



The Liberty Bell Wanderers  
 Welcomes You to  
**The Walking Paths of Harleysville**  
 Harleysville, Pennsylvania  
 An AVA Sanctioned Year Round Event



This walk offers 6 km and 11km routes. Nearly 90% of the walk route is on macadam walking paths. Both routes pass buildings and residences that are part of the Peter Becker Community. The 10km route goes through Charles L. Reed Memorial Park then proceeds on walking paths and residential sidewalks passing a WAWA (and Taco Bell) midway with restrooms, drinks, and snacks available.

Harleysville is an unincorporated community located primarily in Lower Salford Township with a small section in Franconia Township. The original residents were of Germanic descent, having immigrated primarily from Germany, Switzerland, and Holland in the mid 18<sup>th</sup> century. As most of these settlers came from an agricultural background, farming was their means of livelihood. Additionally, due to their northern European ancestry, German (or one of the many dialects) was the language of nearly all families setting in the area.

Harleysville grew around an inn and general store at its center. Necessary craftsmen such as tinsmiths, harness makers, weavers, and carriage makers also appeared to support the farming economy.

One of the most dramatic events to affect the residents occurred in the 1850's when Pennsylvania revised its public school system to require all teaching to be done in English. Until then, local residents and churches built their own one-room schoolhouses and hired Pennsylvania Dutch speaking teachers. The transition to an English-speaking culture was slow and many residents continued to speak Pennsylvania Dutch well into the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

After WWII, Harleysville saw the beginning of its transformation to a non-agrarian suburban community. The old general store gave way to a grocery store, roads were improved, and traffic lights began to appear at major intersections. Today it is a busy and vibrant modern community.

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**Walk Registration:**

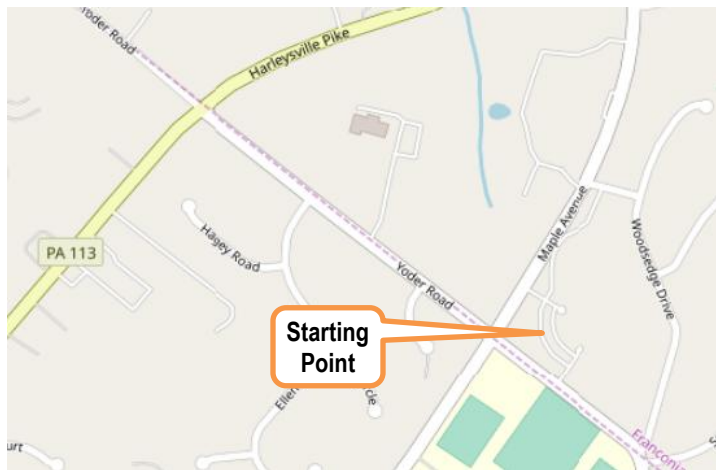
Please use the online start box provided by the AVA website (<https://my.ava.org>). Log into your existing account on my.ava.org (or create an account and sign the AVA athletic waiver). Once logged into the my.ava.org site, click the -My Start Box- tab and use the -help- button for further guidance. 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.

**Starting Point Location and Directions:**

The Parking Lot is next to Peter Becker Visitor Center, 800 Maple Ave, Harleysville, PA 19438.



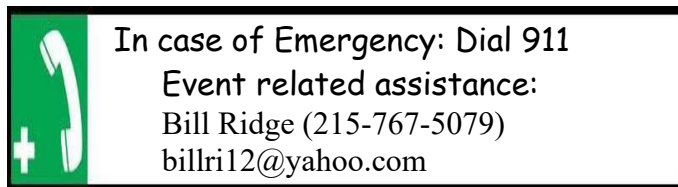
**From 476 Lansdale Exit:** Take the Lansdale/Kulpsville/Harleysville exit off of I-476 (PA Turnpike Extension). There are multiple exit ramps (EZ-Pass Only or not) that may be used, but all lead to Sumneytown Pike. Whether you need to turn left or right depends on the exit ramp used. Upon reaching the Sumneytown Pike T intersection, turn so you are traveling northwest which is towards Harleysville and away from Lansdale. Continue on Sumneytown Pike (PA-63) for 3.5 miles to Maple Ave. Turn **RIGHT** on Maple Ave for 0.8 Miles to the Peter Becker Community (Visitor Center). Turn **RIGHT** into the parking lot.

**From PA 309:** Take the Souderton exit to PA 113. If you were traveling South on 309, turn **RIGHT** on Broad St (PA 113). If you were traveling North on 309, turn **LEFT** on Broad Street (PA 113). Continue on Broad Street for 0.6 miles to Main St. Turn **RIGHT** on Main St bearing left to continue on Harleysville Pike (PA 113) for 4.6 miles to Maple Ave. Turn **LEFT** on Maple Ave to the Peter Becker Community (Visitor Center). Turn **LEFT** into the parking lot.

**Restrooms:**

**6k and 11km Routes:** At the starting point inside the Peter Becker Community Center. Inside Maplewood Estates Main Entrance at about 1km.

**11km Route:** Port-a-Pot in Charles L. Reed Memorial Park at about 4.2 km. Inside WAWA (and Taco Bell) at about 6.1km.

**Abbreviations used:**

ns - No Sign. There is no street sign.  
MCP - Macadam Path  
SP - Special Program (see page 6)

## 11km and 6km Walking Directions

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

- 1) Exit the Visitor's Center turn **RIGHT** on the sidewalk, then continue on the sidewalk as it turns right walking next to Peter Becker building to the next canopy covered building entrance.
- 2) **LEFT** then immediately **RIGHT** to continue through the parking lot (parallel to the building) to the sidewalk just before Crescent Ln (Stop Sign).
- 3) **RIGHT** on Crescent Ln to Woodsedge Dr (notice sign, towards Maplewood Estates).
- 4) **RIGHT** on Woodsedge Dr to Crescent Ln.
- 5) **LEFT** on Crescent Ln. then later continue on macadam path (MCP) on the right to Crescent Cir (stop sign).
- 6) **RIGHT** on Crescent Cir (notice sign towards Maplewood Estates) to Maplewood Dr.
- 7) **CROSS** and **RIGHT** on MCP next to Maplewood Dr to Magnolia CT.
- 8) **RIGHT** to cross Maplewood Dr then **LEFT** continuing on MCP next to Maplewood Dr to Labyrinth Sign.
- 9) **RIGHT** on path to Labyrinth entrance (SP).  
*You may choose to do the Labyrinth.*
- 10) **TURNAROUND** and proceed on the path from the Labyrinth to Maplewood Dr.
- 11) **CROSS** Maplewood Dr to continue on the MCP then to the sidewalk that goes next to the Maplewood Estates apartments to the Maplewood Estates main entrance (circular drive).  
*Turning left will take you into Maplewood Estates where you will find restrooms, water, and a café.*
- 12) With your back to the main entrance of Maplewood Estates turn **LEFT** to follow the sidewalk to Maplewood Dr.
- 13) **CROSS** Maplewood Dr then continue on Water Lily Dr, then **CROSS** Water Lily Dr and **LEFT** on the sidewalk to the intersecting sidewalk on the right.

14) **RIGHT** on the sidewalk that passes between the Cottages to the T intersection just before Water Lily Dr (ns).

15) **LEFT** on the sidewalk to Kulp Rd.

16) **CAREFULLY CROSS** Kulp Rd then **RIGHT** crossing Sumner Ct and **LEFT** to continue on the sidewalk on the right side of Sumner Ct (passing the "Watch for Children" warning sign) to the first MCP on the right (just after 271 Sumner CT).

17) **RIGHT** on the MCP then continue on this path in the center of the meadow with houses on the left and right ignoring MCPs on right and left passing a Gazebo to Sumner Ct (ns).

18) **CROSS** Sumner Ct to continue on MCP as it curves right then to the left to intersection of Woods Dr and Yoder Rd.

11 km WALKERS: GO TO STEP 19).

6 km WALKERS ONLY:

- a) **CROSS** and **RIGHT** on Yoder Rd for 0.7km to Surrey Ln.
- b) **LEFT** on Surrey Ln to the end and a MCP on the right, just past 139 Surrey Ln.
- c) **RIGHT** on the MCP (passing the "Samuel Harley Park" sign on left) to the next MCP intersection (before the bridge).
- d) **RIGHT** on the MCP then continue to where the MCP turns left to parallel Yoder Rd.
- e) GO TO STEP 52).

19) 11 km WALKERS ONLY: **LEFT** on the MCP next to Yoder Rd to where the MCP turns toward Yoder Rd.

20) **CROSS** Yoder, then **LEFT** to cross Sunset Dr to continue on the MCP that curves to the right passing a playground to Summerwind Ln (ns).

21) **CROSS** Summerwind Ln, continuing on MCP, then later **BEAR LEFT** at the Y intersection, to Ruth Rd (ns).

22) **LEFT** on the MCP, next to Ruth Rd, crossing Brookdale Lane.

23) Continue straight on the MCP for 0.3km then bear left to go downhill (away from Ruth Rd) after which you will see the end of Winding Creek way (ns) on the left.

24) Bear right on the MCP to continue downhill to the T intersection.

25) **RIGHT** on the MCP to the first MCP on the right.

26) **RIGHT** on the MCP following it uphill into the parking lot of the Charles L. Reed Memorial Park.

27) **RIGHT** then **RIGHT** again to check out the memorial to Charles L Reed, then **TURNAROUND** and proceed through the parking lot passing port-a-pot to Clemens Rd (ns).

28) **CROSS** Clemens Rd then **LEFT** then immediately **RIGHT** at the sign for St Lukes.

29) Continue downhill on the macadam drive through the St Lukes parking lot to the furthest sidewalk.

30) **LEFT** on the sidewalk to the MCP.

