

Southeast Striders Walking Club, Inc.

Dudley Park - North Oconee River Greenway 5K/11K Walk© Y3225 2022

The Southeast Striders Walking Club is the newest member of AVA: America's Walking Club. We welcome you to our Dudley - North Oconee River Greenway 5K/11k Year-Round Event (YRE) and thank you for taking interest in one of our walks. The North Oconee River Greenway is located in Athens, GA. The route follows a wide, paved and mostly shaded path free of traffic. The walk 11K walk begins at Dudley Park (www.accgov/dudley), meanders along the Oconee River past University of Georgia student housing old and new, past the east side of downtown Athens, then turns around at the Sandy Creek Nature Center (www.accgov/sandycreeknaturecenter). Cool off and enjoy the exhibits in the nature center before returning to Dudley Park along a similar route. The 5K walk also begins at Dudley Park but branches away from the 11K after crossing the Oconee River on a Rails to Trails bridge. The 5K then provides a great cross section of downtown Athens and a good taste of the Old College of the University of Georgia before returning to Dudley Park.

Walk Registration:

Please use the online start box provided by AVA: America's Walking Club (www.my.ava.org). After signing in, select the 'My Start Box' tab. Press the "Help" button in the upper right-hand corner for the instructions to sign a waiver and register for this event. Payment for event credit and walk directions uses your credit card. The walk directions and insert cards are PDFs that you can download and print as needed. The entire online process should take approximately 10 minutes for a first-time user. 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 and select the "Finish Table" tab. 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 later choose to print out.

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North Oconee River Greenway History

Athens is the home of the University of Georgia – the state’s signature university, and the first and oldest land grant college in the USA. UGA was founded in 1785 and is the birthplace of public higher education in the nation.

The North Oconee River Greenway is a 3.5 mile long, 10 foot wide, paved multi-use path open to walkers, runners, bikers and all types of non-motorized uses. The trail runs from Sandy Creek Nature Center alongside the North Oconee River to Dudley Park. Dudley Park includes a series of interpretive panels depicting Athens’ rich history. Learn about the former Cook and Brother Armory, Chicopee Mill, Dudley Park, Athens railroad prominence, and more.

The trail is rated 1A. Because bikers and runners use the trail, keeping to the right observing runner/cyclist courtesy is a must for your safety. The greenway is almost entirely under a canopy of mature trees.

Dudley Park - North Oconee River Greenway Start Point Location

Dudley Park, 1177 East Broad Street, Athens, GA 30601. Cook & Brother Plaza


Driving Directions

Dudley Park is just east of Downtown Athens. From the US 441 loop on the East side of Athens Take the Oconee St. exit heading East toward downtown Athens. Oconee St. turns into Oak St. Right onto S. Poplar Street. Left onto East Broad St. to the main entrance/parking lot for Dudley Park.

Restrooms

Public Restrooms are available at Dudley Park 365 days per year while Sandy Creek Nature Center is Tuesday through Saturday except on holidays. Sandy Creek Nature Center is closed on Sundays and Mondays.

Emergency Numbers

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|  | In Case of emergencies dial 911 Event related assistance, dial Harold Weber (904)704-8402 or Marie Weber (904) 703-8403. |
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Walking Instructions

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



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Start Point: Dudley Park, Cook & Brother Plaza 1177 East Broad Street, Athens, Georgia

There are a few designated parking spaces for the Oconee River Greenway at the entrance and more ahead. On weekdays, avoid parking in UGA designated spaces by continuing ahead and parking on the right side. Parking is plentiful. Restrooms are just after the start of the walk.

