

# *Southeast Striders Walking Club, Inc.*

## **Watkinsville 5K/10K Walk© Y3226 2022**

The Southeast Striders Walking Club is the newest member of AVA: America’s Walking Club. We welcome you to our Watkinsville 6K/10k Year-Round Event (YRE) and thank you for taking interest in one of our walks. The Watkinsville walks take you through downtown Watkinsville, the Eagle Tavern Museum, surrounding neighborhoods, and Watkinsville Woods.

### **Walk Registration:**

Please use the online start box provided by AVA: America’s Walking Club ([www.my.ava.org](http://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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## Watkinsville History

Watkinsville first appeared in Clarke County records in 1791, only 58 years after James Edward Oglethorpe founded the colony of Georgia. In 1802, John Cobb gave up 8 lots of his plantation to create the city. It then became the county seat for Clarke County and remained so until 1872. Also in 1802, Watkinsville, originally known as the “Big Springs” community, was named after Colonel Robert Watkins of Augusta, a lawyer and early compiler of “A Digest of the Laws of the State of Georgia” through 1799. Watkinsville was a small village located on the dangerous western frontier of the new United States between Creek and Cherokee territories. Eagle Tavern, believed to stand on the site of the old Fort Edward, opened in 1801 and today serves as a museum commemorating the era of wagon and stagecoach travel.

In 1872, the county seat for Clarke County was moved to Athens. The locals surrounding Watkinsville were not happy and voted to create a new county, named after the Oconee River on its eastern border, and Watkinsville became its seat on February 25, 1875.

Until the late 1970s, Oconee County remained primarily an agricultural county with Watkinsville standing somewhat still in time. It wasn't until the early 1990's that Watkinsville found and redefined itself. With the success of the Oconee Cultural Arts Foundation (located on School Street) and the influx of local artists to the area, as well as the opening of two fine restaurants, the City started to see its true potential.

The City is proud of its heritage and what it has accomplished. Over the last twenty years, it has re-invented itself into a desired location in which to live, do business and visit. We are a Tree City, a Bird

Sanctuary, a Mecca for the arts, we experience a practically nonexistent crime rate, and we continue to plan for the future.

## Watkinsville Start Point Location

10 Water Street, Watkinsville, GA – parking and restrooms behind the courthouse and welcome center.


## Driving Directions

From GA 15 / Greensboro Highway, go West on Harden Hill Road and immediately right onto Water Street. There is ample parking and restrooms at 10 Water Street, Watkinsville, GA. The parking lot is behind the courthouse and Welcome Center and is the start point of the walk.

## Restrooms

Public restrooms are available at the start point.

## Emergency Numbers

	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.

## Watkinsville 10K Walk Directions

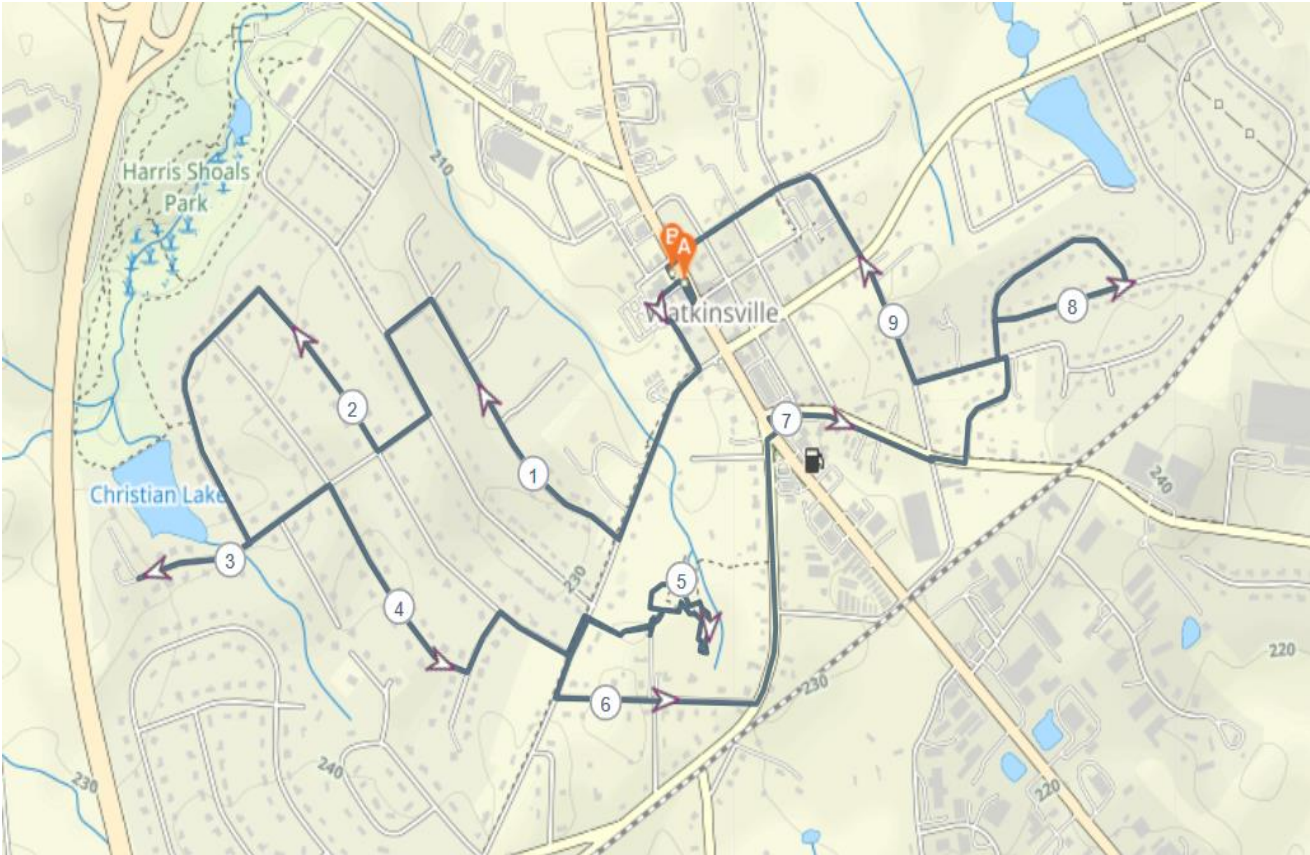
1. From the restrooms walk out of the parking lot to Water Street
2. RIGHT on Water Street
3. RIGHT on Harden Hill Road a good distance
4. After crossing the footbridge, look for Height Drive.
5. RIGHT on Hight Drive
6. LEFT on Bond
7. LEFT on VFW
8. RIGHT on Harden Hill
9. RIGHT on Christian Dr.
10. LEFT on Christian Terrace
11. LEFT on Felton Dr.
12. RIGHT on Jacobs DR.
13. LEFT on Christian Court
14. RIGHT on Christian Drive
15. LEFT on Harden Hill
16. Use the Flashing Warning Sign, Cross into **Watkinsville Woods Trails**
17. Enter the trails and always take the RIGHT TURNS EXCEPT the right turn to S. Main Street. Pass it.
18. Exit Watkinsville Woods Trails at **Jackson Terrace. (See the Tree Sculpture and the Info Kiosk). There is no street sign, follow the car lane away from the trails.**
19. **At Jackson St. you will see WRONG WAY on your left – that is for cars, not walkers.**
20. WALK LEFT at Jackson Street
21. LEFT on S. Main Street
22. At **Jittery Joes**, Use Crosswalk Signal to walk RIGHT and continue across Greensboro Hwy toward **Traveling Hobo Café**
23. Walk on the sidewalk to Barnett Shoals Road
24. **Carefully** cross Barnett Shoals Rd and turn RIGHT
25. LEFT at Lawanna Drive
26. LEFT on Wilson
27. RIGHT on Jeremy Dr
28. RIGHT on Katie Lane
29. LEFT on Jeremy
30. RIGHT on Wilson
31. RIGHT on 3<sup>rd</sup>. Street
32. Carefully cross Simonton Road
33. Curve left on 3<sup>rd</sup> St. at Mulberry
34. RIGHT on Thrasher Street
35. LEFT on N. Main Street
36. **Eagle Tavern Museum (1801)** will be on your left at 3<sup>rd</sup> Street
37. Carefully cross N. Main St. at Eagle Tavern Museum.
38. Walk behind the Courthouse and Welcome Center
39. Finish Point at Welcome Center parking lot.

Thank you for completing the Southeast Striders' Watkinsville 10K walk.

POC Marie and Harold Weber  
904 703-8403 or 904 704-8402

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Southeast Striders Walking Club

# Watkinsville 10K Map



## Watkinsville 5k Walk Directions

From GA15/Greensboro Highway, drive west onto Harden Hill Road and immediately right to 10 Water Street. Restrooms and ample parking are on your left and located behind the courthouse and Oconee County Welcome Center. This is the start point.

1. From the restrooms, walk out of the parking lot and walk **RIGHT** to Harden Hill Road
2. **RIGHT** on Harden Hill Rd a good distance
3. After crossing the footbridge, look for Height Drive
4. **RIGHT** on Height Drive
5. **LEFT** on Bond
6. At the "T", **LEFT** on VFW (no sign)
7. At the end of VFW, use the crosswalk and cross VFW.
8. Continue on the sidewalk toward the pedestrian crosswalk sign and flash signal.
9. Use the Flashing Warning Sign, carefully cross into **Watkinsville Woods Trails**.
10. Enter the trails and always take the **RIGHT turns** following the **South Loop**
11. Follow the sign pointing to the **RIGHT to South Main Street**.
12. At the covered bench, walk straight ahead.
13. Cross the sewer line clearing, see rooftops ahead and walk straight ahead uphill.
14. **LEFT** on Main Street/Macon Highway Sidewalk at end of trail.
15. Pass **Haygood House** on Left and see historic sign re: Bishop A. G. Haygood and Laura A. Haygood
16. At Barnett Shoals Road (& Jittery Joes Coffee Shop), Use Crosswalk Signal to walk **RIGHT** and continue across Greensboro Hwy toward **Traveling Hobo Café**
17. Walk **LEFT** on the sidewalk to Barnett Shoals Road
18. Use pedestrian traffic signal and carefully cross Barnett Shoals Road
19. **RIGHT** on Barnett Shoals
20. **LEFT** at 2<sup>nd</sup> Street
21. Carefully cross Simonton Bridge Road
22. **Cross School St. and turn LEFT** 1 block.
23. **RIGHT** on 1<sup>st</sup> Street (no sign, see Sakred Bridal shop).
24. At the next intersection, **LEFT** on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, **Eagle Tavern Museum** will be ahead. There are two historical markers on the Tavern lawn with reference to the tavern, hotel and stagecoach stop in the early 1800s.
25. Exit the Eagle Tavern lawn and carefully cross Main Street
26. **LEFT** on Main Street. The **Oconee County Welcome Center** is ahead . Private tours of the Eagle Tavern Museum are available between 9 & 4 M-F. (706 769-5197)
27. Exit the Welcome Center. **RIGHT** on School St **to Parking & Restrooms**.

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**Watkinsville**

## **2022 Special Programs**

Walking USA A-Z, Walking the United States (50 States)

## **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](http://www.southeaststriderswalkingclub.org)