

Emporium, PA: County Seat of Cameron County

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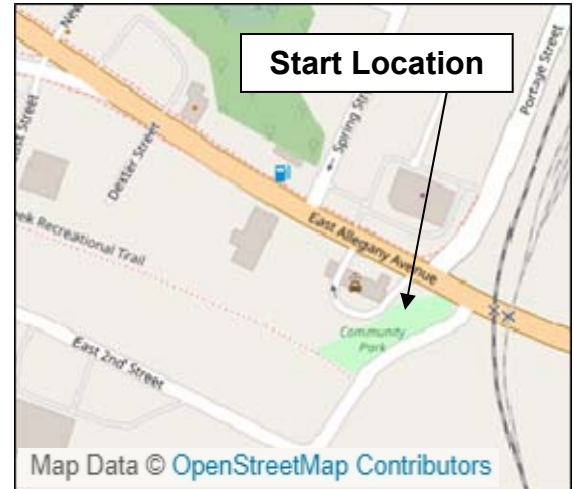
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Start Location: Emporium Community Park at 613 E Allegheny Ave, Emporium, PA 15834

Driving Directions to get to the Start Location: Take PA-120W to Emporium. After you enter Emporium and cross the railroad tracks, turn LEFT onto E. Second St. (This is near the Rite-Aid store which is on your right. After you turn, there will be a caboose on your right on E. Second St.) There is a small parking area on the right after you turn onto E. Second St, near the caboose. Park here.

Walk Description: Emporium is the county seat of Cameron County, PA. Located in the heart of the PA Wilds, this tiny community offers hometown charm. Walk along tree-lined streets with lovely old houses and through the historical church district. Enjoy an easy stroll along a rail trail that cuts through the town.



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- Walking with the Wild Things
- KSVA Counties Program (Cameron County)

Restrooms: There are no restrooms at the Start/Finish location where you will park your car. However, there are restrooms available at businesses along the way, including one close to the start.

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5K and 10K Volkswalk Route

Rated 1B

Emergency Contact: Call 911



Located in the heart of the PA Wilds, this tiny community offers hometown charm. With a population of barely 2,000 people, the tree-lined streets give way to small locally owned shops and restaurants. Walk the historical church district which includes stained glass windows from the 1800s or bring your bike and enjoy the rails to trails which cut through the center of town. Emporium is aptly named because of its ties to International and national history. The dynamite used to build the Panama Canal was manufactured here, the flagstone at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier mined here, Sylvania and the introduction of radio tubes had its start in Emporium. Spend time in Emporium and take a walk back in time.

- Watch your step as you do this walk; many of the sidewalks are rough and uneven. You will also encounter a few steps along this walk.
- There are a few hills on this walk, but they aren't too bad.
- Not suitable for stroller or wheelchairs because of some distances on gravel and some steps.
- There are no restrooms at the Start/Finish location where you will park your car. However, there are restrooms available at businesses along the way, including one close to the start.
- Throughout the walk, notice the banners honoring local veterans on the utility poles in town with the heading "Freedom Sacrifice Honor".
(WALKING WITH AMERICA'S VETERANS SPECIAL PROGRAM)

1. For the trailhead in Emporium, PA: Drive to Emporium Community Park at 613 E Allegheny Ave, Emporium, PA 15834. This is at the intersection of East Allegheny Ave and E Second St, across from Rite Aid. There will be a Pennsylvania Railroad Caboose at this park. There is a small parking lot that will hold about 6 cars along E Second St that is for the park – across from a large gravel parking lot next to the train tracks. Park your car in the small lot

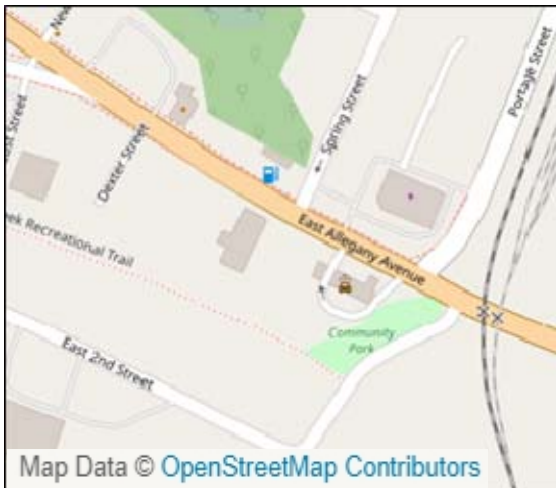
Rich Valley Wines is housed in an old church, and has cozy chairs and tables to sit and enjoy a beverage (but no food). They have games and puzzles, and although they probably won't be open while you are doing your walk, it could be a nice place to relax afterwards.

