



Liberty Bell Wanderers Welcome You to Yardley



A 2026 Walking Event in Bucks County PA

This AVA walk can be done in three ways,

- As an 11k town and canal walk
- As a 5K town walk
- As a 6k canal walk

The 11K walk (rated 2B) goes through the historic downtown area where stores, restaurants, and coffee shops are available. There is one moderate hill. It then goes south of town through Macclesfield Park and a residential housing complex before returning to town on the Delaware canal towpath. This combined walk can also be done as 5k or 6k segments.

WALK REGISTRATION:

Please use the online start box provided by the AVA website (<https://my.ava.org>). Log into your existing account on my.ava.org (or create an account and sign the AVA athletic waiver). Once logged into the my.ava.org site, click the -My Start Box- tab and use the -help- button for further guidance. The -My Event Bank- tab is used to add funds to your account via the credit card processing service, EVO. The directions and insert cards are PDFs that you can download and print as needed. The POC does not provide event directions nor accept alternate payment methods. Driving directions to the event starting point are included in the downloaded walk directions.

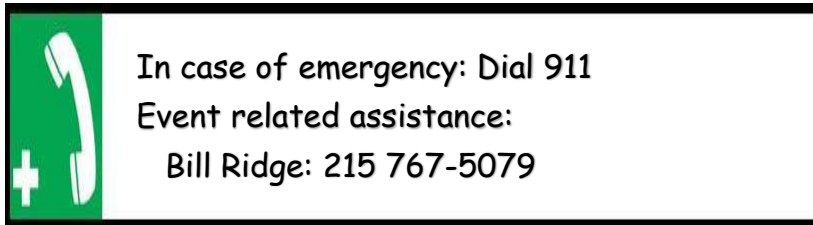
WALK COMPLETION AND WALK CREDIT:

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 to select applicable AVA Special Programs. You then generate stamped "virtual" insert cards that you may choose to print out later.

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EMERGENCY NUMBERS:**RESTROOMS:**

Restrooms are located at Wawa on South Main Street (about 1k from the start of the 11k walk or 5k town walk). Port-a-pots are available in several places along the 6k canal walk.

STARTING POINT LOCATION AND DIRECTIONS:

The starting point is the Yardley train station parking lot on Yardley Station Dr.

For a GPS location, enter "102 Iron Horse Drive, Yardley PA".

From the PA Turnpike Exit 351-Bensalem (about 13 miles): Take US-1 north for about 9 miles to the Oxford Valley Rd Exit. Turn left onto North Oxford Valley Rd (several turns are required) and continue for 3.5 miles to a railroad overpass. Go under the railroad and turn right onto Reading Ave. Follow about 0.2 mile to the stop sign at S Main St. Turn right and then right again at Yardley Station Dr. Make a right to enter the train station parking lot.

From Warminster PA (about 17 miles): Take Jacksonville Road and follow the PA-332 signs all the way to Yardley passing through Richboro and around Newtown on the bypass. Turn right at the traffic light (Main St) go about 0.8 mile to Yardley Station Dr. Turn right and then right again into the station parking lot.

From Souderton PA (about 33 miles): Take PA-309 south to Line Lexington. Turn left and then right onto County Line road. Take County Line for about 3.5 miles to the US-202 parkway. Turn left on US-202 and travel about 7.5 miles to PA-313. Turn right onto PA-313 E / Swamp Road. Continue on Swamp and Forest Grove Roads for about 7 miles. Go slightly right onto Durham Rd (PA-413) and continue for 1.7 miles to Stoopville Rd. Turn left onto Stoopville Rd and go about 3.3 miles to Washington Crossing Rd (PA-532). Turn left and go about 1 mile to a slight right onto Dolington Road. Follow Dolington Rd for 2 miles to the stop sign at Taylorsville Rd / N Main St. Turn right and go 1.4 miles to Yardley Station Dr on the right. Turn right and then right again into the parking lot.

From Downtown Philadelphia PA (about 30 miles):

Note: *The start point is the Yardley train station parking lot. You can take the Septa West Trenton line to this station.*

Take I-95 N/I-295 E for about 28 miles to Exit 10 (Morrisville). Turn right onto Taylorsville Rd and go 1.8 miles to Yardley Station Dr on the right. Turn right and then right again into the parking lot.

