth St and walk on the left side of the road. Cross Ann St and pass Wilmot Dr on the right.

23. Turn LEFT onto Huston St using the sidewalk on the left side of the road. BE CAREFUL here – it's a flagstone sidewalk with some of the stones sticking up and you really need to watch your step!

24. Turn LEFT onto Watts St, walking on the sidewalk on the left side of the road. Cross Ann St. Where the sidewalk ends, walk on the left side of the road facing traffic.

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Progress Plaza building is on your left. Follow the sidewalk under the black arch sign to the walkway over the bridge and turn LEFT.

36. Cross the Bradford County Veterans Memorial Bridge over the Susquehanna River.

37. After the bridge, turn LEFT to go down the hill on the first road – the road signs there read “Old Rt 6” and “US Route 6”.

38. At the bottom of the hill, turn LEFT to walk under the railroad bridge.

39. Turn LEFT at the next road, and walk either on the left side of the road or along the asphalt path to the right of the road back to your car at Tommy Fairchild Park.

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