From their website: Rich Valley Wines offers a wide selection of traditional and fruit wines as well as Pennsylvania made beers and spirits for onsite consumption.

6. At the end of Pine St, cross E Fifth St. Go up the steps to the sidewalk and turn LEFT so that you are walking on the sidewalk on the right side of E Fifth St (a one-way road, with traffic coming towards you).
7. When you reach E Allegheny Ave, the 5K and 10K SPLIT.
8. **(5K ONLY):** Carefully Cross E Allegheny Ave to the other side. Once on the other side, turn left to walk downhill for a short distance on E Allegheny Ave. Turn RIGHT onto Spruce St (unmarked, but it is the next street on the right). Skip to Direction # 27.
9. **(10K ONLY):** Turn RIGHT onto the sidewalk on E Allegheny Ave, walking uphill, and continue with directions below.
10. At the end of the road, Walnut St is to the left downhill, and E Sixth St is to the right and left – but there are no street signs. Cross E Sixth St in the crosswalk, walk up the steps and turn LEFT onto the sidewalk on the right side of E Sixth St.

After Chestnut St, pass the rear of the Cameron County Courthouse. You will pass the front of the courthouse later in the walk.

11. Cross Chestnut St, Cherry St, S Broad St, Wood St, and Maple St.
12. At the intersection with Poplar St (no sign) to the left, W Sixth St straight ahead and W Allegheny Ave to the right, cross Poplar St in the crosswalk, and bear RIGHT onto W Allegheny Ave.
13. Pass Vine St (unmarked) on the left.
14. At Woodland Ave, continue straight on W Allegheny Ave. Luigi's Hoagies & Pizza is on the right (but it is not likely to be open).



along E Second St.

2. **BOTH THE 5K AND 10K ROUTES BEGIN HERE.** From the parking lot, walk up to the caboose. If it is open, walk inside and take a look!
3. After exploring the caboose, turn around and carefully cross and turn LEFT onto E Allegheny Ave to walk on the sidewalk on the right side of the road.

RESTROOMS are available in Rite Aid, straight back when you enter the store. You have to ask an associate to let you in, because they are kept locked.

RESTROOMS are also available at the KwikFill on the right side of the road.

4. Pass Spring St (no sign), New St and Hickory St on the right.
5. Turn RIGHT onto Pine St. Pass Rich Valley Winery on the right (Hours: Closed Sunday thru Wednesday; Open Thursday, Friday and Saturday 5pm-9pm)

15. At the driveway for the Cameron County School complex, turn LEFT in the crosswalk and cross W Allegany Ave. There is no sign for the schools, but on the left side of the driveway is a red house and on the right side of the driveway is an elementary school with a small playground. **(PAR FOR THE COURSE SPECIAL PROGRAM)**
16. Use the sidewalk on the left side of the driveway to walk into the school complex.
17. Follow the sidewalk as it turns left, and then bends to the right in front of Cameron County Junior/Senior High School.
18. In front of the High School, bear LEFT to walk down the driveway to Woodland Ave.

19. Turn RIGHT onto the next sidewalk to the RIGHT and walk toward the entrance of the Cameron County High School. In front of the school is a concrete memorial with a keystone-shaped plaque that honors Cameron County's war dead from World War I and II. **(WALKING WITH AMERICA'S VETERANS SPECIAL PROGRAM)**

20. In front of the school take the sidewalks that bend to the LEFT, now walking away from the school. Return to Woodland Ave.

21. Turn RIGHT onto the sidewalk along Woodland Ave.

22. Walk to W Fifth St, which is on the left side of Woodland Ave. Turn LEFT, using the crosswalk to cross Woodland Ave, and continue on W Fifth St.

23. Cross Vine St, Poplar St, Maple St, Wood St and Broad St.

*The Emporium Borough Municipal Building is on the right at Broad St (turn around to see the sign on the building). **(TOWN HALL / CITY HALL SPECIAL PROGRAM)***

24. Cross Cherry St. After Cherry St, you will be in front of the Cameron County Courthouse.

*There are two veterans memorials in front of the courthouse, including one for the Soldiers and Sailors of Cameron County and a World War Memorial (World War I). **(WALKING WITH AMERICA'S VETERANS SPECIAL PROGRAM)***

25. Cross Chestnut St and Walnut St.

26. At E Allegany Ave, turn RIGHT briefly and then RIGHT AGAIN onto Spruce St (unmarked, but it is the next street on the right).

27. **(5K AND 10K ROUTES REJOIN HERE)** Follow Spruce St downhill to E Fourth St. Turn RIGHT onto E Fourth St.

*If you need a **RESTROOM**, there is one in the Coin Laundry that is just to the left on Fourth St.*

28. Enjoy your stroll along E Fourth St, which is Emporium's tree-lined main street. As you walk between Spruce St and Walnut St, you are walking through Emporium's "church district". Note the Hygrade Inn on your right.

Now a Boutique Hotel B&B, the Hygrade was built in 1880 and was once the home of Bernard Eskine, founder of Sylvania (formally Hygrade Sylvania). They have four rooms that they rent, and it's a really nice place to stay!

29. Continue on E Fourth St, crossing Walnut St.

30. At Chestnut St (no sign, but there is a very colorful crosswalk with a green background here), the **5K and 10K SPLIT** again. For the 10K route, cross Chestnut St and skip to Direction # 40.

31. **(5K ONLY):** Cross Chestnut St and turn RIGHT onto Chestnut St.

32. Follow Chestnut St, crossing E Greenwood St (an unmarked alley) and E Fifth St. As you pass the Cameron County Courthouse on your left, look for a driveway on the left. If you get to E Sixth St, you went a little too far.

33. Turn left on the driveway behind the Cameron County Courthouse and follow it to Cherry St (unmarked). (You will be walking around the courthouse with the next few directions.)

34. Turn LEFT on Cherry St.

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36. Turn RIGHT onto Chestnut St.

37. Follow Chestnut St, crossing E Greenwood St (an unmarked alley), back to E Fourth St.

38. Turn RIGHT onto E Fourth St. Cross Cherry St. Pass Aroma Café (a good place for lunch).

*As you approach the traffic light at Broad St, look across Broad St to the murals on the brick building. These murals are qualifiers for **WALKING WITH AMERICA'S VETERANS SPECIAL PROGRAM**.*

39. At Broad St, use the traffic light to cross both Broad St and West Fourth St – to get on the corner diagonally opposite of where you're standing. Then continue on the sidewalk, now on the left side of West Fourth St. Skip to Direction # 50.

40. **(10K ONLY):** Continue on E Fourth St, crossing Cherry St. Pass Aroma Café (a good place for lunch).

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41. At the traffic light at Broad St, turn LEFT – crossing Fourth St with the light. Continue on South Broad St on the sidewalk on the left side of the street. Cross E Third St (no sign) and the West Creek Recreational Trail (don't worry – you'll be walking on the trail later!)

42. Cross and turn LEFT onto Second St. Continue on Second St passing Cherry St, Parkway Dr, Laurelwood Dr, Elmwood Dr and Lindenwood Dr.

43. Cross and turn RIGHT onto Willowwood Dr, walking on the left side of the road. At the intersection with Front St, ahead of you will be Front Street Playground **(PAR FOR THE COURSE SPECIAL PROGRAM)**.

44. Turn RIGHT onto Front St. Pass the rows of brick houses and cream-colored houses on the left. Follow Front St to a parking lot on the left. Enter the parking lot and find the Front Street Park Path.

45. Follow Front Street Park Path with the Driftwood Branch of the Sinnemahoning Creek on your left. The path brings you back to Front St. Cross Front St, and continue straight on the road ahead, which is Cherry St.

46. Walk on Cherry St to its end at Second St.

47. Turn LEFT onto Second St.

48. Turn RIGHT onto South Broad St.
49. At the traffic light, turn LEFT, crossing South Broad St, and continuing on the sidewalk on the left side of West Fourth St.
50. **(5K AND 10K ROUTES REJOIN HERE)** Cross Wood St, Maple St and Poplar St.

The library is between Wood St and Maple St on the left side.
RESTROOMS when open.

After crossing Maple St, look for a blue house with white trim at 105 W. Fourth St on the left side of the street. The front of the house has a small garden with gnomes and gargoyles (and Big Foot too!) **(WALKING WITH THE WILD THINGS SPECIAL PROGRAM)**

51. At Vine St, use the crosswalk to cross West Fourth St. Once on the other side, turn left to cross Vine St and continue on West Fourth St, now using the sidewalk on the right side of the road. At the blinking light, carefully cross Woodland Ave in the crosswalk.
52. Walk across the bridge over the Driftwood Branch of the Sinnemahoning Creek. When you get across the bridge, the sidewalk ends. VERY CAREFULLY, cross to the other side of PA-120.
53. Carefully cross the road just after the bridge, which is Airport Rd. Continue a very short distance along the left shoulder of PA-120 to a pathway on the left. This is Big Flag / Veterans Memorial Park **(WALKING WITH AMERICA'S VETERANS SPECIAL PROGRAM)**.
54. Use the pathway to walk into the Memorial area. Note the Blue Star Highway marker. There are many Veterans Memorials in this park.
55. After you are finished in the park, return to PA-120 and turn RIGHT. Turn RIGHT again just before the bridge onto Airport Rd.
56. Follow Airport Rd to the West Creek Recreational Trail. Turn RIGHT onto the trail **(RAILS-TO-TRAILS SPECIAL PROGRAM)**.

