



# *Southeast Striders Walking Club*

## **Athens Sampler**

### **5K/10K Walk Y3258 ©2026**

The Southeast Striders Walking Club is one of the newest members of AVA: America’s Walking Club. We welcome you to our Athens Sampler 5k/10k Year-Round Event (YRE) and thank you for taking interest in one of our walks. The Athens Sampler 10k provides a good cross-section of some of Athens’ better attractions. The walk begins at Dudley Park just East of Downtown, crosses the Oconee River on the Rails-to-Trails bridge, proceeds through the transportation center, to the Athens Welcome Center, to the Veterans Memorial, alongside City Hall, meanders through Downtown shops and restaurants, then provides a thorough pathway through the University of Georgia campus, and finally returns alongside Downtown to Dudley Park. The 5K walk also begins at Dudley Park but branches away from the 10K at the UGA Main Library while providing a good taste of the Old College of the University of Georgia before returning to Dudley Park. The trail is rated 2A.

### **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.

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### Athens / UGA 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. UGA now registers over 40,000 students. With three other colleges in town, Athens is a premier American College Town.

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 Dudley Park alongside the North Oconee River to Sandy Creek Nature Center. 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.

Downtown Athens is a classic Main Street American town. You will see the City Hall, numerous fine restaurants spanning every type of cuisine, an eclectic collection of mainly locally-owned shops, and of course many bars to celebrate those glorious Fridays and the weekend after an intense week of studying.

#### Athens Sampler 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. Restrooms are also available on the 10k at the Tate Student Center.

### Emergency Numbers

	<p>In Case of emergencies dial 911            Event related assistance, dial            Harold Weber (904)704-8402 or            Marie Weber (904) 703-8403.</p>
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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 in **Park-Trails Parking**. Parking is plentiful. **Restrooms** are just after the start of the walk.

Special Programs: Rails to Trails, Walking With America's Veterans, Walking the USA A – Z.

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. (see the curved stone wall and the star logo at your feet).
3. **Restrooms** are available at the circle ahead.
4. Walk away from the restrooms on the concrete path toward the sunflower sculpture at the top of the hill.
5. **At the first "Y" bear LEFT & immediately at the second "Y" bear RIGHT Uphill** toward the bridge railing ahead.
6. **LEFT** to Cross the bridge. You are now on **Rails to Trails**.
7. **Left** up the stairs toward the apartments.
8. At the stoplight, cross Hickory Street and turn **RIGHT** toward the Athens Transportation Center
9. Walk between the row of buses and enter the transportation center.
10. **Bear LEFT** inside. Restrooms 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 signal and **CAREFULLY** cross North Thomas Street.
20. **RIGHT** on N. Thomas to the **Athens Welcome Center** (See blue sign). Hours vary. **706-353-1820** for info. Restrooms open after 10am.
21. Exit the Welcome Center, walk **RIGHT** on N. Thomas (no sign) retracing your steps.
22. **RIGHT** on Washington Street
23. Mid-block, walk **RIGHT** into the **Veterans Memorial Plaza (before Courthouse sign)**
24. Turn around and retrace your steps to **RIGHT** on Washington Street
25. 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, **RIGHT** to cross E. Clayton and walk **RIGHT** on the other side of E. Clayton.
29. See **Georgia Theater across the street** and **Globe Bar**, walk **LEFT** on N. Lumpkin (street sign is one way overhead again). **1 Block**.
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 **Old College, Law Library, Law School**
34. **At the "T", Right At Dean Rusk Hall**
35. Cross wide sidewalk & **LEFT** at "T" (see **Brooks Hall**)
36. **Walk downstairs** to Baldwin St. & cross Baldwin Street continuing straight ahead.
37. **Right at "Y"** on sidewalk toward building with a dome. Walk into the covered walkway.
38. **Walk Downstairs on RIGHT, walk LEFT** toward Bookstore. Keep bookstore on your left.
39. Bear **RIGHT** down the steps & enter **Tate Student Center**. (if the center is closed, walk **LEFT** up to Sanford Drive and turn **RIGHT**).
40. Walk toward **"Information Desk"**

