

Southeast Striders Walking Club, Inc.

Watkinsville 5K/10K Walk© Y3259 2025

The Southeast Striders Walking Club is one of the newest members of AVA: America’s Walking Club. We welcome you to our Watkinsville 5K/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, Wire Park, and Watkinsville Woods.

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 can print out later to mail to AVA Headquarters for credit.

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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. Watkins was a lawyer and early compiler of “A Digest of the Laws of the State of Georgia” published in 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.

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 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.

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.



Southeast Striders

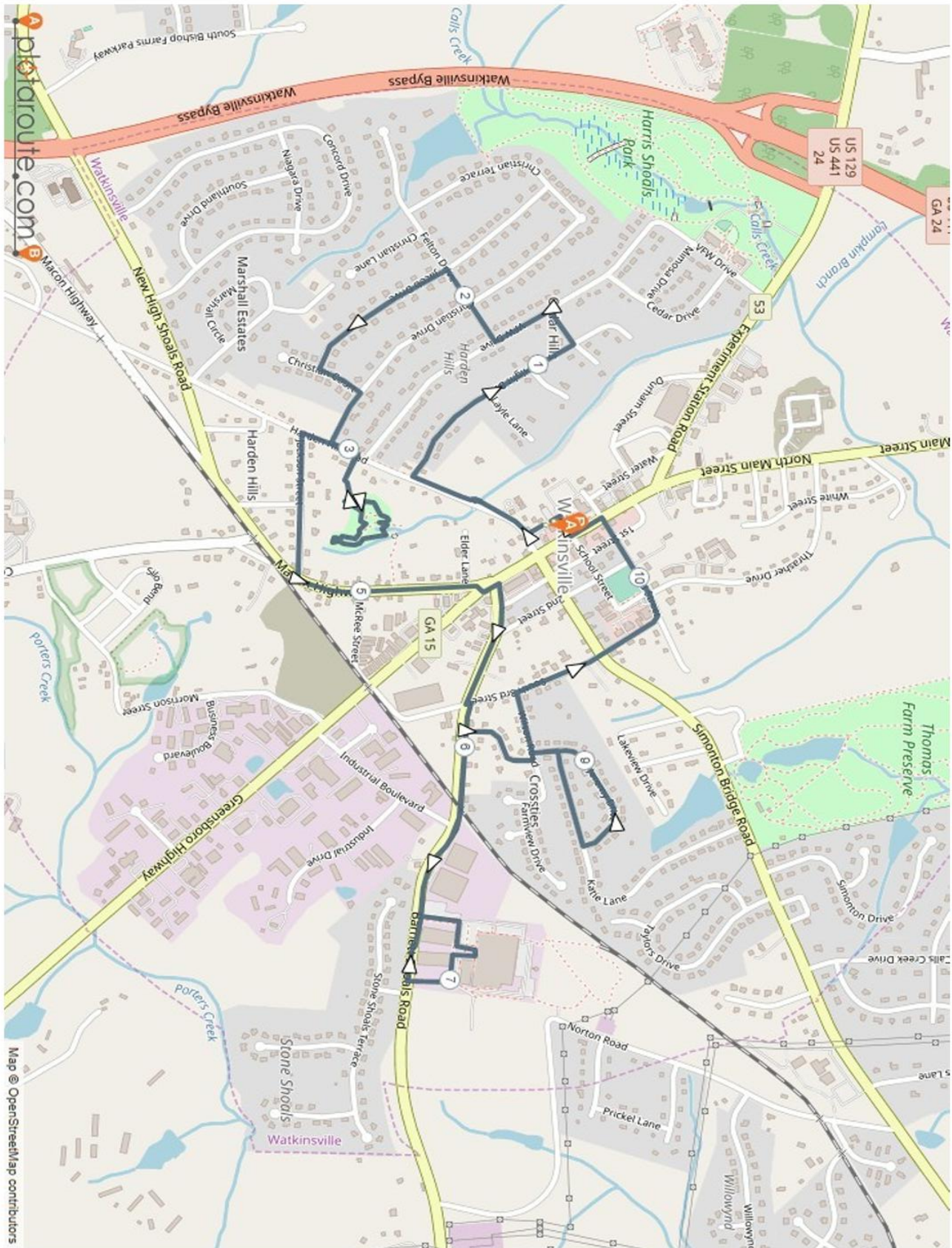
Watkinsville, GA 10k

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 are located behind the courthouse and Oconee County Welcome Center. This is the start point.

