

Etowah County, Gadsden AL - Downtown

AVA Special Programs: Walking the USA A-Z, Step to the Beat, Par for the Course

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Start Point- The University of Alabama Gadsden Center 121 North 1st Street, Gadsden AL 35901

1. **ALL WALKERS** Leave parking lot and take a LEFT on North 1st Street, on LEFT large statue of Emma Sansom **(A)**

2. **RIGHT** Broad Street, Welcome to Gadsden Mural. Tons of shops, restaurants, Scoop de Jour ice cream, Choice Restaurant, Gadsden Music Center, The Pitman, the courthouse. Broad Street turns into Forrest Avenue. You will walk 11 blocks.

3. **LEFT** on 10th Street crossing at the light. Emmanuel Missionary Baptist Church on corner

4. **LEFT** Peachtree Street

5. 5K Walkers, take a **LEFT** on Haralson Avenue and keep following the directions. **10 K Walkers**, take a **RIGHT** on Haralson Avenue and go to step 12.

6. **RIGHT** on Walnut

7. **RIGHT** on 6th Street

8. **LEFT** on Cleveland which turns into Bay Street

9. **RIGHT** on 5th Street

10. **LEFT** on Cherry Street

11. **LEFT** on 1st Street. There isn't a sign, but you are looking at Katy Moragne Huges Cemetery. **(D)** Cross street to access sidewalk. You are now on the sidewalk of the ER. Follow the sidewalk to South 1st Street. There is no sign, but you are in the ER parking lot. Walking down S 1st street, you will pass the Gadsden Municipal Amphitheater- Logan Park Bowl. On the left is the Chamber of Commerce, on the right is City Hall with a monument to Paul Harvey. **(E)** Continue straight and cross Broad to return to your car.

10 K Walkers

12. As you are walking, look at the 10K Route sign **(B)** and think "WHAT??" This is a large loop in a neighborhood. Going straight, you will notice a statue vase in middle of the road **(C)** You are continuing to go straight Haralson Avenue but note the Argyle Circle Sign denoting the Historic district... and another statue vase in the street. **(C)**

13. Continuing straight, the road changes names again to Turrentine Avenue.

14. LEFT on Walnut Street, crossing the street even though the 10K sign tells you go right. Don't

15. RIGHT at 9th Avenue

16. RIGHT on Chestnut Street Gunn Bellenger House on corner and other historical houses.

17. RIGHT on 8th Street. Beth Israel Synagogue on corner. Looking to LEFT, you will pass 5 streets until Park Avenue.

18. LEFT Park Avenue – though you see those pesky 10 K signs right in front of you! And now a 5 K one! Telling you to go straight! DON'T

19. RIGHT at Tracey Street. Pass Gadsden Middle School

20. LEFT on Randall Street

21. LEFT on 6th Street. At the dead end, there is a playground. There are bathrooms on the corner of Walnut and 6th in the gas station.

22. RIGHT on Chestnut- Cornerstone Church on corner

23. RIGHT on South 5th Street, walk 5 blocks.

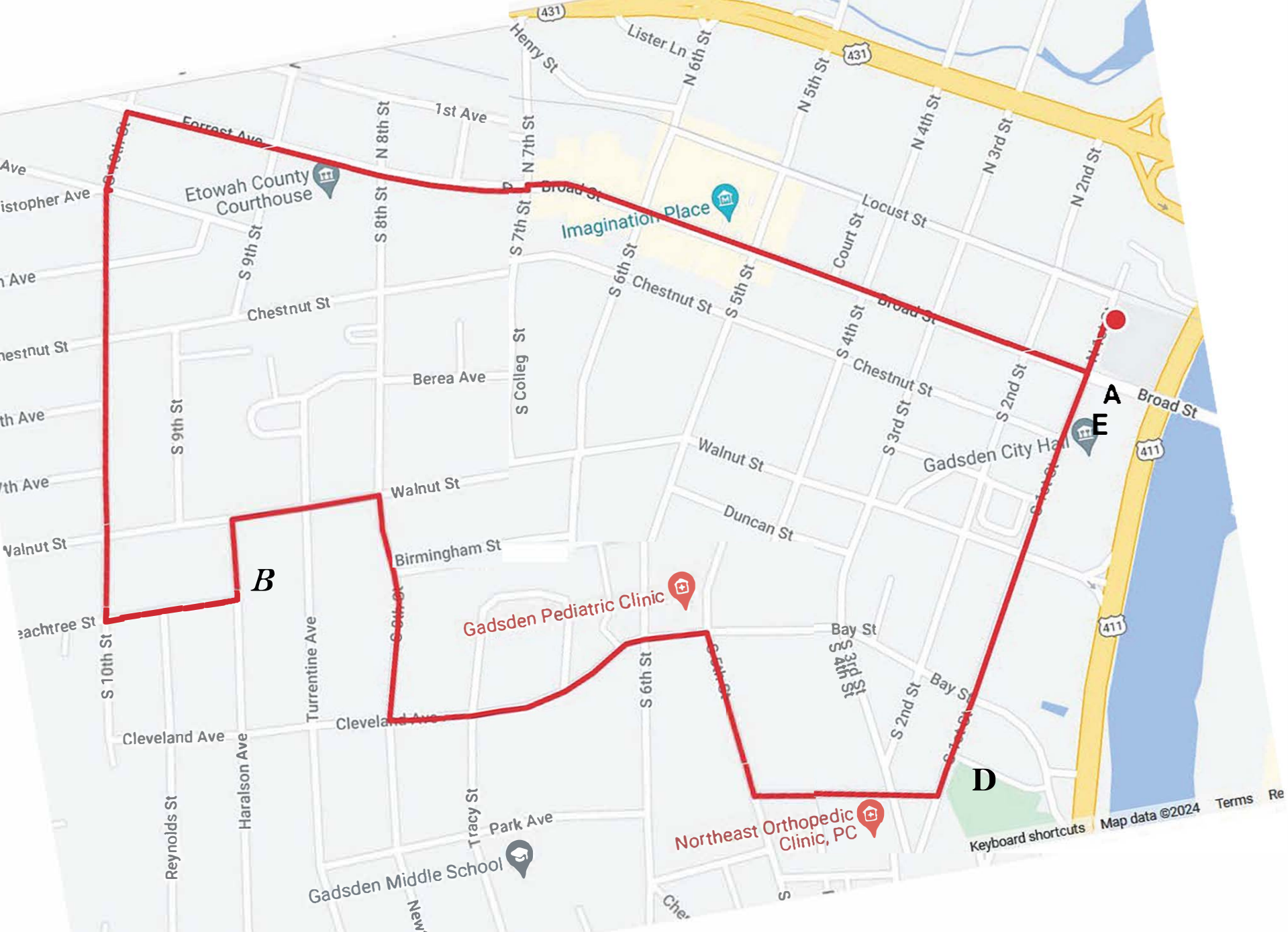
24. LEFT Southside Avenue

25. LEFT on South 3rd Street, T intersection at Riverview Region Medical Center at Montgomery Street.

26. Use the crosswalk at Montgomery Street to cross 3rd Street. You are now on the sidewalk of the ER. Follow the sidewalk to South 1st Street. Stay on the RIGHT of this V intersection. There is no sign, but you are in the ER parking lot. Walking down S 1st street, you will pass the Gadsden Municipal Amphitheater- Logan Park Bowl. On the left is the Chamber of Commerce, on the right is City Hall. There is a monument to Paul Harvey in front of City Hall. **(E)** Continue going straight crossing Broad Street and return to your car.

NOTES

- A. Emma Sansom is a heroine of Confederate lore for her role in helping rebel Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest capture Union Col. Abel Streight and his brigade in 1863. Streight appeared to have escaped Forrest's pursuit across north Alabama by crossing and then burning a bridge spanning Black Creek at Gadsden. Sansom, a teen at the time, climbed on a horse with Forrest and showed him where his men could cross the creek and continue their chase. Forrest later captured Streight by tricking him into thinking he was surrounded by a larger force. Streight's capitulation, and the fact that his men were riding mules conscripted from farms in Tennessee, reportedly prompted Forrest to mock his enemies by calling them the "Jackass Cavalry." There is debate in Gadsden about tearing this statue down.
- B. 5K/10K signs – pretty cool, huh?? Don't know why they are there. Follow them if you want and tell us what you find! Email us at alabamaamblers@gmail.com- but we aren't responsible for you if you go off the sanctioned route!
- C. The Turrentine Historic District is a historic district in Gadsden, Alabama. The district stretches along Turrentine Avenue and includes houses built during Gadsden's largest period of growth from 1891 through 1934. The street, originally the lane leading from town to the home of General Daniel Clower Turrentine, was home to some of the city's most influential residents, including mayors, bankers, doctors, educators, and industrialists. Architectural styles found in the district include Queen Anne, Neoclassical, Spanish Revival, Craftsman, and Tudor Revival.^[3] The district was listed on the Alabama Register of Landmarks and Heritage in 1994 and the National Register of Historic Places in 2005
- D. I read on the internet so it must be true that "one of the more interesting of the pioneers of Gadsden was Kathrine Moragane Hughes, familiarly known as "Aunt Katie" Hughes during the latter part of her life", but I can't find anything interesting about her except that she and her family were wealthy. They owned tons of land and donated much of it to the city thus the cemetery name. Hey peeps, if I give you a bunch of stuff, please don't name a cemetery after me. A donut shop? Yes, please!
- E. Why is Paul Harvey's name immortalized on a bronze plaque in front of City Hall in Gadsden? He wasn't born in Gadsden - or anywhere in Alabama. But Harvey, known for his radio program "The Rest of the Story," gave a speech that stirred such emotions in 1967 that local officials awarded him the plaque. It says: "On Loyalty Day this 30th day of April, 1967 we do pay honor and tribute to a great American - Paul Harvey - A man who has contributed much toward making this nation and especially Gadsden a better place to live. We salute a true champion of freedom. God Bless You." In 1975, Harvey was again in Alabama, serving as grand marshal of the Russellville Christmas Parade.



Etowah County Courthouse

Imagination Place

Gadsden Pediatric Clinic

Northeast Orthopedic Clinic, PC

Gadsden Middle School

Gadsden City Hall

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