WALK NAME: Walk with the Ducks in Yardley					
NUMBER: Y3381					
67 Counties (no end date)					
AT Thru Hike (2017 -2023) in PA only					
AVA SPECIAL PROGRAMS					
Program Name	Years	11K	5K	6K	Information
A-MAZE-ing Labyrinths	(2024 - 2026)	X	X		Labyrinth at Friends Meeting House
Anniversaries Hurrah!	(2025 - 2025)				
Appalachian Trail in 14 States	(2018 - 2028)				
Grain Elevators: Monarchs of the Plains	(2027 - 2027)				
IVV-Americas	(2023 - No end)	X	X	X	
Lighthouses II	(2023 - 2025)				
Par For The Course	(2023 - 2025)	X		X	Macclesfield Park
Rails-to-Trails	(2022 - 2026)	X	X	X	Delaware Canal Towpath
Step to the Beat	(2024 - 2026)	X	X		Vault Brewing Company
Walking with America's Veterans	(2021 - 2038)	X	X		Memorial near the river at Afton Street
Walking with the Wild Things	(2025- 2027)	X	X		Gnome at 12N on the first trail path Gnome at 32 and 39 Breece Drive 2 Gnomes at 22 College Avenue Gnome at 79 and 82 Manor Lane
Washington-Rochambeau National Historic Trail	(2021 - 2031)				
Closed Programs on Route					
Great Lakes, Great Fun, Great Fitness, Great Friendships	(2021 - 2023)				
Town Halls/City Halls	(2022 -2024)				
AVA NATIONAL PROGRAMS					
Program Name	Years	11K	5K	6K	
50 States / 51 Capitals	(No end date)	X	X	X	
Walk the USA (A To Z)	(No end date)	X	X	X	Y

Some Yardley Information

- Yardley was settled in 1682 by Quaker minister William Yeardley who purchased 519 acres from William Penn. In the early years it remained largely undeveloped. A Delaware River ferry (Yardley's Ferry) began in 1722. A grist mill powered by a local stream and mill pond (the current Lake Afton) was also established.
- New commerce and trade finally poured into the town (then called "Yardleyville") upon completion of the Bristol-New Hope section of the Delaware Canal in 1831.
- Downtown is registered on the National Register of Historic Places. It includes Gothic Revival, Federal and Queen Anne architecture ranging from 1728 to 1925. Architecture buffs will notice Georgian, Greek Revival, Stick, Italianate, Second Empire, Four Square, Colonial revival, and Bungalow/Craftsman styles.
- Yardley has had **severe** Delaware River bridge problems over the years. In 1835 a wooden toll bridge was built at the foot of Afton Avenue (where the veterans memorial now exists). It was washed away several years later and replaced by a similar wooden bridge. In 1903 this wooden bridge was swept away in a flood. A steel bridge was built as a replacement. The steel bridge was washed away by two hurricanes in the summer of 1955. It was then decided to replace the bridge cheaply with technology developed during WW2 (Bailey bridges). The replacement only lasted until 1961 when it was closed because of damage discovered in its footings. Luckily, the new Scudder Falls Bridge was scheduled to open shortly later.
- A power generating plant was located at 16 East Afton Avenue. This plant generated power for a trolley line network that ran to and from Morrisville, New Hope, Doylestown, Newtown, Langhorne, and Trenton. This system began in the early 20th century and terminated in 1931.
- In 1876, train service was established to/from Philadelphia, via Jenkintown. This line continues over the Delaware River to West Trenton, NJ. The train station was initially called "Yardley" not "Yardleyville." The town soon adopted that name and Yardley was incorporated as a borough in the winter of 1894-1895.

WALKING INSTRUCTIONS:

There are three possible walk possibilities, an 11k town and canal walk, a 5k town walk and a 6k canal walk.

Abbreviations used:

ns - No Sign. There is no street sign.

C&P - Cross and/or Pass (on walking side only).

Usage - (C&P: 1st St and 2nd St.)

These walk directions and maps may only be used in conjunction with a signed American Volkssport Association athletic waiver. All other uses are prohibited.

11k Town and Canal Walk Instructions

Start Point: Yardley train station parking lot, Yardley Station Dr.

1. Facing the train station, walk to the **RIGHT** toward a walkway at the end of the parking lot. Follow this walkway through the pedestrian tunnel and on to the corner of S Main St and Reading Ave.



Before the tunnel, say hello to Chester, one of six colorful ducks located throughout town. Ducks in Yardley are descended from a nearby duck farm, the largest in America. Many leave Lake Afton each morning and take a leisurely stroll through downtown. And in Yardley drivers break for the ducks!

2. **CROSS** and **LEFT** onto S Main St. {C&P: Letchworth Ave, E College Ave, and the borough hall (SP)}.

The Wawa on the right at 44 S Main St has restrooms. Restrooms are also available in the borough hall.

3. **RIGHT** onto Afton Ave {C&P: S Canal St and the Delaware Canal}.

4. Carefully **CROSS** Delaware Ave (PA RTE 32) and visit the riverside Veterans Memorial (SP). There is a beautiful river view here.
5. Carefully **RECROSS** Delaware Ave.
6. **RIGHT** onto Delaware Ave. Cross Afton Ave and carefully continue on the left side of Delaware Ave for one block.
7. **LEFT** onto Brown St and cross Morgan Ave on the right.
8. **LEFT** onto Edgeware Ave (Dead End sign). Edgeware Ave will end and become the Canal trail.
9. Before the bridge, walk up the steps to Afton Ave.
10. **RIGHT** onto Afton Ave.
11. **RIGHT** into the parking lot (NS). Giana Rose Couture is across the street to the left.
12. Follow the parking lot driveway around to the right. Pass in front of the old Yardley Grist Mill building.

The large grist mill building (1769) was a late addition to the mill complex established by Thomas Yardley in about 1705. It continued to operate well into the 19th century.
13. Continue on the driveway (two mill stones will be on your right) to N Main St.
14. **RIGHT** onto N Main St. Continue around the curve to Yardley Friends

Meeting on the left.

*The large yellow house behind the hedge is **Lakeside**, one of the earliest homes in the area. In 1728 Thomas Yardley (a nephew of William, who established Yardley in 1682) was able to erect a large home in the Georgian style of the period. The house remained in the Yardley family for many years, passing from Thomas Yardley to his son, Thomas II; to Courtland Yardley, to his brother, William VIII and then to Susan J. Yardley. The property passed out of the Yardley family by the 1870's.*

15. Carefully cross N Main St and walk back to the stone labyrinth at the left rear corner of the property. (SP)
16. **TURN AROUND** and return to Afton Ave.
17. **CAREFULLY CROSS** and turn **RIGHT**.
18. At the Afton Ave intersection, turn **RIGHT** and cross N Main St. Walk along the trail after the parking lot.

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19. Go around Old Library by Lake Afton (keeping it on your left) and then CROSS Afton Ave at the crosswalk.

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21. **LEFT** onto Breece Dr. There is a gnome at #32 and #39 (SP)

22. **LEFT** onto W College Ave and proceed down a steep hill {C&P: Penn Valley Dr, an unmarked driveway, and Zlaylek Dr}. There are two gnomes at #22.

23. **RIGHT** at S Main St {C&P: South St and Vanhorn Ave}.

24. **CROSS** S Main and **LEFT** onto Letchworth Ave.

25. **RIGHT** onto S Canal St.

26. Canal St will end at the canal towpath trailhead. Turn **LEFT** and follow it to the towpath.

27. **RIGHT** onto the towpath. Walk under the stone railroad bridge.

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29. **RIGHT** onto the first macadam path that you encounter.

