



Alabama Amblers



### **Marshall County, Guntersville, Alabama - Sunset Drive Trail 5K, 10K, 12K Walk**

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Start: Lake Guntersville Chamber of Commerce, 200 Gunter Ave, Guntersville, AL 35976. Hours are M-F 0800-1630 Closed Sat and Sun

The Lake Guntersville Chamber of Commerce is on the corner of U.S. 431 (Gunter Ave) and Sunset Drive. There is a large parking lot. We recommend that you park on the Sunset Drive side of the building it's the largest part of the parking lot. The paved trail is an out and back with many year-round restrooms and water stations. Restrooms are also available at the Chamber of Commerce during their open hours.

There are also Little Free Libraries on the trail if you are a reader – bring some books to swap! The Farmer's Market is open T, TH, and SAT 8am-1pm

**Cautions: Cross ALL streets with caution drivers SELDOM stop. Sunset Drive Trail is a multiuse trail so beware of bikes; their riders will seldom notify you of their presence when approaching from your rear.**

1. Cross Sunset Drive using the cross walk to Sunset Drive Trail. PLEASE cross with caution drivers frequently DO NOT stop. After crossing you are on the trail. Turn left. Lake Guntersville will be on your right and Sunset Drive will be on your left. No shade initially.
2. 1.4 K - L. B. Wallace Pavilion will be on left and the Kiwanis Fishing Pier on your right.
3. 1.5 K - Entering the shady portion of the trail
4. 1.8 K - The building on your left, that is close to the trail, is the Guntersville Rotary Club Cabin
5. 1.9 K -The Farmer's Market and the trail's first restroom. There is a concrete walk way on left that will take you towards a flag pole and the restroom.
6. 2.2 K - the trail splits. Go right. Guntersville Middle School is across street on your left.
7. This is a loop that the 5Kers will complete and head back to the start – passing another restroom and the Guntersville Middle School still across the street but now on your right.
8. 10 and 12K continue right on trail. The Epiphany Episcopal Church will be across the street on the left. A parking lot will be on your right. There are tennis courts and playground on the right in the distance. In this same area you will also pass Civitan Park on your right.

9. You will pass baseball fields on your right before coming to a busy highway (AL 69) crossing use the pedestrian crossing lights. Trust me, when you have the signal to walk watch left turning vehicles – they are NOT watching for YOU!
10. 3.2 K - After crossing AL 69 you will walk through a parking lot and will pass two more baseball fields. “The Pig” is in the shopping center across from you. If you need refreshment, there is a seasonal snow cone place too - Sno Biz.
11. Just after the second baseball field TURN RIGHT on the concrete sidewalk towards the first building of the Guntersville Parks and Recreation Center.
12. Follow the sidewalk LEFT continuing in front of the Parks and Recreation Center.
13. When you get to the parking lot go diagonally RIGHT through the parking lot. Pass between the Senior Center and tennis courts on your RIGHT and on your LEFT, you will rejoin the Trail.
14. 3.5 K - Go LEFT. Tennis courts will still be on your left. Then you will pass baseball fields again on your left.
15. You will see the BEACH on the RIGHT!! You’re almost to the 10K turn around! There are no umbrellas or beach “dranks” here, I hope you brought your own!
16. Soon after the beach and a restroom, you will cross over two short bridges. They are technically bridges but not in the serious sense. After you cross the second bridge, look for the Loren Hall Red Sunset Maple on your right, Patterson Street across the street on your left, and the yellow Zone 2 P sign on the telephone pole on your left. This is the 10K turn around. Turn around and return to the start/finish.
17. 4.9 K - 12K continues straight.
18. 5.8 K - The trail splits here. It does not matter which way you go. You will come back to this point and be heading back to the start/finish. Lake Guntersville is now on your left and Sunset Drive will be on your right.
19. NOTE: If you end up in the Sunset Water Plant you’ve gone too far! I have to ask, “How did you make this far?” You must have scaled the barbed wire fence. Get back on the trail! The lake will now on your left and Sunset Dr on your right. Head back to the start/finish.
20. 6.2K - Completed the loop.
21. 8.5 K – Walk between the Senior Center and tennis courts.
22. 8.9 K – Busy highway (AL 69) crossing please use the pedestrian crossing lights. The left turning vehicles are now behind you!! BE CAREFUL.
23. 9.9 K – Farmers Market.
24. 10.4 K – Lurleen B Wallace Pavilion and Kiwanis Fishing Pier
25. 11.8 K – Back at the finish - Guntersville Chamber of Commerce. You are amazing!



5k Turnaround



10K Turnaround



12K Turnaround



Sunset Drive Walking Trail

Guntersville City Harbor

Guntersville

Guntersville Middle School

Every Child's Playground

Tom Jackson Park

Guntersville Parks & Recreation Center

Guntersville Elementary School

Guntersville Museum

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Sunset Water Plant

Chandler Ridge