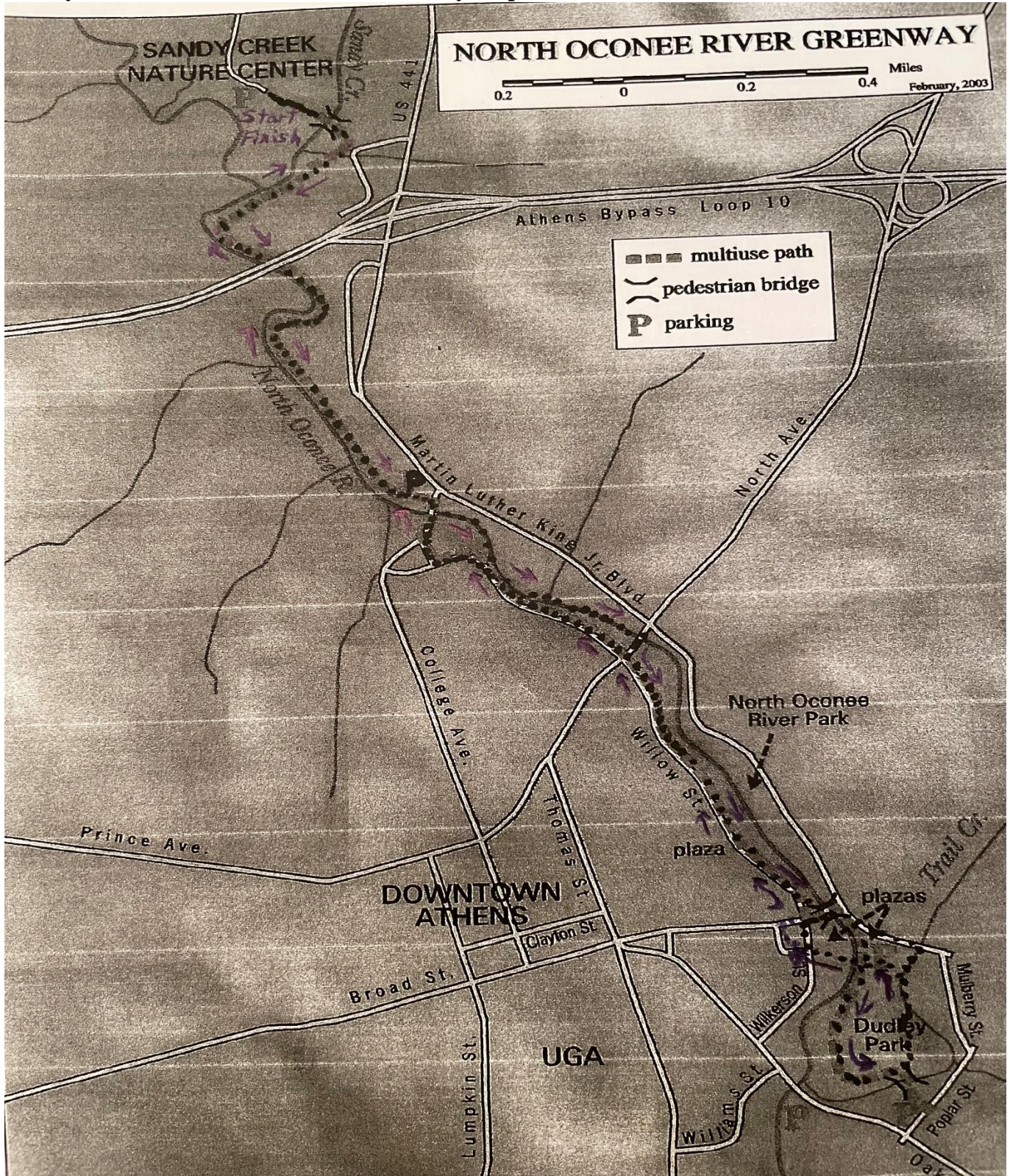
1. From the parking lot walk to the entrance of Cook and Brothers Plaza and observe the informative kiosks.
2. With your back to the parking lot, enter the Oconee River Greenway staying on the concrete path.
3. **Restrooms** are available at the circle ahead.
4. From the Restrooms & water fountain, follow concrete path to the RIGHT.
5. At the "Y", bear LEFT & Uphill toward the bridge railing.
6. Cross the bridge. You are now on **Rails to Trails**.
7. At the "Bulldawg" end of the trail, RIGHT onto East Broad St.
8. Cross Willow St. walking toward **Weaver D's Delicious Fine Foods**.
9. Turn LEFT, CAREFULLY crossing E. Broad St.
10. Walk on RIGHT sidewalk along Willow Street
11. Use the traffic signal and carefully cross North Avenue. Continue on Willow Street.
12. RIGHT on Elizabeth St. to crosswalk ahead
13. Use the blinking traffic signal, **CAREFULLY** cross College Avenue.
14. RIGHT on College Ave crossing bridge
15. LEFT onto Oconee River Greenway at stone pillars entrance
16. Cross pedestrian stone bridge, LEFT down the incline bearing RIGHT at the Stop Sign.
17. Remain on the Greenway until you reach **Sandy Creek Nature Center**
18. Bear LEFT at the nature center. **Restrooms** are located on the back of the building and inside the building.
19. Retrace your steps to the paved Oconee River Greenway.
20. Follow the Greenway passing the **Walker Hall** Classroom building on your left.
21. At the "Y" turn RIGHT. Walk under the bridge.
22. At the end of the greenway trail, turn RIGHT onto Martin Luther King Blvd.
23. RIGHT on North Avenue to walk over the bridge to traffic light ahead.
24. LEFT across North Ave. at the traffic light onto Willow St. Remain on the left side of Willow St.
25. **Caution!** At Willow and East Broad, cross Broad using crosswalk and walk LEFT toward the pedestrian bridge.
26. Cross the iron pedestrian bridge
27. RIGHT at the end of the bridge onto East Broad St.
28. Follow brick sidewalk into **Dudley Park**, the Greenway & **Cook & Brother Plaza**

Congratulations you have completed the Oconee River Greenway Walk. Thank you for walking a Southeast Striders Walk

On weekdays, Weaver D's is open, seating inside and outside. Other restaurants are up the hill from Weaver D's on Broad Street.