The West Creek Recreational Trail connects St. Marys PA and Emporium. The 19.5-mile trail follows the route of the Philadelphia and Erie Railroad that began serving the area in the 1860s. It was later acquired by the Pennsylvania Railroad and then became one of the many short-line railroads: The Allegheny and Eastern Railroad, owned by Genesee & Wyoming.

57. Follow the West Creek Recreational Trail a short distance to a road crossing. This is Industrial Rd (no sign, but there is a tan metal building to the right on this road. There is a concrete block building just ahead on the left side of the trail, and to your left is a large parking lot). TURN AROUND here, and retrace your steps back to the Airport Rd crossing.
58. Cross Airport Rd and continue STRAIGHT on the West Creek Recreational Trail, over the bridge over the creek.
59. Continue ahead on the West Creek Recreational Trail. There are no signs at the road crossings, but you will be crossing Maple St and South Broad St. Pass Cherry St, Chestnut St. After Chestnut St, you will pass Third Street Playground with basketball courts inside a fence on your left **(PAR FOR THE COURSE SPECIAL PROGRAM)**. Pass Walnut St on the left. Cross Spruce St and Pine St.

60. As you approach E Second St, you will see the trailhead sign on your left. Turn LEFT on E Second St and return to your car.
61. Don't forget to check in with the Online Start Box! And thank you very much for supporting the Cumberland Valley LEAD Foot Club on this walk! We hope you enjoyed it! 😊

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The Cumberland Valley LEAD Foot Club gratefully acknowledges the work of Tom Jackson of the York White Rose Wanderers, who first laid out a walking route in Emporium for a Pennsylvania Wilds Walking Weekend that was held in 2011. This walk was based somewhat on those directions, with changes made to present the way Emporium looks in 2025.

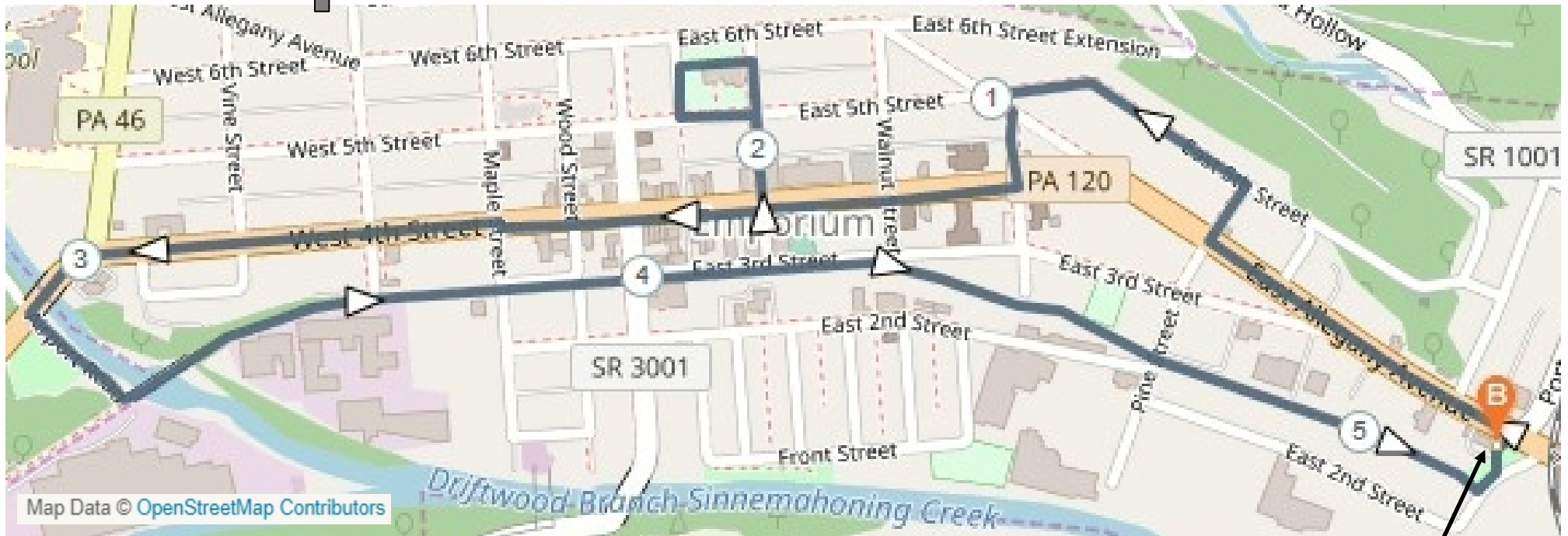
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