



**Valley Vagabonds**  
Welcome You to  
**The Orrville Then and Now Walk**  
An AVA Sanctioned Year Round Event



The walk consists of a 5k loop and a 6k loop which can be combined for 11k. The start/end point for both loops is at the trailhead for the Heartland Trail / Great American Rail Trail, 130 Depot Street, Orrville, OH, 44667 (40.84017, -81.76733). Both loops are rated 1A. Parking, water and restrooms are available at the trail head. Pets on a lease with cleanup are welcome on the 5k loop but not on the 6k loop as they are not allowed in Orr Park. The walk begins at the kiosk on the west side of the restrooms.

To get to the start point, from I-76, take Route 57 South into downtown Orrville, turn right on Market Street and take the second left into Public Parking Lot A. From I-77, take Route 30 West, turn right on Route 57, turn left on Market Street and take the second left into Public Parking Lot A. From I-71, take Route 30 East, turn left on Route 57, turn left on Market Street and take the second left into Public Parking Lot A.

The 5k loop includes:

Special Programs: IVV Americas, Rails to Trails, Walking the USA A-Z (O), Walking with America's Veterans  
J.M. Smucker Company corporate headquarters and fitness trail  
Historic downtown Orrville  
The Orrville Storybook Trail sponsored by the Orrville Public Library

The 6k loop includes:

Special Programs: IVV Americas, Rails to Trails, Par for the Course, Step to the Beat, Walking the USA A-Z (O), Walking with America's Veterans  
Crown Hill Cemetery  
Orr Community Park

For Special Programs which are included on both loops, only one qualifier stamp can be used for this event per year.

The Heartland Trail, a bike/hike trail sponsored by Rails to Trails of Wayne County, will eventually connect to the Ohio & Erie Towpath Trail in Clinton, OH, providing access to trails throughout the State of Ohio. This trail has been designated as a section of the Great American Rail Trail, a 3,700 mile trail which will connect Washington, DC with Puget Sound in the state of Washington. See [greatamericanrailtrail.org](http://greatamericanrailtrail.org) for more info.

The kiosk has a map showing the current Heartland Trail route and future trails that it will connect to. On the backside of the kiosk is information about Orrville's history as a major railroad center connecting east-west and north-south railroads through Ohio.

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From the kiosk you can see Orrville's historic Union Depot maintained by the Orrville Railroad Heritage Society to commemorate Orrville's railroad heritage including a roundhouse for turning the big steam engines around. The peak capacity for trains in 1926 was 20 passenger and 42 freight trains daily. The ORHS sponsors several events during the year including opportunities to experience operating different kinds of railroad equipment. For more information see [orrvillerrailroad.com](http://orrvillerrailroad.com) or their Facebook page.

### **Walk Registration:**

Registration takes place online using the AVA Online Start Box on [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 and print as needed. The POC does not provide event directions or accept alternate payment methods.

**Please use either the Online Start Box (OSB) or Physical Start Box (PSB) to register and complete the event. Do NOT mix and match**, for example, by registering using the OSB then completing your event using the PSB or 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.

### **Walk Completion and Walk Credit:**

Once you have physically completed the walk, please login to your Online Start Box account, click on the "My Start Box" tab, then the "Finish Table" tab, then click on the "Go to Finish Table" button for the event you have completed. Use the displayed entry form to submit the date and distance of your walk as well as select applicable AVA Special Programs to generate stamped "virtual" insert cards that you may choose to print out.

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### **5 km Loop Directions for the Orrville Ohio Walk**

1. From the kiosk at the Heartland Trail trailhead, walk to Market St., **carefully cross** and turn left.

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2. Cross Sterling Street and turn right.

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The blue house with white trim at 149 Sterling is a mail order "kit" home purchased from Sears & Roebuck. The house was shipped in pieces with directions for assembling it on site. Sears sold an estimated 70,000 "kit" homes from 1908 to the 1940s.

3. Cross Church and then High.

Dravenstott's restaurant at the corner of Sterling and High Streets is a family-owned restaurant that has been serving Orrville since 1969. They still offer drive-up curb service "where you can enjoy dining in the comfort of your own car."