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 Hight Drive.
5. RIGHT on Hight Drive.
6. LEFT on Bond.
7. LEFT on VFW.
8. RIGHT on Felton Dr.
9. LEFT on Jacob Dr.
10. LEFT on Christian Court.
11. RIGHT on Christian Dr.
12. LEFT on Harden Hill Road.
13. Use the Flashing Warning Sign, Cross into **Watkinsville Woods Trails**.
14. Enter the trails and always take the RIGHT TURNS EXCEPT the right turn to S. Main Street. Pass it.
15. 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.**
16. **At Jackson St.** walk LEFT (ignore One-Way sign).
17. LEFT on S. Main Street for a good distance.
18. See **Jittery Joes** on the right, Use Crosswalk Signal to walk RIGHT and continue across Greensboro Hwy toward **Traveling Hobo Café**.
19. Walk LEFT on the sidewalk to Barnett Shoals Road.
20. **Carefully** cross Barnett Shoals Rd and turn RIGHT. Walk appr 1.4 K.
21. Left at Wire Park Water Tower onto Electric Avenue.
22. Pass the condos, RIGHT at the Directory.
23. Left toward the stage & courtyard.
24. Restrooms are on the LEFT (sign overhead).
25. Right from the restrooms.
26. LEFT to loop around the courtyard.
27. Pass **Food Court** on your left.
28. Exit the courtyard & pass the stage.
29. Cross street (unnamed) and LEFT onto the Condo sidewalk.
30. RIGHT at the dead end.
31. RIGHT at stop sign (Barnett Shoals Rd.) for a good distance.
32. RIGHT at Lawanna Drive.
33. LEFT on Wilson (no street sign).
34. RIGHT on Jeremy Dr.
35. RIGHT on Katie Lane.
36. LEFT on Jeremy Drive (a loop).
37. RIGHT on Wilson (no street sign).
38. RIGHT on 3rd. Street.
39. Carefully cross Simonton Bridge Road.
40. Curve left on 3rd St. at Mulberry.
41. **Eagle Tavern Museum (1801)** will be on your left at 3rd Street & N. Main St.
42. Carefully cross N. Main St. at Eagle Tavern Museum. LEFT on N. Main St.
43. RIGHT on School Street.
44. Left on Water Street to Finish Point.

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POC Marie Weber 904 703-8403

Watkinsville 10K Map



Watkinsville 5k Walk Directions

1. RIGHT out of the parking lot.
2. LEFT at the crosswalk and onto the sidewalk.
3. RIGHT onto Main St. sidewalk to Harden Hill / Simonton Bridge.
4. LEFT to cross Main Street.
5. RIGHT to cross Simonton Bridge.
6. LEFT to walk alongside shops ahead.
7. LEFT around storefronts to 1st Street.
8. RIGHT on 1st Street.
9. LEFT on Barnett Shoals Road.
10. Walk about 1.4k to Wire Park.
11. LEFT at Wire Park Water Tower onto Electric Avenue.
12. Pass the condos, turn RIGHT at the Directory sign.
13. LEFT toward the stage & courtyard.
14. Walk inside, RESTROOMS on left side.
15. RIGHT from restrooms.
16. LEFT to loop around the courtyard.
17. Pass Food Court on the left.
18. Exit the courtyard & pass the stage.
19. Cross Street (unnamed) and LEFT onto the condo sidewalk.
20. RIGHT at dead end.
21. RIGHT at stop sign (Barnett Shoals Rd.) for a good distance.
22. RIGHT on Lawanna Drive.
23. LEFT on Wilson (no sign).

24. RIGHT on Jeremy Drive.
25. RIGHT on Katie Lane.
26. LEFT on Jeremy Drive (a loop).
27. RIGHT on Wilson (no sign).
28. RIGHT on 3rd Street.
29. Carefully cross Simonton Bridge Rd.
30. Curve left on 3rd St. at Mulberry.
31. Explore Eagle Tavern Museum on your left at 3rd Street and N. Main Street.
32. Carefully cross N. Main St. at Eagle Tavern
33. Left on N. Main Street.
34. RIGHT on School Street.
35. LEFT on Water Street to Finish Point.

Thank you for walking our walk.
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Watkinsville

2025 Special Programs

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

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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

Athens Sampler 5/10k YRE

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