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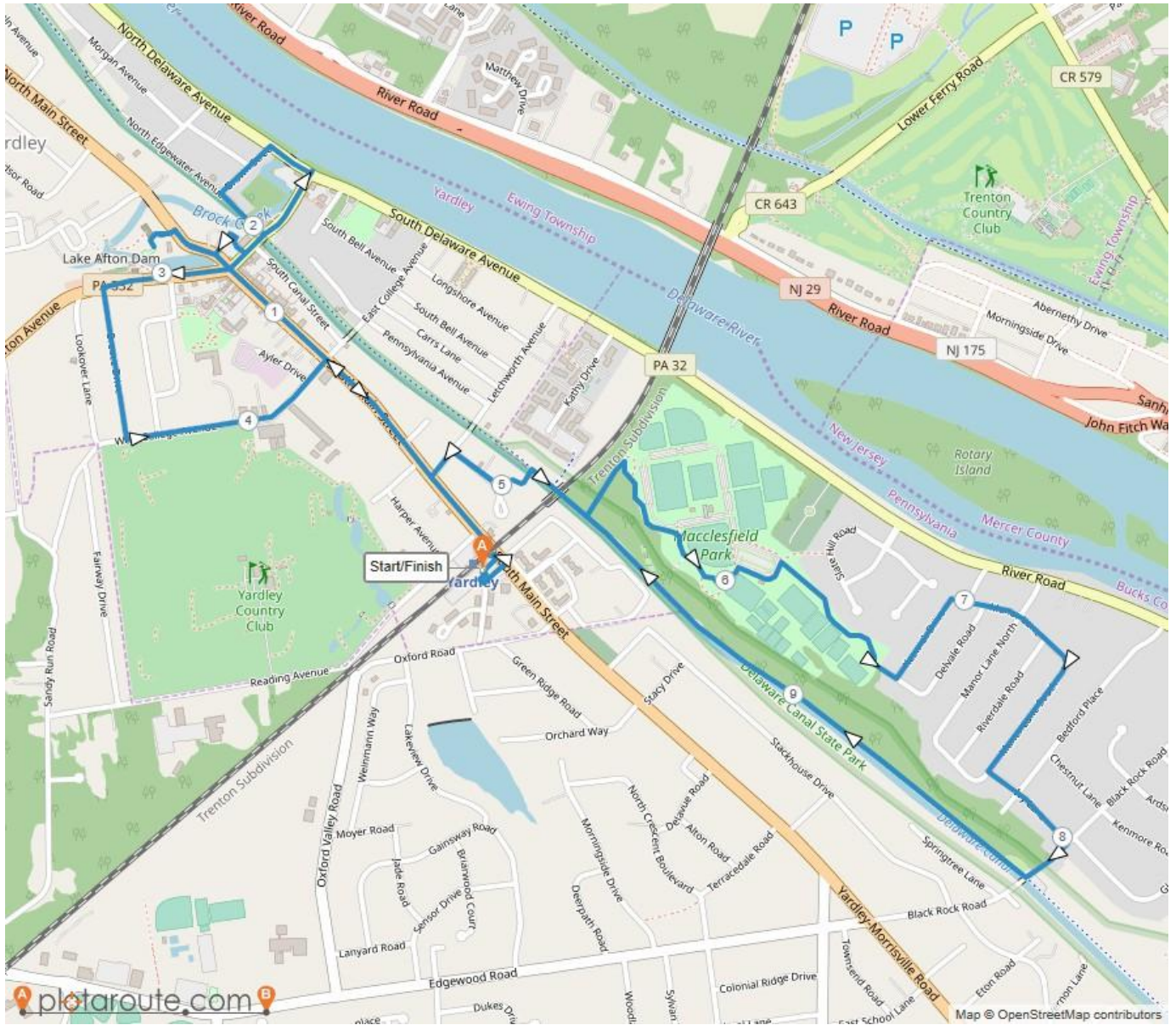
30. Bear **RIGHT** at the playground and follow this path along the edge of the park. You will pass volleyball courts to your right. Disregard two trails that angle to the right.

31. **RIGHT** at the first T connection. Walk to the left of the red picnic pavilion.

32. Go past the red picnic pavilion to an intersection (you will see a cemetery a short distance ahead).
33. **HARD RIGHT** at the intersection. This trail will enter a housing development.
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36. **CROSS** and **RIGHT** onto Black Rock Rd. Follow it to to the D&L canal trailhead.
37. **CROSS** Black Rock Rd and enter the canal trail.