4. At the end of Sterling, enter the blacktop trail with a red bench on the right and follow it past the skateboard park on your left.
5. As you walk past the skateboard park, look for the sign to Orrville's Storybook Trail on your right. Turn right onto the trail and follow it through the woods enjoying the story told on the posts along the way. The stories are changed every month from April through November. When the trail merges with the blacktop trail, don't turn right. Continue on the blacktop trail for a short distance, then turn left on the gravel trail to see the rest of the pages in the storybook. The trail will bring you back to the point where you left the Heartland Trail.
6. Turn right on the Heartland Trail and follow it past the fenced-in dog park and the sledding hill.

**Note:** If inclement weather makes this trail inaccessible, you can skip this step and just continue on the Heartland Trail.

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*The tires in the dog park were installed by a local 4-H club as exercise equipment for the dogs. The tires were donated by a local farmer.*

*The sledding hill is a popular place for winter fun.*

7. At the pond, turn left on the trail to cross the bridge and go into the woods.

*As you emerge from the woods (1k), you will see the Orrville Utilities Electric Division straight ahead. The City of Orrville's ownership of the electric utility allows it to provide electricity at favorable rates making Orrville a very attractive location for the many manufacturing companies that make their homes here.*

8. Where the trail crosses Mineral Spring and Vine (no signs), turn right on Mineral Spring, crossing Vine, and walk one block to Main Street.
9. Turn right on Main Street to the pedestrian crosswalk at Union Street (no street sign) between the Marathon Station and McDonald's. Turn left at the crosswalk, **carefully crossing** Main Street.
10. Turn right, walking on the left side of Main Street past the J.M. Smucker Co. corporate headquarters. (2k)

*In 1897, Jerome Smucker, age 39, bought a cider mill that was adjacent to his creamery. He began making apple butter and by 1906 was producing 350 gallons a day. Today the J.M. Smucker Co. is best known for their jams and jellies. The fifth generation of the family still leads the company which also manufactures*

*well-known food brands such as Jif peanut butter and Folgers coffee and pet food brands Meow Mix and Milk-bone.*

*Looking for the the J.M. Smucker Co. Store? It's three miles south of Orrville on Route 57. After you finish the walk, turn right on Market from the trailhead, then right on Main Street. Take Main Street (Route 57) south to The J.M. Smucker Co. Store on the left. The store offers products from all the Smucker brands, gift baskets, and a museum.*

11. Cross the railroad track, then cross and turn left on Strawberry Lane into the J.M. Smucker Co. campus.
  12. Right at the second sidewalk, then follow the sidewalk to the right as it curves back toward Main Street.
- You are now on the fitness trail circling the Smucker Co. campus provided by the company for the benefit of its employees and the community.*
13. When the trail reaches the sidewalk on Main Street, turn left passing in front of the J.M. Smucker House.

*The J.M. Smucker House was built in 1907. Jerome and his family lived there until 1962. In 1983, the house was restored to its authentic, turn-of-the-century condition and is used as a conference and event center.*

**Note:** *The next 1km includes a long stretch on a gravel/dirt trail and a couple of short stretches on grass. If there is snow on the ground, or if you have a stroller or wheelchair, you may want to consider using the alternate directions on p. 8 to replace Steps 14 - 25.*

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14. Just past the Smucker House, turn left onto the gravel trail leading into the open grassy area and follow it around some small hills to the sidewalk on Arch St. Turn left on the sidewalk.

15. Cross and turn right at the stop sign at Walnut St. (The next street, no street sign).

16. The gravel fitness trail resumes on your left near the end of the parking lot. Angle left on the fitness trail.

17. The fitness trail continues on grass at the end of the parking lot. Stay on the trail across the grassy stretch until the gravel trail resumes at the end of the parking lot.

18. Turn left on the trail and follow it in a loop around a greenway area between parking lots to where it crosses a street. (3k)

19. Cross the street and stay on the trail until it comes to another street. Turn right on this street to Orr Street.

20. Right on Orr.

21. At Mill Street (street sign on the left), Orr Street becomes High Street. Turn left on Mill Street, **carefully crossing** High Street, walking on the left side of Mill.