31) **RIGHT** on the MCP to the T intersection.

32) **RIGHT** on the MCP, passing the first small MCP on right, to the next MCP on the right.

33) **RIGHT** on the MCP passing Lowry Service then turn right to continue on sidewalk to Ruth Rd (ns).

34) **CROSS** Ruth Rd continuing straight on the Colorcon entrance drive, proceeding past the car gates, through the parking lot, and across the grass to the MCP.

35) **LEFT** on the MCP to the T intersection.

36) **RIGHT** on the MCP following it to Hampton Ct (ns).

37) **CROSS** and **RIGHT** on Hampton Ct to the first MCP on the left.

38) **LEFT** on the MCP to the first MCP, just after the bench on the left and before the Gazebo.

39) **LEFT** on the MCP then continue through the parking lot with the apartment buildings on the right to just before the 4<sup>th</sup> apartment building.

40) **RIGHT** between the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> apartment buildings to American Way (ns).

41) **CAREFULLY CROSS (Beware of the extra tall curb)** American Way and bear left to proceed to

the front entrance of the WAWA. Restrooms and snacks available.

42) With your back to the WAWA entrance turn **RIGHT** then after the WAWA building, **RIGHT** again proceeding to American Way (ns).

43) **CROSS** and **LEFT** on American WAY to June Dr.

44) **RIGHT** onto June Dr passing Hampton Ct and gates blocking cars to Buckingham Cir (Stop Sign).

45) **LEFT** on Buckingham Cir. Proceeding downhill to Clemens Rd (ns).

46) **CAREFULLY CROSS** Clemens Rd to continue on Stahl Rd to Jan Dr.

47) **LEFT** onto Jan Dr to Shirley Dr

48) **LEFT** onto Shirley Dr, then where Shirley Dr turns left, instead continue straight on Florence Dr. to Beth Ann Dr.

49) **LEFT** onto Beth Ann Dr walking on the sidewalk on the left side of Beth Ann Dr to Alderfer Rd.

50) **CAREFULLY CROSS** Alderfer Rd and continue on the MCP to the first MCP intersection.

51) **RIGHT** on the MCP proceeding for 1.2 km, ignoring MCPs on left and right, to where the MCP turns left and parallels Yoder Rd.

52) **6 and 11 KM WALKERS:** Continue on the MCP passing Kulp Rd on right then continue on the sidewalk crossing bridge to Kulp Rd on the left.

53) **RIGHT** (crossing Yoder Rd) to continue on the MCP, passing a stop sign for a private drive) to Laurel Ln (ns).

54) **RIGHT** on Laurel Ln then immediately **LEFT** on the MCP proceeding through Laurel Lane Park to Spruce Ct (ns).

55) Continue straight on Spruce Ct to Spruce Ln (ns T intersection).

56) **LEFT** on Spruce Ln to Yoder Rd.

57) **RIGHT** on Yoder and then stay right (notice Indian Valley Middle School on left [SP]) continuing on the sidewalk next to Yoder, ignoring the sidewalk on the right, to the Peter Becker Community Visitor parking lot

# Harleysville 11km & 6km



**2026 KSVA Special Challenges and AVA Special and National Programs**

<b>WALK NAME: Walking Paths of Harleysville</b>				
<b>NUMBER: Y3418</b>				
67 Counties (no end date)			Montgomery	
AT Thru Hike (2017 -2023) in PA only				
<b>AVA SPECIAL PROGRAMS</b>				
Program Name	Years	11K	6K	Information
A-MAZE-ing Labyrinths	(2024 - 2026)	X	X	Across from Maplewood Estates Apartments
Anniversaries Hurrah	(2025 - 2025)			
Appalachian Trail in 14 States	(2018 - 2028)			
Grain Elevators: Monarchs of the Plains	(2025 - 2027)			
IVV-Americas	(2023 - No end)	X	X	
Lighthouses II	(2023 - 2025)			
Par For the Course	(2023 - 2025)	X	X	Several playgrounds along the way
Rails-to-Trails	(2022 - 2026)			
Step to the Beat	(2024 - 2026)	X	X	Indian Valley Middle School on Yoder Rd
Walking with America's Veterans	(2021 - 2028)			
Walking with the Wild Things	(2025 - 2027)	X		Fairy at 282 Sumner Ct, Gnome at 276 Sumner Court, Gnome
"	"		X	Gnome at 127 Surrey Lane
Washington-Rochambeau National Historic Trail	(2021 - 2031)			
<b>Closed Programs on Route</b>				
Border Crossings	(2014 - 2023)			
Great Lakes, Great Fun, Great Fitness, Great Friendships	(2021 - 2023)			
Town Halls/City Halls	(2022 - 2024)			
<b>AVA NATIONAL PROGRAMS</b>				
Program Name	Years	11K	6K	
50 States / 51 Capitals	(No end date)			Pennsylvania
Walk the USA (A To Z)	(No end date)			H