There is a “Potty Barn” just ahead to the right.
38. Follow the trail back to the stone railroad bridge (about 2k).
39. Just after the railroad bridge, **LEFT** onto the Lock 5 trailhead. Follow the trail up onto S Canal St.
40. **LEFT** onto Letchworth Ave.
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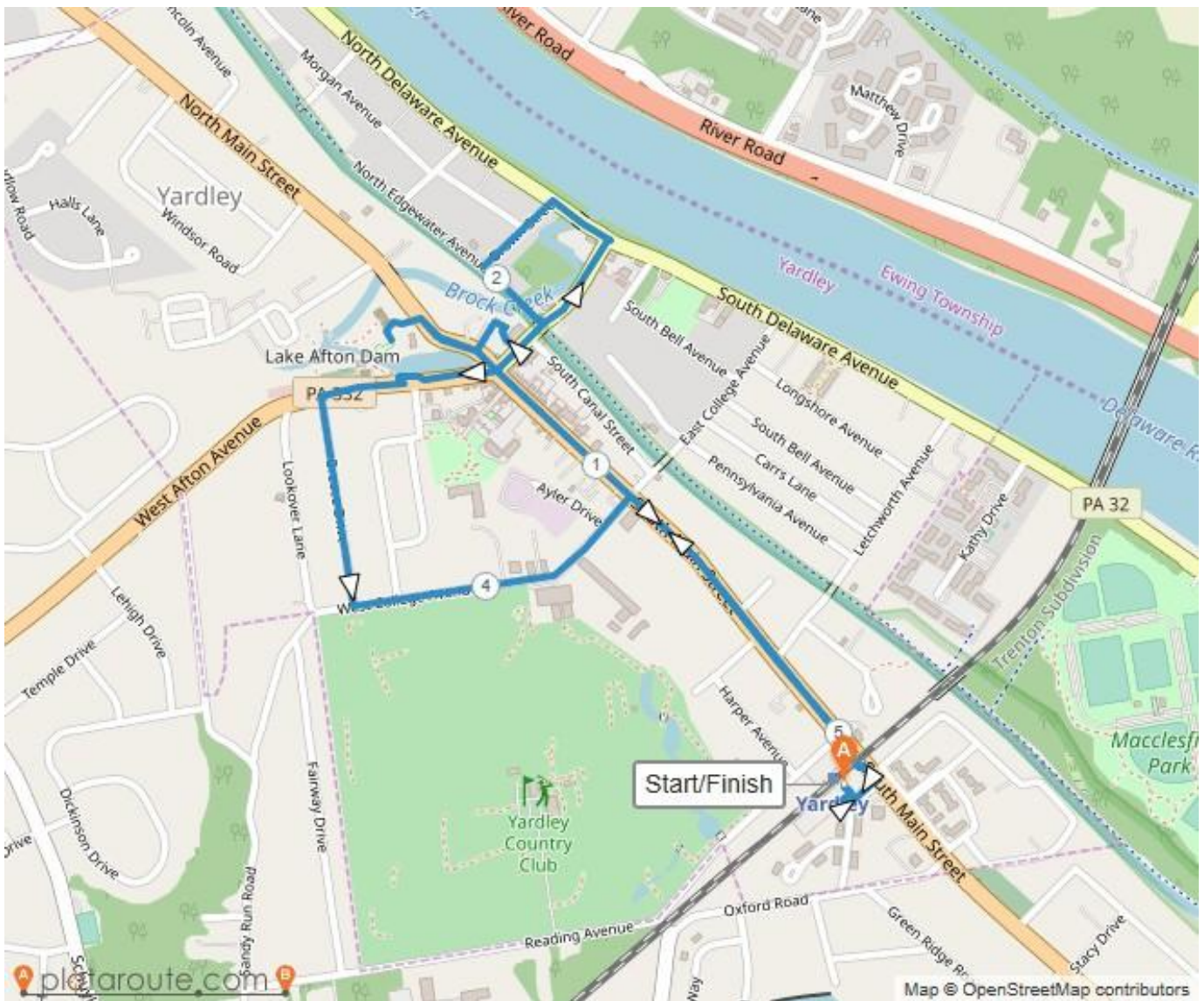
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