

VIRGINIA VAGABONDS
MATHEWS, VA
5/10 KILOMETER YEAR-ROUND WALK EVENTS
BOTH RATED 1A

START/FINISH POINT: Hardee's Restaurant, 27 Main Street, Mathews, VA. GPS: 37.43678, -76.32047

SPECIAL PROGRAMS:

Virginia County Program - Mathews County

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Take your favorite route to Gloucester Courthouse on US Route 17. Turn onto Business US Route 17 North for 1.2 miles. At the traffic signal, turn right on VA 14 East/VA 3 West. Follow VA 14 East for 13.6 miles. Turn right on VA 14 East/VA 198 East for 1.5 miles. Hardee's is on the right at the intersection Main Street and Buckley Hall Road. Park in Hardee's lot nearest the driveway to Main Street.

RESTROOMS: In Hardee's (open 6 a.m. til after dusk 7 days a week) or Food Lion (open 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. 7 days a week)

HISTORY: About 10 years after Virginia gained its independence from Great Britain, Mathews County was established in 1791 from part of Gloucester County. The county was named for Brigadier General Thomas Mathews, then speaker of the House of Delegates of the General Assembly of Virginia. Westville was designated at the county seat (later become known variously as Mathews Court House or simply Mathews).

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CONTACTS: In case of Emergencies, dial 9-1-1. For event-related assistance or to make comments regarding these directions, contact the P.O.C., Helen Garamone, hkgaramone@hotmail.com, cell 571-243-2573.

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10-KILOMETER DIRECTIONS:

1. With your back to (the front of) Hardee's, walk out the driveway, turn left to continue on the left sidewalk of Main Street. You will soon pass a Baptist Church on left.

2. Cross Maple Avenue.

Sibley's and James Store Historic District is located at Maple Avenue and Main Street. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places on May 24, 2010.

3. Turn right on crosswalk and cross Main Street.

4. Walk a few meters back to intersection and turn left on Church Street. **1 km at Court Street on the left**

Mathews Courthouse Square is on the left just past the first street on the left. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places on August 18, 1977.

Note the mural on the side of The Halcyon Building (on the left corner of Main and Church Streets).

5. Walk two short blocks and turn left on Route 1003 (fire department on the corner).

6. Turn left on Route 1001 (Brickbat Road).

7. At the stop sign (T-intersection), cross and turn right on Main Street. Name changes to New Comfort Highway.

The Back in Time cafe on the right at 312 Main Street.

Oriental Lodge No. 20 in the brick building on the left (fraternal organization).

8. Just past Riverside Convalescent Center on the right, turn left on Tabernacle Road (Route 611). **2 km at the driveway behind the Riverside Convalescent Center. 3 km at 715 Tabernacle Road on the left. 4 km at 1357 Tabernacle**

Road on the left (brick house).

The open-air Methodist Tabernacle on the right at Salem Church Road. It was built in 1922, and is a large, open pavilion with a hipped roof surmounted by a hipped clerestory monitor with wooden shutters. The building has 21 rows of wooden benches on the dirt floor arranged along three aisles. The building is a rare example in Virginia of an early 20th century revival meeting facility. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places on May 21, 1975.

9. Turn left on Salem Church Road. (Route 644). **5 km at the yellow posted sign on the right at the grassy road to the right. 6 km at the first driveway past the Salem**

United Methodist Church on the left.

10. At the next street, turn left on Haven Beach Road (Route 643). **7 km at Moon Post Office on the left**

11. At the curve, continue left on Fitchetts Wharf Road (on right). **8 km at "Open Fires" sign on the left. 9 km at 11427 Haven Beach Road on the right just before the yellow "Speed Limit 35" sign.**

12. Turn left into Hardee's parking lot and return to your vehicle.

5-KILOMETER DIRECTIONS:

1. Follow 10-km directions 1 thru 8.

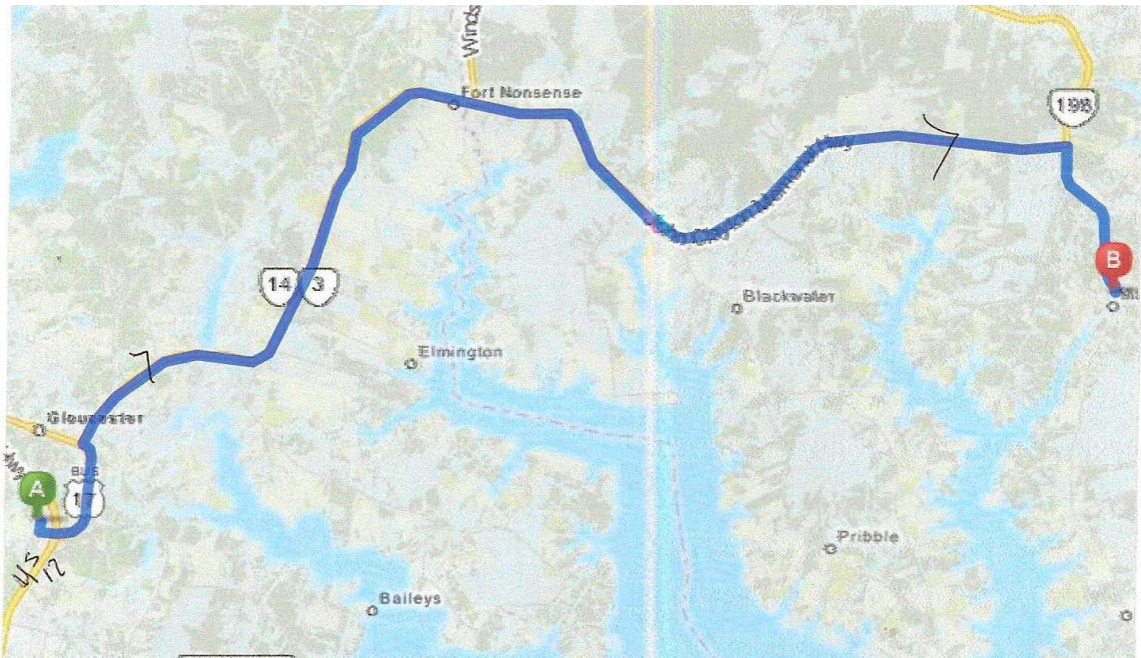
2. At 715 Tabernacle Road on the left, reverse your direction, walking down the left side of Tabernacle Road.

3. At the stop sign (T-intersection, cross and turn right on New Point Comfort

Highway (name changes to Main Street).

4. At the T-intersection with Buckley Hill Road, turn left into Hardee's parking lot and return to your vehicle.

We hope that you have enjoyed your walk in Mathews. We hope that you will walk the Virginia Vagabonds' other events in Virginia.



DRIVING DIRECTIONS MAP: