



The East Texas Trekkers  
 Welcomes You to  
**Vacherie - St James Parish**  
 AVA Sanctioned Year Round Event



This walk is composed of 5km and 10km routes. The walk is rated 1A and is along the levee next to the Mississippi River and highway next to several historic plantations including Oak Alley. The walk along the levee has views of the Mississippi, river boats, and old plantations. You may return on the levee or walk along the highway for a closer look at some of the plantations.

**Walk Registration:**

Please use the Online Start Box (OSB) or contact the POC register remotely. If using the OSB, then complete the walk online as indicated below. If registering remotely, insert cards will be mailed to you. Directions and stamp will be available during the MLK weekend events Jan 11-15 from the POC.

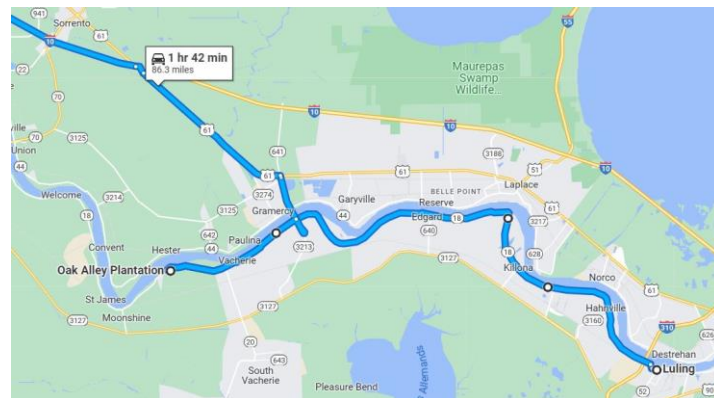
**Walk Completion and Walk Credit:**

Once you have physically completed the walk, please login to your Online Start Box account click on the "My Start Box" tab, then the "Finish Table" tab, then click on "Go to Finish Table" button for the event you have completed. 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 choose to print out.

**Driving Directions to Start Point:**

The walk starts at a parking lot just west of the Oak Alley Plantation (3645 LA-18 in Vacherie, La) and across the highway. **Note: this parking lot is NOT the plantation's parking lot. GPS coordinates for the parking lot are: N30 0'12" & W90 46'54"**. From Baton Rouge, take I-10 East toward New Orleans, then south on US-61 toward Gramercy and LA-3274. Cross the Mississippi River, then take LA-18 west toward Oak Alley. Pass Oak Alley Plantation (on left) and continue about ¼ mile to the levee access parking lot on the right (about 55 miles, 1 hour). From Luling (on the southwest side of the river, take LA-18 west to Oak Alley Plantation (about 35 miles, 45 min).

Restrooms are **NOT** available at start point or along the route.



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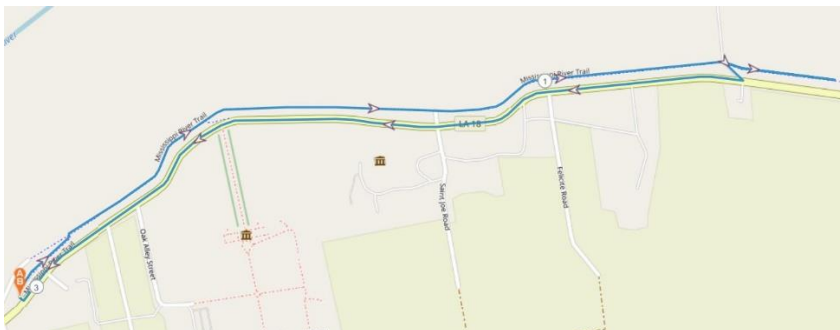
**Plantation Levee Stroll – St James Parish – 5/11/12K**

Drive to the parking lot just west of Oak Alley Plantation at 3645 LA-18 , Vacherie, La

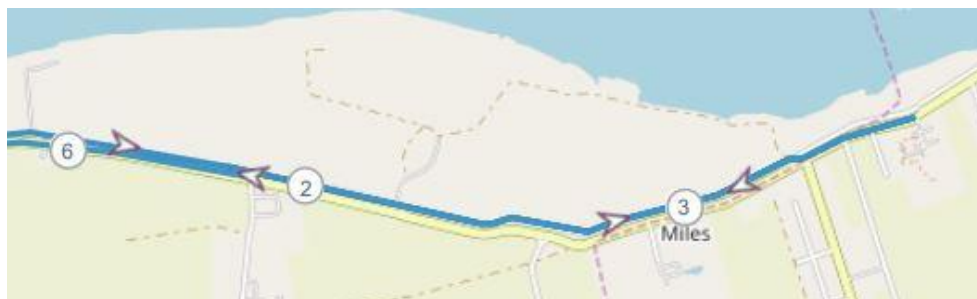
1. **From the parking lot**, walk up the paved trail to the levee.
2. **CONTINUE** on the levee toward Oak Alley Plantation across the road. The plantation may be visited (separate cost).
3. **CONTINUE** on levee enjoying views of the river and passing the Saint Joseph Plantation, it's outbuildings, and passing another plantation (note 'F' on it's gates).
4. **CONTINUE** to a down ramp, then a bit further to a bench.
5. **5k ONLY: U-TURN** back along the levee to your car **OR** for a closer look at the plantations, **U-TURN** back to the ramp, then take the ramp down to the road, **CROSS and RIGHT** along the shoulder of the road returning to your car. **Be careful of on-coming traffic. END of 5k.**
6. **11/12k ONLY: CONTINUE** on levee about 2 miles to the second down ramp.
7. **11k ONLY: U-TURN** back to the first bench (5k turnaround point), then **GO TO STEP 5** and return to your car. **END of 11k.**
8. **12k ONLY:** Well, you've come this far, so you might as well add another K and get a closer look at Laura's Plantation (separate cost to tour), but you can walk into their parking lot and maybe find a restroom.
9. **Take the RAMP** down to LA-18, then **CROSS and RIGHT** to the entrance to Laura's Plantation.
10. **U\_TURN** back to the ramp, return to the levee.
11. **GO TO STEP 7 (11k return). END of 12k walk.**

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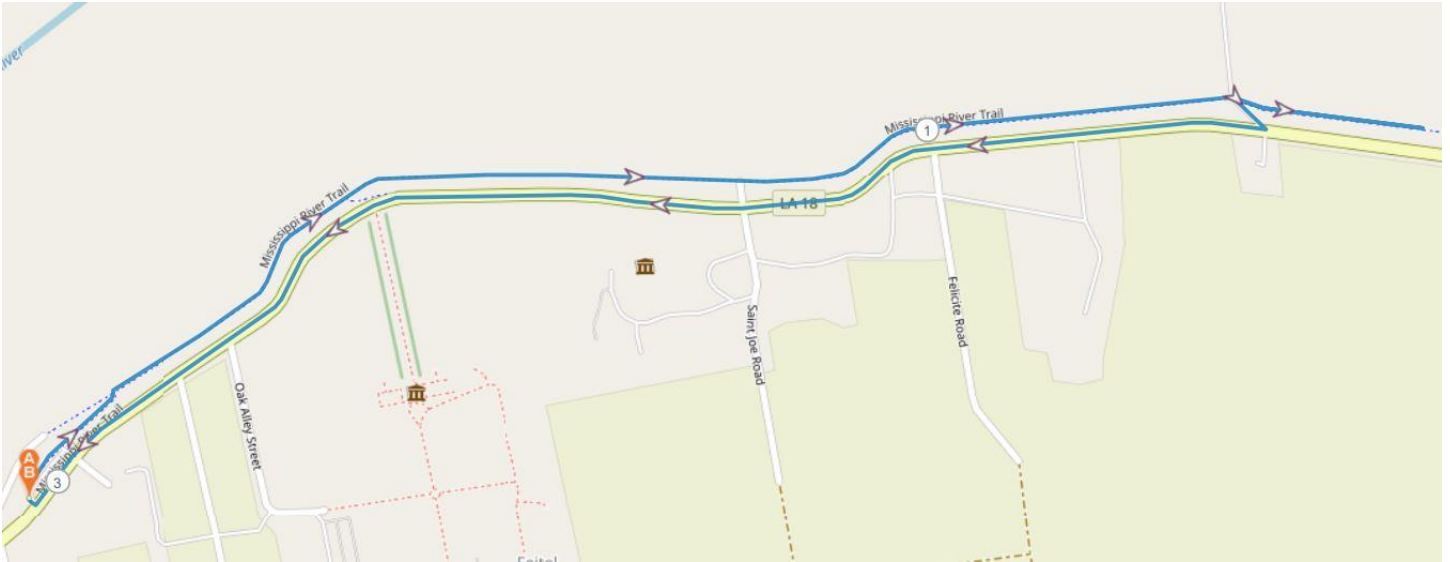
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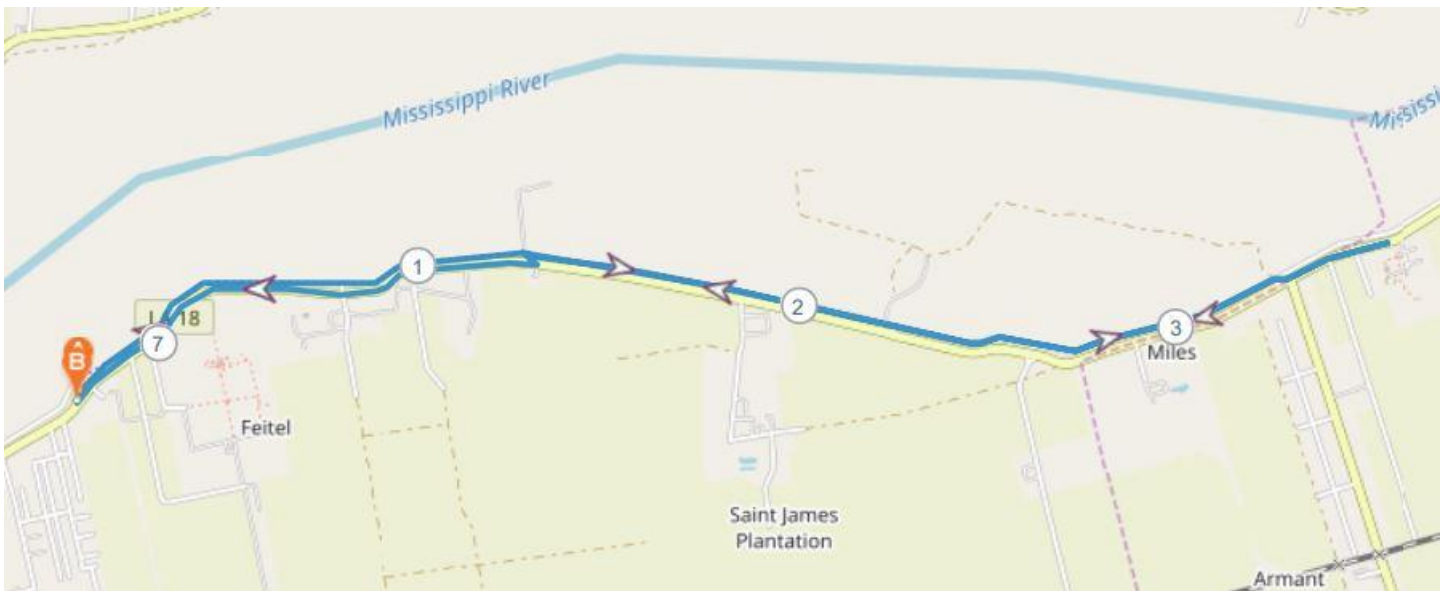
**Levee Trail – 5k**



**11/12k Extension**



**Levee walk - 5k**



**Levee Walk – 11/12k**