*The large building across the street on your right is the Smucker Child Development Center providing child care for Smucker employees and others in the community.*

22. Left at the next street (Church Street, no sign).

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*The statue on your left was the original grave marker for the family plot of Judge Smith Orr, the founder of Orrville. It became damaged over the years and was restored and moved to this spot in 2016 by the Orrville High School Class of 1946.*

23. Turn left into the cemetery at the Hamlin headstone and continue to the large boulder on the right marking the Orr family grave site. (4k)

24. Return to Church and turn right, crossing Mill to Walnut Street.

25. At Walnut, cross Church and turn right.

26. Continue on the left side of Church passing the Orrville Public Library.

**Restrooms and water** are available at the library. Open M, Tu, Th 10-8; W, F 10-6; Sa 10-3. Closed on Sundays and holidays.

*Across the street at the corner of Church and Main is the Smith Dairy Company corporate headquarters. Look up to see the cow on the silo. She proudly wears a wreath around her neck every year at Christmas time.*

27. **Carefully cross** and turn left on Main.

**Special Program: Walking with America's Veterans.** The Eagle Memorial in front of the Municipal Building is dedicated to those who serve to protect including America's Veterans.

*The downtown Orrville Historic District is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.*

28. Right at Water Street, passing the Smith Dairy truck bay on your right.

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*With a bit of luck, you might see one of the very skilled Smith Dairy truck drivers make the tight turn into Water Street and back a very big truck into one of the narrow truck bays. Always fun to see.*

29. Cross Vine and Water and turn left, walking on the right side of Vine.

*Cornerstone Park at the corner of Vine and Market was provided to the community by the Orrville Lions Club which revitalized the site of a former gas station to provide a pleasant respite in downtown Orrville.*

30. Cross W. Market and turn right to return to the start point.



Start/Finish: Heartland Trailhead  
130 Depot Street, Orrville, OH  
Special Program: Rails to Trails

Special Program:  
Walking With America's  
Veterans

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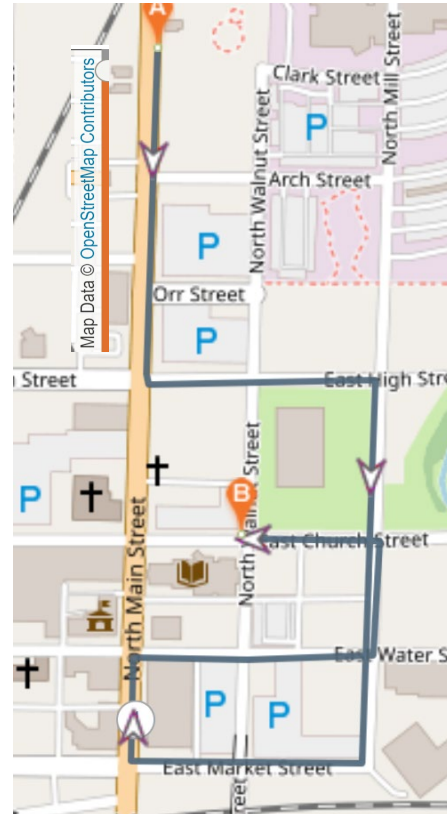
**Alternate directions to avoid the gravel/dirt trail and grass sections of this walk.**

- a) Continue on Main Street past the Smucker House, crossing Arch.
- b) Cross High at the light (3k) and turn left, crossing Walnut.
- c) Right on N. Mill crossing Church (no sign) and E. Water.

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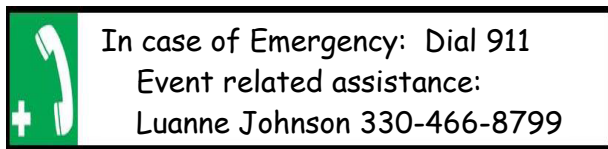
- d) Right on E. Market.
- e) Right on N. Main.
- f) Right on E. Water.
- g) Left on N. Mill.
- h) Left at Church St. (4k) No street sign. Look for the statue on the opposite corner.
- i) Return to Step 26 in the original directions to complete the walk.



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**6 km Loop Directions for the  
Orrville Ohio Walk**

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2. Cross Sterling, Ella, Hall, Fair, and Pearl. Turn right on Elm Street.

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3. Cross Church, turn left on High (1k). Cross Washington and Maple.

**Restrooms and water at Buehler's Supermarket.**

4. Continue on High crossing Cherry, Linden, and Bell.
5. At Crown Hill Road, cross High and Crown Hill and turn right on Crown Hill with the cemetery on your left.
6. Left at the first road into Crown Hill Cemetery (2k).

*After going up the little hill into the cemetery, look on your right for the headstone shaped like a tree trunk in the row in front of the Mildred Scott grave marker. In the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, the fraternal organization Modern Woodmen of American provided free tombstones to their members so that none of them would lie in an unmarked grave. A short, cut off tree trunk like this one was given for a someone who died young so this appropriately marks the grave of David Arick who died in 1888 at the age of 17.*

7. Continue on the main road when it curves to the right passing the Gerber headstone on your right.
8. At the next intersection, turn left passing the maintenance building and office on your left.
9. When the road ends at a fence, turn right.
10. Pass a parking area, cross one road and turn left to the Veterans' Memorial built in 1965.

**Special Program: Walking with America's Veterans.**

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11. Return to the road, turn left to the T intersection and turn right returning to Crown Hill Road.
12. Left on Crown Hill.
13. At Lynn Drive, turn right to **carefully cross** Crown Hill and continue on Willard for one short block.
14. Right on Rex (3k).
15. Right on Jerome.

*This section of Orrville was developed on land that was originally part of the apple orchards owned by Jerome Smucker, the founder of the JM Smucker Co., best known for their jams and jellies. The streets you've just walked on were named for Jerome and his son Williard who succeeded his father as president of the company. Local legend is that Rex was the family dog.*

16. Left on High Street to Elm St. (4k)
17. Cross Elm Street to the entrance to Orr Park and turn left on the sidewalk entering the park.
18. At the sign for park hours, turn right on the gravel driveway.

***Special Program: Par for the Course.***  
*Playground on your left.*

19. Turn left at the restrooms passing tennis courts on your right. Turn right on the blacktop path at the tennis courts and follow it down the hill.
20. Continue across the bridge over the creek, and then around to the left with the bandstand on your left.

***Special Program: Step to the Beat.***

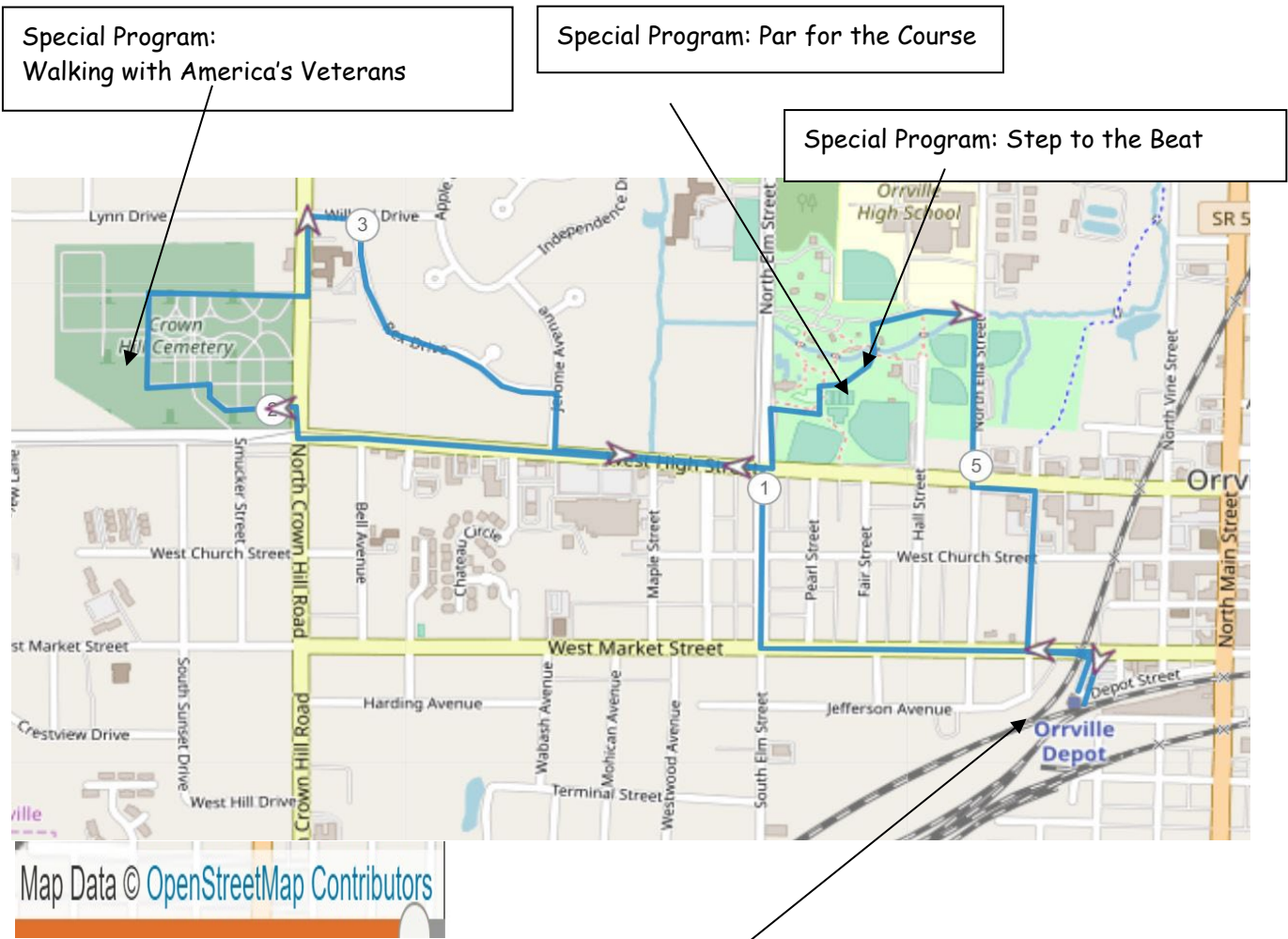
*Concerts featuring local area musicians are held at the bandstand during the summer months. The hillside opposite the bandstand provides a pleasant natural amphitheater for the audience.*

21. At the three-way split in the path, turn right on the path that goes past the restrooms and out to the road.
22. Turn right on the road to the stop sign at Ella Street (no street sign) passing Orrville High School on your left.
23. Right on Ella. (5k at the pickleball courts on your right.)
24. Cross High and turn left.
25. Right on Sterling.

*You are now back on the Heartland Trail to return to the start point.*

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26. Left on Market.
27. Cross the railroad tracks then right to **carefully cross** Market and return to the start point.



Special Program:  
Walking with America's Veterans

Special Program: Par for the Course

Special Program: Step to the Beat

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Special Program: Rails to Trails

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**Places to eat:**

The restaurants are listed in the order in which you will pass them on your walk.

**5k loop:**

**Dravenstott's (Full service menu from sandwiches to steak and seafood)**

410 W. High Street (corner of Sterling and High)

**McDonalds**

825 N. Main Street

**Que Pasa (Mexican)**

525 N. Main Street

**Subway**

511 N. Main Street

**Jerry's Café (Full service menu, full service bar)**

226 W. Market St.

**6k loop:**

**Pizza Hut**

1100 W. High Street

**Buehler's Restaurant (Full service restaurant inside Buehler's supermarket)**

1114 W. High Street

**Dravenstott's (Full service menu from sandwiches to steak and seafood)**

410 W. High Street (corner of Sterling and High)

**Other options:**

**Dairy Queen**

225 W. High Street

**East of Chicago Pizza**

304 W. High Street

**El Cerrito Taqueria and Pupuseria (Mexican)**

135 Hostetler Road

**Mrs. J's (Breakfast and brunch)**

114 N. Main St.

**Ming Hing (Chinese)**

100 E. Market St.

**Old Carolina Barbecue**

1330 N. Main St.

**Taco Bell**

1305 N. Main Street