

EAST GREENWICH RI TRAIL –5K, 6K and 11K
Y3261-2023 Connecticut Valley Volkssport Club

“PRE-AMBLE”:

City/State	East Greenwich, Rhode Island
Event Name	East Greenwich in Kent County This is a “two-fer” walk 15 miles south of the state capitol in Providence. Walk 5K in the quaint, historic village of East Greenwich and/or 6K in the scenic Goddard Memorial State Park along Greenwich Cove.
Event Type	OSB Seasonal Walk (2023/Y3261) 4/1 – 12/31/2023
Award	IVV Credit Only
Rating	Village : 2A: State Park: 2B
Distance	11K possible: two non-contiguous walks: 5K (Village) and 6K (State Park)
Strollers	Medium – Village walk only
Wheelchairs	Medium – Village walk only
Pets	Yes
Restrooms and Water	Yes. In restaurants in center of East Greenwich and in the State Park (porta-potties).
Sponsoring Club	Connecticut Valley Volkssport Club
POC	Carol West, Carol.West@sbcglobal.net, 860-721-1185. P.O. Box 251, Glastonbury, CT 06033
Start Point/Driving Directions	<p>WEB REGISTRATION ONLY, using the AVA Online Start Box.</p> <p>EAST GREENWICH Village WALK: Public parking lot, opposite Montrose St. <u>From I-95N:</u> Take exit 8A toward RI Rt. 2S, then turn right onto RI-401E, then left onto Rt. 1N/Main St. in East Greenwich. Proceed north through downtown to the free public parking lot on right between Montrose St. and Melrose St. (which come in from the left). GPS Coordinates: 41.662, -71.449</p> <p>EAST GREENWICH Goddard Memorial State Park WALK: Goddard Memorial State Park Beach parking lot <u>From I-95N:</u> Take exit 8A toward RI Rt. 2S, then turn right onto RI-401E, then right onto Rt. 1S/Main St. in East Greenwich. In 0.5 mi., turn left onto Old Forge Rd./Ives Rd., which leads to the Goddard Memorial State Park. Then turn left (2nd left, passing the first left used for the Saturday Farmers Market) at the Park main entrance (opposite Wampanoag Rd., which comes in from the right). Proceed down the road (passing Potowomut Golf Club and the Park Office) until you reach the beach on Greenwich Cove, with its large public parking area to the right. Trailhead will be at the far right end of the parking lot. GPS Coordinates: 41.668, -71.429</p> <p><u>From East Greenwich Village Start Point to Goddard Memorial State Park Beach Parking Lot:</u> Drive south on Rt. 1/Main St. in East Greenwich and take left onto Old Forge Rd./Ives Rd. Then turn left (2nd left, passing the first left (Equestrian) used for the Saturday Farmers Market and an entrance with two stone pillars) at the Park main entrance (opposite Wampanoag Rd., which comes in from the right). Proceed down the road (passing Potowomut Golf Club and the Park Office) until you reach the beach on Greenwich Cove, with its large public parking area to the right. Trailhead will be at the far right end of the parking lot.</p>

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Event Information	<p>Trail Highlights: Two distinctive walks, separated by a 10-minute (4-mile) drive. The village of East Greenwich, the eighth oldest community (late 1600s) in Rhode Island, is located on the western shore of Narragansett Bay. It was an important port, known for ship building and fishing, and its Kent County Courthouse was where the first Navy in the western hemisphere was created. Volkssporters will pass by 18th and 19th century houses and learn about Nathanael Greene, James M. Varnum and the Kentish Guards.</p> <p>Lots of eateries on Main St. for hungry volkssporters, too! The walk through Goddard Memorial State Park, popular with walkers, bikers and horseback riders, is pleasant and boasts beautiful water views.</p>
Hours	Dawn to dusk
Special Programs	Walk the USA A-Z; America’s Veterans (Village only), Town Hall (Village only), Washington-Rochambeau National Historic Trail
Comments	

“POST-AMBLE”:

Be sure to log back into the OSB system to “finish/complete” your online registration after doing the walk. The OSB system does not deduct any walking fee from a walker’s Event Bank until they have submitted walk completion info., including the date the event was walked, the distance walked, and the selection of applicable special programs that walker 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 walker’s Event Bank when he/she submits the walk completion info as a paying for credit walker. Note, however, the \$2 coupon for the downloaded PDF will expire in 60 days.)

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East Greenwich VILLAGE 5K Directions	
DIRECTIONS	COMMENTARY
<p><i>The East Greenwich, RI event consists of two non-contiguous walks, separated by approx. 4 miles. Walkers can do either or both walks:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5K in the village of East Greenwich • 6K in the Goddard Memorial State Park <p><i>for a possible total distance of 11K</i></p>	
<p>East Greenwich VILLAGE 5K Directions</p>	
<p>1. Park in Main St. lot, east side, opposite Montrose St. (address is approx. 99 Washington St.). Leaving parking lot, turn right on Main St. and walk 2 blocks.</p>	<p>Check fees, which may apply May – September.</p> <p>East Greenwich is an old town, established in 1677. Was named after Greenwich County of Kent, England. Originally owned and inhabited by the Narragansetts, who established the Pequot Trail in the early 1600s, which closely follows modern day Main St.</p>
<p>2. Turn left on Division St. (so called because it is the division between Warwick and E. Greenwich), crossing Main St. carefully at crosswalk. Continue for 5 blocks. After 3rd block (Rector St.) at #48 Division, cross over to north side of Division St., where sidewalk continues.</p>	<p>Opposite the parking lots: The Greenwich Odeum Theater (1926)</p> <p>At corner of Division St.: on right is Varnum Armory (open one Sunday per month, 11 am – 4 pm) – built in 1907, medieval style - and Military History Museum (textile conservation lab in basement). Boy Scout Eagle ceremonies have been held here for years. Also, note the former U.S. Post Office on corner, which is now a restaurant.</p> <p>Dr. Jeremiah Greene - #15 Division (1780)</p> <p>Miller-Congdon House (1711), #20 Division St. – Gambrel style at Pierce St. (Miller was silversmith, Congdon was ship captain). Brought 4 white Arabian horses to England – from Sultan of Muscat (Oman)</p> <p>Dr. Eldredge House (1773), #28 Division St. Builder was John Reynolds, who built Varnum House and the Brick House on Main St. – Georgian style. Medical office on Peirce St. side. See stone on Division St. side of stone wall with engraved “Doctor Eldredge House,” and a Greek inscription (“I was sick and you visited me” – in English)</p> <p>Allen Fry House (1785), #40 Division St. – red, Federal style (building style up to 1783 was “Georgian”)</p> <p>Ichabod House (1847), #82 Division – home of Solomon Fry, a free Black man</p> <p>Old Swedish Church at Rector St., #94 Division. Founded in 1894, who left the larger Swedish Church on Spring St., currently Boy Scout House. Church sold in 1985 and is now private home.</p> <p>First Evangelical Lutheran Church (1905), formed in 1874 by Swedish immigrants, at corner of Division and West St.</p> <p>Windmill Cottage (c. 1800), #144 Division St. Purchased in 1866 by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow – bought house for his friend Prof. George Washington Greene, grandson of Gen. Nathanael Greene, Geo. Washington’s second in command. Attached windmill four years later. (Greene had study on 1st fl., Longfellow on 2nd fl.)</p>

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3. Turn left (crossing carefully over Division St.) on West St. for one block.	Hilltop Cottage (1872), #143 at corner of Church St.– yellow, Stick Style. Summer house of Thomas Casey Greene, a lawyer who lived in Providence. Family owned house for over 100 years.
4. Cross over Church St. and turn left onto sidewalk for 2 blocks.	Old Rectory (1874), on right, at corner of Church and Rector.
5. Turn right on Rector St. for 1 block. Sidewalk ends after Barber house.	Academy Field – Kentish Guards drilled here in 1776 for American Revolution Burdick Gould House (1885). #80 Rector St., on left corner - Victorian 1803 – site of Greenwich Academy for over 190 years. Moses Barber House (c 1875), #95 Rector St. Note unusual 2-story bay window, on side and yellow double garage (old barn)
6. Cross Spring St. and continue right on Spring on grass for 1 block.	
7. Turn left on Mawney St. for 2 blocks.	Swedish Covenant Church parsonage (1918) Look for assorted hitching posts. Did you bring your horse?
8. Turn left on First Ave. for 1 block.	Dedford Farm (1848), #146 First Ave. – Greek Revival style. Housed poor people, who worked the farm and sold vegetables, milk.
9. Turn left on Prospect St., with Eldredge Elementary School (1927) on your right. Proceed 4 blocks.	Houses from 1860s and 1870s – barns in back for horses Parkinson-Holloway House “Doll House” (c. 1875), #86 Prospect, on right. Original part was just the right front – was a hen house. Note attractive “candlestick” shutters
10. Turn right on Spring St. for 1 block	First Swedish Church/Boy Scout House (1874), #62 Spring. Troop 2 still meets here. Swedes then built bigger church on Division St. Carriage House
11. Turn left on Peirce St. At Church, cross Peirce to sidewalk and proceed 4 blocks.	Rose Cottage (1850) on right – Home of Headmaster of East Greenwich Academy, beginning in 1888. Had rose trellises originally Kentish Guard Armory (1843 – formed in 1774 to train soldiers for protection of Town) on right. Greek Revival style. (We found a painting on sale on EBay showing George Washington walking in this area.) East Greenwich Free Library (estab. 1869, current building 1914) St. Luke’s Episcopal Church (1875)– original unpainted wooden church replaced by current Gothic style stone church. Varnum House (1773) – James Mitchell Varnum – one of Washington’s Generals. Marquis de Lafayette visited here after battle of Rhode Island.
12. Turn right, going down 9 steps, on Courthouse Ln. Cross over Main St. to continue. Street is now called King St.	Most important street in town - ship captains lived here. Dr. Peter Turner, #21 Courthouse Ln. (1774 – rebuilt after fire in 1992) – Federal style like Fry House on Division St.), #27 Nathanael Haley The railroad came through town in 1837. Note the impressive double arched railroad bridge.
13. At end of King St. turn right onto Water St. Cross street to walk on sidewalk and follow along the water, with Greenwich Cove on your left. (The street name changes to London St. past the E. Greenwich Marina.)	On left is East Greenwich Preservation Society building and Old Kent County Jail (1795) There are some waterfront restaurants along Water St. you might want to check out.
14. Bear right (do not turn left onto Crompton Ave.) at Water Treatment Plant to stay on London St.	