41. **Water and Restrooms available (see mural ahead).**
42. **From the Information Desk, RIGHT to EXIT Tate Student Center**
43. **LEFT up the stairs to Sanford Dr.**
44. **RIGHT** on Sanford
45. **Cross Sanford** at first crosswalk
46. **Right** on Sanford a good distance
47. **Cross** Green Street
48. **LEFT** on Carlton Street a good distance to East Campus Road
49. Cross East Campus Road & RR Tracks
50. At **Georgia Museum of Art** sign, turn **LEFT, then RIGHT** to walk along sidewalk next to the parking garage.
51. **LEFT** at Horse sculpture to front of Art Museum
52. Continue walking across the front of the Art Museum
53. **Bear LEFT** at the circle walking away from the **School of Music**
54. **Again, cross East Campus Drive to** East Green Street.
55. Continue East Green St. as it becomes a sidewalk.
56. **Bear RIGHT at the "Y"** toward the greenhouses of the **UGA Trial Gardens**
57. **Pass greenhouses on left** walking into opening of the Trial Gardens (College of Pharmacy building will be on your right)
58. Enjoy the **Trial Gardens**
59. **EXIT the Trial Gardens through a trellis at the end of the College of Pharmacy building.**
60. **Walk RIGHT** diagonally across the street toward steps ahead
61. **LEFT** ½ way around the circle keeping **S05 lot** and **brick smokestacks** on your right
62. **Pass Barrow Hall** on right
63. **LEFT** at the "Y"
64. **At the "T" cross Cedar St. and walk LEFT on Cedar Street.** (Cedar Street & DW Brooks)
65. Pass Physics building on right and walk directly into crosswalk to cross Sanford (no sign)
66. **RIGHT** on Sanford
67. To view Sanford Stadium ahead, use crosswalk at Tate Center to walk over. Photo Op!
68. Walk back across Sanford, turn **RIGHT**
69. **LEFT** on Baldwin to **UGA Theater/Drama Department. See murals on theater**
70. Use crosswalk in front of **Theater** to cross Baldwin Street.
71. Take stairs on the left ahead
72. **LEFT** into **Founders Memorial Garden**
73. **Walk through gates**, pass fishpond
74. **RIGHT** on cobblestone path to front of Founders Memorial House
75. Continue to the **flagstone path** through garden
76. **Take short stairs** ahead to street
77. **LEFT up the street, to stairs diagonally on right**
78. **LEFT** in front of **Gilbert Hall**
79. **At the "Y" RIGHT** to Herty Drive (toward **UGA Bell Tower**)
80. **LEFT** on Herty Drive (no sign) to East Broad Street
81. **Right** on East Broad to College St. at **UGA Arch.**
82. **LEFT across E. Broad**
83. **RIGHT on E. Broad** downhill over RR tracks to **Weaver D's Fine Delicious Foods** (Green building)
84. **No Signal, carefully cross E. Broad at Weaver D's.**
85. **Cross pedestrian footbridge** on the left
86. **RIGHT** on East Broad to Dudley Park

**Congratulations, you have completed the Southeast Striders Athens Sampler 10k created by Certified Trailmasters Harold and Marie Weber. We hope you enjoyed your walk.**

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

# Athens Sampler Map 10k





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35. **LEFT** in front of the (6 columns) Main library.
36. **LEFT** at the end of the Main library onto the sidewalk
37. Pass by all the Academic Halls.

38. Pass **Phi Kappa Hall**, walk **LEFT** on brick sidewalk at the "T" (Broad St.-no sign).
39. **RIGHT** to cross E. Broad Street at College Ave.
40. Cross College Ave. toward Starbucks
41. **LEFT** on College Ave. keeping Starbucks on your right, walk **1 block**.
42. **RIGHT** on Clayton St. (sign may be missing)
43. Walk 3 blocks, at end of street, Cross Thomas St. and walk **RIGHT** (no street sign).
44. **LEFT** at E. Broad Street downhill to Willow St.
45. Cross Willow Street.
46. Cross E. Broad St. toward **Weaver D's Delicious Fine Foods, open weekdays for lunch.**
47. **LEFT** in front of Weaver D's toward the iron pedestrian bridge.
48. Cross the bridge and walk **RIGHT** on E. Broad
49. At Dudley Park entrance, turn **RIGHT**.
50. Enjoy the Cook and Brother Plaza historic kiosks.

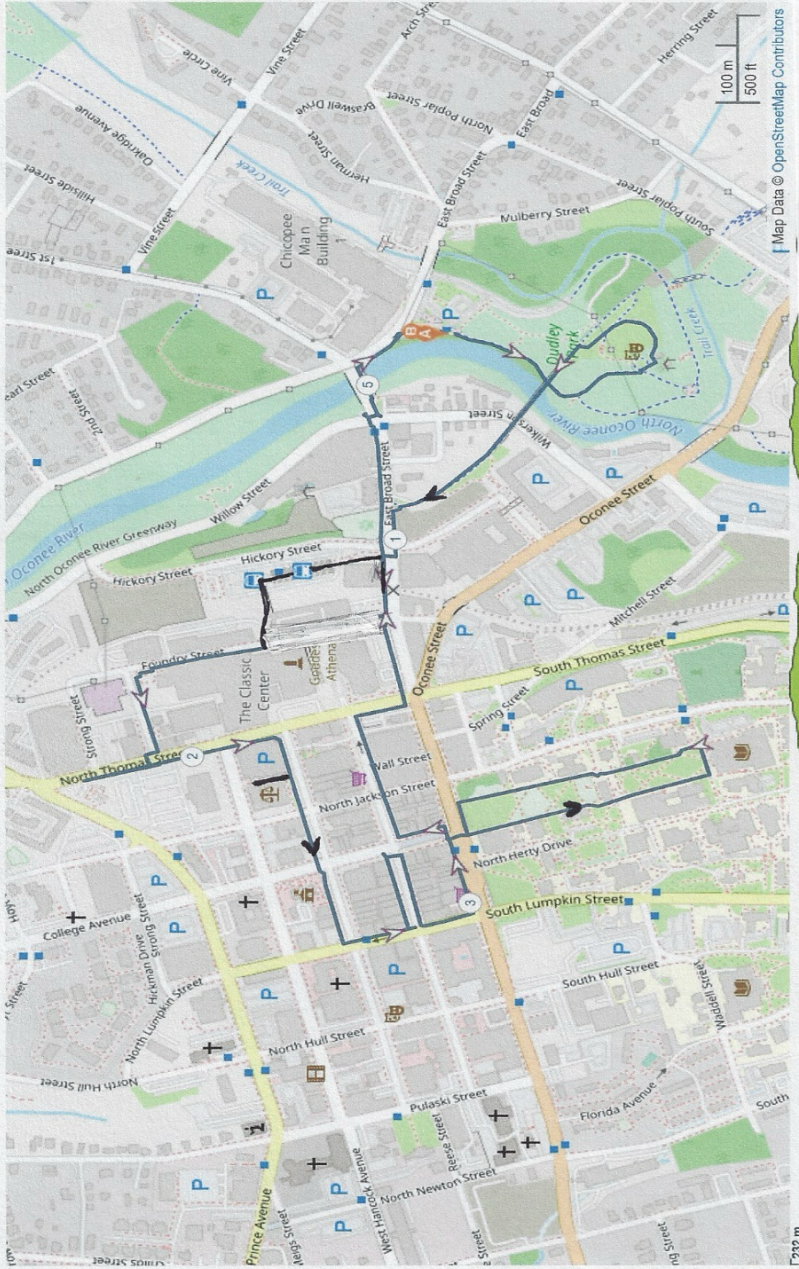
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# Athens Sampler 5K Map

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## Athens Sampler 5k





## ***Southeast Striders Walking Club***

### **Athens Sampler 5k and 10k**

#### **2026 Special Programs**

Walking USA A-Z, Walking the United States (50 States),  
Rails-to-Trails, Walking with America's Veterans

### **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 YRE

Carrs Hill 5/11K YRE

Athens Sampler 5/10K YRE

US 441 The Lake at Sandy Creek Park 5K/10K YRE

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