



**Fredericksburg Walking Club's YRE**  
**Walking the Civil Rights Trail— 5K & 10K Walk | Y3557 | Ratings 5k 1A / 10k 2A**  
**Start Point: Fredericksburg Visitor Center, 601 Caroline St. Fredericksburg VA 22401**  
**Restrooms: Visitors Center; Hurkamp Park**

An AVA Sanctioned Seasonal Event (Award and Credit Available)

This tour includes sites where Black people created educational, housing, and business opportunities in the midst of Jim Crow era segregation, as well as buildings where people protested racial segregation in the 1950s and 1960s. Fredericksburg's Civil Rights history continues into the present, and this tour includes sites associated with Black political leaders in the mid to late 20th century. Among the 21 stops on the trail, walkers will learn about the 13 Freedom Riders who's first stop was in Fredericksburg; hear about Shiloh Baptist Church (Old Site) and Shiloh Baptist Church (New Site) role in the Civil Rights Movement; learn about John Washington who escaped to freedom across the Rappahannock River to Union Army; and see the Dr. James Farmer memorial at the University of Mary Washington, one of the big six in the Civil Rights Movement..

The walk start / finish point is the Fredericksburg Visitor Center (see directions below).

**Walk Registration:**

This walk has a Physical Start Box (PSB) inside the Visitor Center. If you register at the location, ask the center personnel for the walk box. Registration can also take place using the AVA Online Start Box (OSB), which is located on the website [my.ava.org](http://my.ava.org). Follow the instructions provided to create a user account and sign the AVA waiver (one time). Instructions for payment are also included. Download the directions (print if desired). The Point of Contact (POC) does not provide event directions or accept payments.

**Driving Directions:**

**Fredericksburg Visitor Center** is located at 601 Caroline St. Fredericksburg VA 22401. They are currently open daily from 9-4, but you may wish to call ahead to check – (540) 373-1776. Easiest parking is in the public parking garage on Wolfe St.:

**I-95S** to 133A exit US-17 BUS S/Warrenton Rd. Turn right onto US 1 S. Turn left onto Pr. Anne St. Turn left on Wolfe St.

**I-95N** to 130A exit VA-3 E. Follow VA-3 E and Lafayette Blvd. into the city. Turn left onto Sophia St. and then make a left onto Wolfe.

**Directions from the Parking Garage to the Visitor Center: Adjacent to parking garage.**

**Restrooms:** Restrooms are located at the Visitor Center.

**Special Programs:**

5K/10K: Par-for-the-Course, Step to the Beat, Town Halls/City Halls, Walking with America's Veterans, and Washington-Rochambeau National Historic Trail. Virginia Find the LOVE Sign.

**Walk Completion and Walk Credit:**

*Please use either the OSB or the PSB to register and complete the event. Do NOT mix and match. For example, do not register using the OSB and then complete your event using the PSB nor signing the PSB log sheet. The sponsoring club only receives credit for an OSB participation when an OSB registration has been completed online by entering your participation date, distances, and any special programs using the OSB. Once you have completed the walk, either follow the instructions in the PSB and sign the log, stamp your books, and mail in your payment **OR** log in to your AVA OSB Account. If you are using the OSB, click on the "My Start Box" tab, click the "Finish Table" tab, and then click "Go to Finish Table" button for the event that you completed. Use the displayed entry form to submit the date and distance for your walk, as well as selecting the applicable AVA Special Programs. This will generate the stamped virtual insert cards that you may choose to print out.*

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**Contact Information:** If there is an emergency, please call 911. For event-related assistance, contact Roger Carr at 540-429-2239.



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Fredericksburg Civil Rights Trail Walk Event | 5K & 10K Walk | #Y3557 | Rated: 5K 1A / 10K 2B

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**RESTROOMS:** Visitor Center, Kenmore Park & Hurkamp Park

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In Case of EMERGENCY CALL: 911

1. **EXIT** Start Point **RIGHT** to Charlotte St. **CROSS & RIGHT** on Charlotte St. 1 blk to Sophia St.
  2. **CROSS & LEFT** on Sophia St. (Par-for -The-Course/Riverfront Park) **\*\*A) Shiloh Baptist Church-Old Site.**
  3. **LEFT** on Hanover St.
  4. **RIGHT** on Caroline St. (Step to the Beat, Picker's Music Store #902 across the street)
  5. **CROSS & RIGHT** on George St.
  6. **LEFT** on Sophia St. 1 blk. **\*\*B) Johnny Johnson Mural across the street on your left @ William St.**
  7. **LEFT** on William St. 1 blk. **\*\*C) Sit-Ins at F.W. Woolworth's across the street, W.T. Grant's, People's Drugs & Victoria Theater.**
  8. **CROSS & LEFT** on Caroline st. to Alley on right (1/4 blk.)
  9. **RIGHT** into ALLEY. Follow through to Market Square & Fxgb Area Museum (see placards) **BEAR RIGHT**, back onto William St. bearing **LEFT** to corner of Princess Anne St. See **\*\*D) Fxgb Area Museum on left.**
  10. **CROSS** Princess Anne St. & **CONTINUE** on William St. 1 blk.
  11. **CROSS & RIGHT** on Charles St. (LHS) **\*\*E) Slave Auction Block** corner of William and Charles by Olde Towne Butcher Shoppe.
  12. **CONTINUE** on Charles St. 6 blks. to Canal St. **\*\*F) Dorothy Hart Community Center.**
  13. **LEFT** on Canal St. 2 blks. crossing Rappahannock Canal & Path.
  14. **LEFT** on Green St. 1 blk. (along canal.)
  15. **LEFT** on Maury St. 1 blk.
  16. **LEFT** On Washington Ave. (1 blk) crossing canal on bridge to **RIGHT** on Crosswalk to
  17. **CROSS & RIGHT** on Mary Ball St. (Par-for-the-Course-Kenmore Park).
  18. **LEFT** on Kenmore Ave. 1 blk.
  19. **RIGHT** on Monument Ave. 1/2 blk to enter **\*\*G) Shiloh Cemetery on right. EXIT & RIGHT to Corner of Littlepage St.**  
**\*\*TRAIL SPLIT\*\* 5K jump to # 46**
- \*\*10K continue to #20\*\***
20. **CONTINUE** on Monument Ave. (LHS) 2 blks to Sunken Rd.
  21. **LEFT** on Sunken Rd. 2 blks
  22. **CROSS & LEFT** on Cornell St. 2 blks
  23. **RIGHT** on Kenmore Ave. 2 blks
  24. **CROSS & RIGHT** on Sylvania Ave. 2 blks
  25. **LEFT** on Sunken Rd. 1 blk.
  26. **RIGHT** on William St. 1 long blk. (RHS)
  27. **CROSS & RIGHT** on College Ave. (LHS)
  28. **LEFT** on Buckner St.
  29. **RIGHT** on Colony Rd.
  30. **RIGHT** on Brent St. 1 blk.
  31. **CROSS** College Ave. onto Campus now Double Drive on RHS—**RIGHT @** one way sign & **LOOP** around Jefferson Square **\*\*H) Combs Hall** on right, **looping back to** Double Dr.
  32. **RIGHT** on Double Dr. to Round-A-Bout slight **LEFT & 2<sup>ND</sup> RIGHT** onto Campus Walk Path, passing George Washington Hall on your left **with CLOCK atop bldg.**
  33. **Continue** on Path passing Randolph Hall on right, to James Farmer Hall on **RIGHT** and

**\*\*I) James Farmer Memorial Bust on left & James Farmer Multicultural Center on right**

34. **Continue** on Path passing a Kiosk on right, then Lee Hall/UMW Bookstore bldg. on right, **at fork in path stay LEFT on the path**, passing Virginia Hall on left to **\*\*J) Monroe Hall** on right and **Fountain of Greatness on left**. Turn Around @ fountain, retrace a few steps on Campus Path.
35. **FIRST LEFT** on Path, then **SHARP RIGHT** onto descending a few steps to **ROUND-A-BOUT**.
36. **CROSS & LEFT** at Round-A-Bout to Campus Dr. **(to brick sidewalk/steps along road for descent)**
37. **CROSS & LEFT** on Sunken Rd. 2 blks (RHS on sidewalk)
38. **CROSS & RIGHT** on Grove Ave. 1 blk.
39. **LEFT** on Franklin St. 1 blk
40. **CROSS & LEFT** on Madison St. 1 blk
41. **RIGHT** on Sunken Rd. 1 blk
42. **RIGHT** on Fitzhugh St. 1 blk (see giraffe on right @ Garden View Villa)
43. **RIGHT** on Franklin St. 1 blk
44. **CROSS & LEFT** on Madison St. 1 blk
45. **RIGHT** on Littlepage St. 2 blks to Monument Ave. Passing Cossey Botanical Gardens on left. Returning to **Shiloh Cemetery on left**.

**\*\*5K \*\*continue / 10K rejoin at #46**

46. **5K LEFT** at Littlepage St. & **CONTINUE** on Littlepage 5 blks to William St. **10K Continue** on Littlepage St. 5 blks to William St.
47. **CROSS & LEFT** on William St. 3 blks
48. **RIGHT** on Pr. Edward St. into Hurkamp Park, **(Virginia Find the LOVE sign)** Restrooms. Follow Path to exit Park.
49. **EXIT** Park **RIGHT** onto George St. ½ blk to **(Walking with America's Veteran's-War Memorial) \*\*K) Liberty Town Neighborhood, Colored Cemetery at Potter's Field, Racial Covenants Divide**
50. **RETURN** to Park (RHS) on George St. **CROSS** Pr. Edward St. **continue** on George St. (RHS) 2 blks. Passing **Washington Rochambeau Trail** markers on left at Masonic Cemetery. **\*\*L) National Bank bldg.** on LHS, corner of Pr. Anne & George St., now Foode Restaurant.
51. **CROSS & RIGHT** onto Pr. Anne St. 1/3 blk to

52. **LEFT** in Alley **\*\*M) Old Fredericksburg Jail bear right** around the bldg. Old Jail on your left-2 story with bars on windows) & back out to **LEFT** on Pr. Anne St.
53. **CONTINUE** on Pr. Anne 2 blks **CROSSING** Hanover & Charlotte Streets passing City Hall on your left **(Town Halls/City Halls)** to corner of WOLFE St. See **\*\*N) Former Greyhound Trailways Bus Station (on left), Freedom Riders 1<sup>st</sup> stop "Marker", & Shiloh Baptist Church (new Site)** placards across the street by USPS.
54. **LEFT** on Wolfe St. 1 blk to Caroline St.
55. **CROSS** Caroline St. to **Finish @ 601 Caroline St. Visitor Center**.

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**\*\*Alternate 5K\*\*Start Point at #19, Shiloh Cemetery ending at #45 Shiloh Cemetery.**

**Park at Kenmore Park off-street parking. Restrooms at Park.**

## **\*\*POINTS OF INTEREST:\*\* On City Streets**

- A. **Shiloh Baptist Church-Old Site:801 Sophia St.** Fxgb's Black community has been worshipping here since 1815. Bldg collapsed and current structure is from 1890. Pastors/members have played critical role in social justice advancement.
- B. **Johnny Johnson Mural: On Sophia St. almost at corner of William.** He was the first black professor at UMW. Mural was dedicated to him for his work in Civil Rights.
- C. **Sit-Ins: F.W. Woolworth's 1001 Caroline St (now R & R Antiques), W.T. Grant's 925 Caroline (now Antique Mall), People's Drugs 922 Caroline (now art gallery), Victoria Theater 1014 Caroline (now Fxgb Baptist Church):** Corner of William & Caroline St. These establishments did not allow Black's to sit at their counters and eat. De-segregation & allowing Black's to sit at counters finally happened late in 1960.
- D. **Fxgb Area Museum: 907 Pr. Anne St.** Former Old Town Hall. Many town hall meetings held on racial inequality & oppression. First Black school board member elected in June 1963 City Council
- E. **Slave Auction Block:** Used in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries. Corner of William & Charles St.
- F. **Dorothy Hart Community Center: 408 Canal St.**in June 1950, 27 graduating Blacks held commencement speeches at this site.
- G. **Shiloh Cemetery: Littlepage & Monuments Ave.** In 1882, Rev. Lemuel Waldon & six Deacons of the Church purchased several acres of land that became this site, then called the "Shiloh Colored Cemetery." Many important & influential Black citizens buried here.

## **UMW CAMPUS PROPERTY**

- H. **Combs Hall** (former Science Bldg.) Housed First Black Woman, Venus Jones, in 1965 and the school had 5 Black women known as the "Big Five."

- I. **James L. Farmer, Jr. Memorial, James L. Farmer Jr., Multicultural Center.** Dr. James L Farmer, Jr., was born in Texas in 1920. His father Dr. James L. Farmer, Sr., was the First Black Man to earn a doctorate degree in the State of Texas. The younger Farmer entered Howard University on the School of Religion and graduated in 1941. Upon graduating his father asked what he was going to do with his life, he replied, "Destroy Segregation." IN 1942 he founded "CORE" Congress for Racial Equality in Chicago IL. In 1961 he led the "Freedom Rides" to challenge the desegregation of public transportation in the South and was a professor at UMW for 13 years from 1985-1998.
- J. **Monroe Hall:** Oldest bldg. on campus--Claudith "Dottie" Holmes would have taken classes in this bldg. She was one of the "Big Five." She was the First President of the Afro-American Club founded in 1970.

## **CITY STREETS**

- K. **Liberty Towne Neighborhood** Black neighborhood built by a former slave, Henry Dean and his wife Lucy...**Colored Cemetery at Potter's Field** dating from the 1800s @ George & Barton St. In 1920 the bodies were moved to Shiloh Cemetery., **Racial Covenants Divide** 600 block of George St. was a thriving Black community until covenants were used to keep Blacks out.
- L. **National Bank Bldg. 900 Pr. Anne St-**now Foode Restaurant. Housed one of the Headquarters of the "Freedmen's Bureau." They helped formerly enslaved people to transition to be self-sufficient.
- M. **Old Fxgb Jail: 701 Pr. Anne St.** housed "Freedmen's Bureau."
- N. **Former Greyhound Trailways Bus Station 601 Pr. Anne (now Fire Station) was Freedom Riders 1<sup>st</sup> Stop in 1960, Shiloh Baptist Church (new site)** focused its mission on education, community service, and activism, resulting in the establishment of an important Black School, "The Fxgb Normal & Industrial Institute."

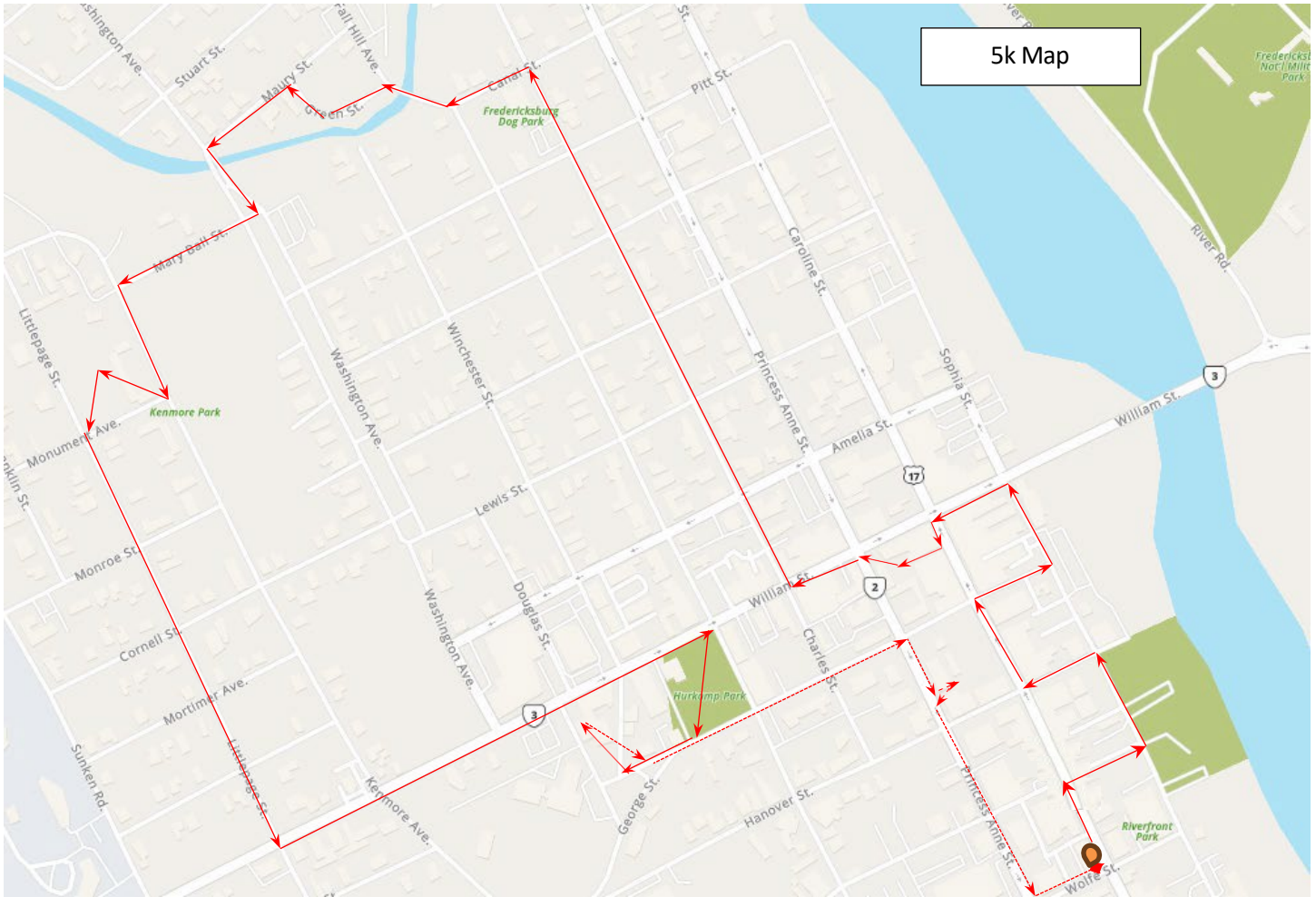
Visit the Fxgb Visitor Center for more information, maps, routes, & research data on Civil Rights Trail.

<https://fxbg.com/civil-rights-trail/>

Online Booklet:

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