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Dudley Park – North Oconee River Greenway Map – 11k





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1177 East Broad Street, Athens, Georgia

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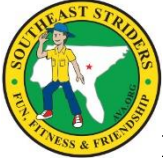
1. From the parking lot walk to the entrance of Cook and Brothers Plaza and observe the informative kiosks.
2. With your back to the parking lot, enter the Oconee River Greenway staying on the concrete path.
3. **Restrooms** are available at the circle ahead.
4. With your back to the water fountains, follow concrete path to the RIGHT.
5. At the "T", bear LEFT & Uphill toward the bridge railing ahead.
6. Cross the bridge. You are now on **Rails to Trails**.
7. At the end of the trail, walk LEFT.
8. Cross Hickory Street and turn RIGHT toward the Athens Transportation Center
9. Walk between the row of buses and enter the transportation center.
10. Walk LEFT inside. Restrooms are available ahead.
11. From the restrooms and water fountains, exit the door across the hall to the elevator.
12. Enter the elevator and press "4".
13. Exit the elevator turning RIGHT.
14. Walk across the open pedestrian bridge. Wave your hand in front of the accessible panels and the doors ahead will open.
15. The last door opens into the parking garage. Walk RIGHT onto the plaza. 130 Foundry Street.
16. Cross Foundry Street and walk RIGHT.
17. LEFT on E. Dougherty Street.
18. Cross E. Dougherty at end of street.
19. Walk LEFT using the crosswalk and CAREFULLY cross North Thomas Street.
20. Walk RIGHT on N. Thomas to the **Athens Welcome Center**. Hours vary. 706-353-1820 for info. Restrooms open after 10am.
21. Exit the Welcome Center, walk RIGHT on N. Thomas (no sign).
22. Cross E. Hancock and walk RIGHT, ½ block.
23. Mid-block, walk up the steps between the parking garage and the Athens Clark County Judicial Center.
24. Walk through the **Veterans Memorial Plaza** to Washington Street at mid block, (no street sign)
25. Right 2 ½ blocks to N. Lumpkin Street. (Pass **City Hall & clock tower & Ben Epps Statue**).
26. Cross N. Lumpkin St, Walk LEFT on N. Lumpkin
27. At **Georgia Theater**, walk LEFT to cross N. Lumpkin onto Clayton (street sign is one way overhead).
28. At College Avenue, cross E. Clayton and walk RIGHT.
29. See **Georgia Theater across the street**, walk LEFT on N. Lumpkin (street sign is one way overhead again).
30. LEFT on Broad St.
31. RIGHT at College Ave. Crossing Broad onto **UGA North Campus**, notice historic markers throughout North Campus.
32. Walk past **Holmes/Hunter Building**,
33. Pass the **Law building & Old College**
34. LEFT in front of the (6 columns) Main library

35. LEFT at the end of the Main library onto the sidewalk
36. Pass by all the Academic Halls.
37. Pass **Phi Kappa Hall**, walk LEFT on brick sidewalk at Broad St.
38. RIGHT to cross E. Broad Street at College Ave.
39. Cross College Ave. toward Starbucks
40. LEFT on College Ave. keeping Starbucks on your right, walk **1 block**.
41. RIGHT on Clayton St. (sign may be missing)
42. Walk 3 blocks, at end of street, Cross Thomas St. and walk RIGHT (no street sign).
43. LEFT at E. Broad Street downhill to Willow St.
44. Cross Willow Street.
45. Cross E. Broad St. toward **Weaver D's Delicious Fine Foods, open weekdays for lunch.**

46. LEFT in front of Weaver D's toward the iron pedestrian bridge.
47. Cross the bridge and walk RIGHT on E. Broad
48. At Dudley Park entrance, turn RIGHT.
49. Enjoy the Cook and Brother Plaza historic kiosks.

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2022 Special Programs

Walking USA A-Z, Walking the United States (50 States), Rails-to-Trails, Town Halls / City Halls
And Rockin' Around The Clock (5k only)

**Southeast Striders
Listing of YRE's
And Traditional Events**

Watson Mill Bridge State Park 6/11k YRE

Watkinsville 5/10k YRE

North Oconee River Greenway – Sandy Creek Nature Center 6/11K

Dudley Park – North Oconee River Greenway 5/11K

Please see website: www.southeaststriderswalkingclub.org