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15. Proceed down cement walled walkway to cross under railroad tracks. At Union St. (not marked), turn left.	
16. Walk the short block to Lincoln St. and turn right. Walk a block and turn right on Bridge St., returning to Main St.	
17. Turn right on Main St. and walk about 5 blocks (crossing over Union, London, Long, Queen, King streets on your right) to return to the START/FINISH point/parking lot opposite Melrose St.	<p>Note historic buildings on right, such as the Silas Weaver house (1850), #398 Main and the brick Walsh and Associates building at #294 Main.</p> <p>East Greenwich Town Hall (Old Kent County Courthouse – 1804, originally built in 1750). One of 5 county courthouses. Important events – approval of first continental Navy in U.S. and approval of Charter of what would become Brown University.</p> <p>There are many restaurants on Main St. to choose from.</p> <p>Hope you enjoyed the East Greenwich village walk. For history buffs, local author and Historic District Commission member (1982-2004) Bruce C. MacGunnice provides lots of details in his <u>Strolling in Historic East Greenwich</u> (2014); he also wrote a <u>Children’s Walking Tour of East Greenwich</u> pamphlet, which provided much of the detail for these trail directions. Likewise, the <u>Images of America</u> series includes a book on East Greenwich.</p>

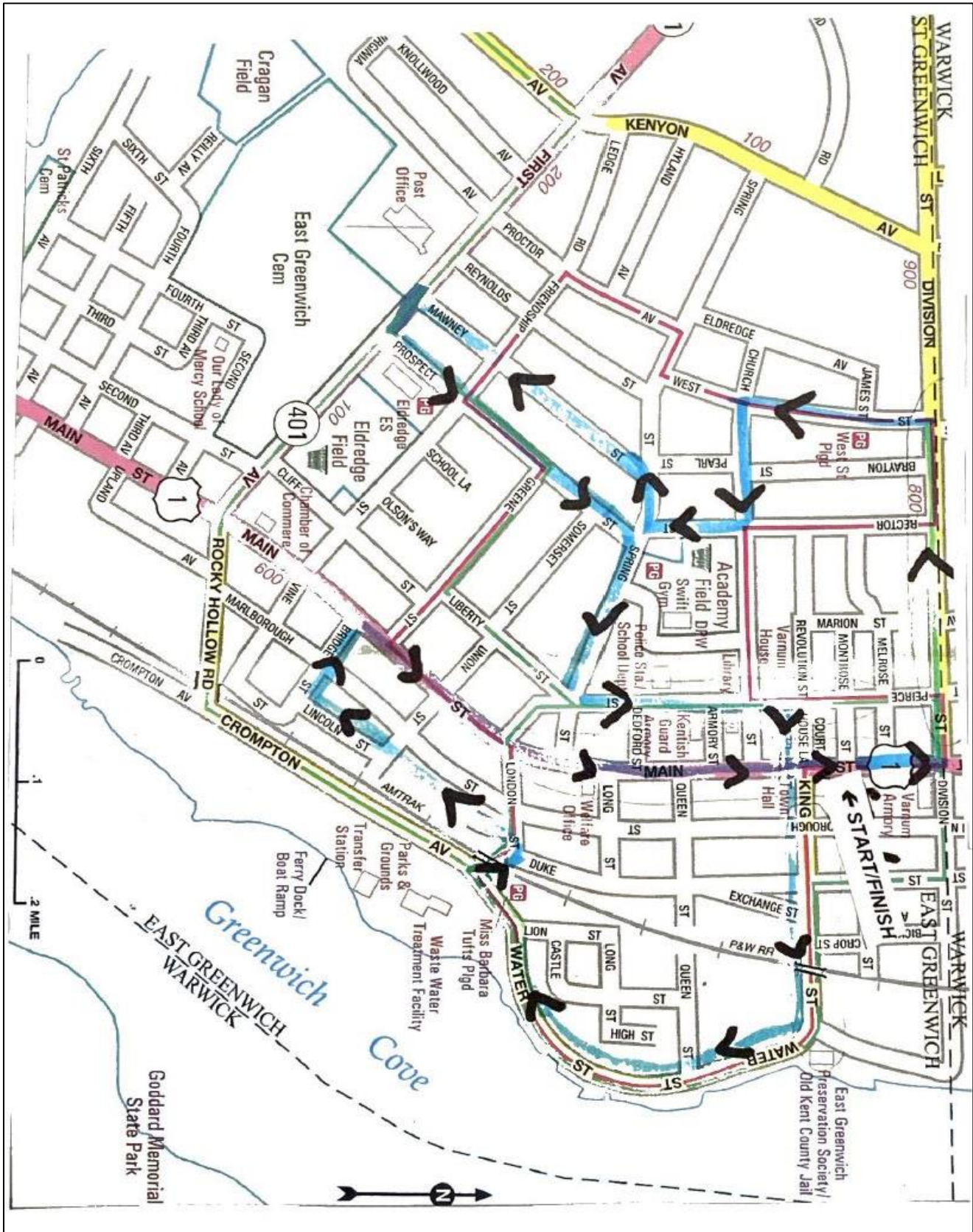
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Trail Map:

5K Village Walk

4/1/2023



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1. From far end of the main Parking lot (east), there are three [unmarked] trails leading into the woods, beyond and behind the lot away from the water. Take the leftmost trail with the stone steps, near a sign noting that dogs must be leashed.	Goddard Memorial State Park began in 1927, an estate given to the state by the children of Col. Robert Hale Ives Goddard. Goddard (1837-1916) was a wealthy businessman (prospering from the cotton industry of the South) who chose to serve in the Civil War and became an aide to Rhode Island General Ambrose Burnside. He took part in a number of battles – Fredericksburg, Cumberland Gap, Blue Springs, Campbell Station – and the sieges of Knoxville, and Petersburg, and was at Appomattox Court House when Lee surrendered. The land has been known as Potowomut and witnessed the King Philip’s War (1675-76) and early history of Warwick. The family of Maj. Genl. Nathanael Greene had a prosperous iron forge nearby. The lands were also at one time home to the family of one of the four famous Brown brothers of Providence.
2. Follow the trail, staying left, as it proceeds along Greenwich Bay and then bends to the right inland.	This is a popular bridle path: watch your step. Also, keep your distance from the horses and if you are coming from behind them, make your presence known by talking well before you are near (they can’t see you and you don’t want to spook them). Interesting fact your trailmaster recently learned: a ribbon around the base of a horse means they are “kickers.” Enough said 😊.
3. Stay straight, past numerous junctures leading off to the right to the Bridle Trail Area.	
4. Pass the Goddard Memorial State Park Ranger Headquarters on your left.	As with many state parks, many of the amenities such as the picnic fireplaces, were the work of the WPA during the Depression; likewise, the CCC contributed to the extensive hurricane clean-up effort in 1938.
5. Take next left (past road to campsites and restrooms), leading away from Greenwich Bay south and past more campsites.	
6. Continue on main trail, past trails to right and left.	
7. When you are facing water (Greenwich Cove), bear left. (Remember this point - you will be returning to this juncture on your return.) Continue down (with water on your right) to Parking lot.	
8. This is your turn-around . Retrace your steps to the point where you recently bore left to go to Parking lot, but now	
9. Take the left trail to proceed along the Cove. Stay left at all trail junctures, with water on your left.	
10. Follow this path along the water out to Long Point and continue along the water east.	
11. Pass behind (to right of) the Beach Bathhouse and continue along this path back to the START/FINISH Parking lot where you left your car.	Restrooms and a picnic area are on your right. Also note the Carousel Performing Arts Building on your right. The carousel was built by Charles I.E. Loof of Brooklyn in 1890 and was located in several other places before being moved here in 1931. It ceased operation in 1973 (the carousel moved to Jacksonville, FL) and the building is now a venue for weddings, performances, and other events.. Hope you enjoyed the Goddard Memorial State Park walk!

