

Los Morteros (The Mortars)

Start Point: Los Morteros Park, Marana. 9600 N. Silverbell Rd or 8100 W. Linda Vista Blvd.

Driving Directions: The starting point for both the 5k and 10k volksmarch is an open gate at the Park. From I-10 take Twin Peaks Exit (exit 244). Go west about 2 miles to Silverbell Rd. Turn right, then another right staying on Silverbell. Go about ½ mile to Linda Vista. Turn Right. Park in a gravel parking lot, across from the gate.

In Case of Emergency Dial 911

For Event Related Assistance: Fred Barton (520) 298-4340

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

1. Walk about 500 feet to the big fork in the path. Bear right and head down the hill through the mortars (two rocks).
2. Stay on the path for another 1/2 mile (or so) and exit the gate onto Coachline Blvd. Look both ways and cross Coachline Blvd. Note the multiuse trail entry: you will need this landmark to find your way back to the gate in Los Morteros on your return. (There are no signs for Los Morteros.)
3. Take the asphalt path, cross the parking lot, head toward the shelter. A portapotty is available here by the El Rio shelter.
4. Make a loop through the lookout area over the preserve. This is an opportunity to read the many interpretive signs about the fauna, flora, and history of this area.
5. Leave the El Rio interpretive area heading toward the Tucson Mountains. Stay on the multi-use path keeping the pond on your right.
6. After about a half mile, there will be three signs for bicyclists to go slowly and to turn around if the path is flooded. The middle sign provides a good place to stop and look at the petroglyphs on the hillside.
7. **10 K walkers:** Continue on the multiuse path. Turn around at the end at Arva Valley Road and head back toward the El Rio preserve.
8. **5K walkers only:** Turn around to head back the way you came. Cross Coachline Blvd carefully. When you enter Los Morteros, immediately turn right and head back to the starting point. Your walk is finished at W Linda Vista Road.
9. **10 K walkers Only:** When you return to Coachline Boulevard, (the pond will be on your left), turn right and immediately turn right again onto North Turquoise Moon Way.
10. Turn left onto W Sapphire Moon Way.
11. Turn left onto North Onyx Moon Drive.
12. Turn left onto W Lapis Moon Lane.
13. Turn right onto N Turquoise Moon Way.
14. Turn left at Coachline Blvd. Stay on the multiuse path and head back toward Arva Valley Road but turn right at the pond after you pass the shelter. Keep the shelter on your right. Stay on the multiuse trail until you reach the El Rio Neighborhood Park. (There will be a playground with swings.) Follow the path through the park and exit the multiuse trail. Go left onto N Blue Crossing Way.
15. Take a right onto W Buffalo Crossing Ln.
16. Take a left onto N Mill Crossing Way.
17. Take a right on W Oak Stream Road.
18. Take a right onto Coachline Blvd. Walk back toward the El Rio Preserve. Cross Coachline Blvd back into Los Morteros. Enter Los Morteros and turn right. Follow the path for about 1/2 mile and take the first left onto another gravel path (it is marked with stones on each side. Follow this path out of Los Morteros onto W Calle Bruce.
19. Turn right onto El Uno Gordo / W Dos Rotundo Drive.
20. Turn left on N Bross Road.
21. Turn right on W Linda Vista Blvd. Walk back to the starting point.

Congratulations!

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