

## St. Marys, PA – Elk County

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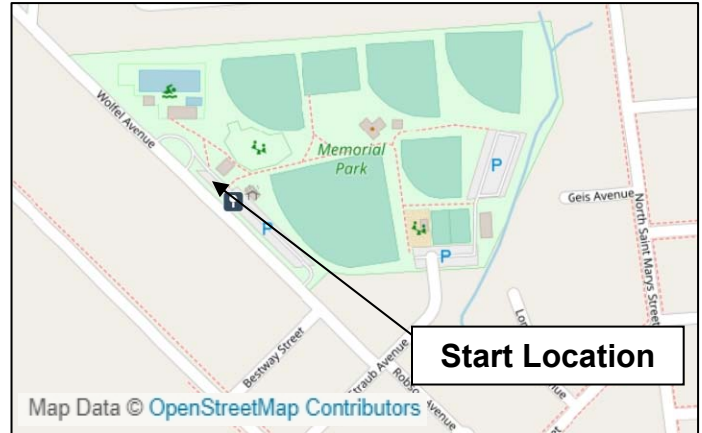
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**Start Location:** Memorial Park at 456 Wolfel Ave, St. Marys, PA

**Driving Directions to get to the Start Location:** Follow PA-120 to St Marys. In the center of town, turn onto N Michael St. You should pass the Apollo Theatre on your right. Continue on N Michael St, which bends to the right in front of the cemetery and becomes Lynch Rd. Turn right onto Wolfel Ave. Turn left into the parking lot of Memorial Park. Park near the “Memorial Park est. 1946” pavilion.

**Walk Description:** St. Marys PA, founded as religious community, was originally a small town inhabited by mostly Bavarian Roman Catholics and is home to the first Benedictine convent in the United States – as well as to Straub Brewery! St. Marys became known as the “Carbon Capital of the World” because of its significant history and continued presence in the carbon/graphite manufacturing industry. Many carbon products developed in St. Marys were crucial during wartime. This walk takes you past many historical houses, gorgeous historic churches, a “secret” grotto tucked into a hillside and through parks that highlight St. Marys' history. During the week, Monday through Friday, you can stop in at the Straub Brewery and enjoy two FREE beers at the brewery's Eternal Tap. (On the weekend, if you want a beer, you'll have to purchase it at the Straub Tap Room, where they also serve food.)



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- Walking with the Wild Things
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## 6K & 10K Volkswalk Route

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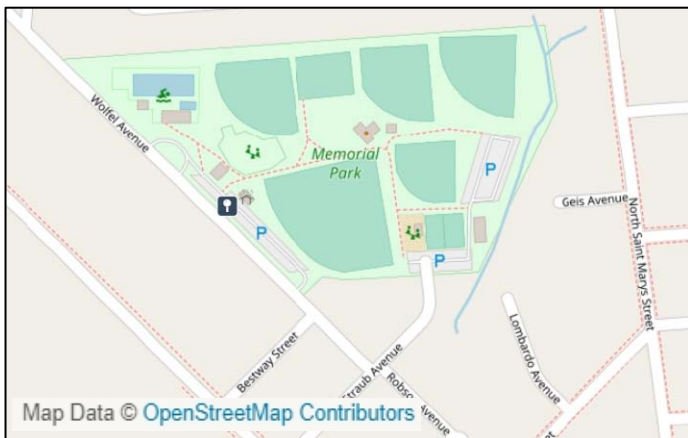


St. Marys PA was founded on December 8, 1842 as a religious community. It was originally a small town inhabited by mostly Bavarian Roman Catholics and is home to the first Benedictine convent in the United States – as well as to Straub Brewery! St. Marys became known as the "Carbon Capital of the World" because of its significant history and continued presence in the carbon/graphite manufacturing industry, with companies like Speer Carbon Company, Stackpole Carbon Company, and St. Marys Carbon Company. Many carbon products developed in St. Marys were crucial during wartime.

Much of St. Marys' history was riddled with fires that devastated the downtown area, because most of the structures were primarily built using wood. One of the most catastrophic fires was the Fire of 1880 which consumed over fifty buildings along North Saint Marys St. and Erie Ave.

- Not suitable for stroller or wheelchairs because of some steps and a short distance on a gravel road.
- 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.
- There are restrooms in Memorial Park at or near the Start/Finish location where you will park your car. There are also restrooms available at businesses along the walk route.
- You might want to time your walk to arrive at Tablespoons Café & Deli to have lunch, before they close. As of this writing, their hours are Mon-Thu 11AM-3:30PM, Fri 11AM-2PM, Sat & Sun CLOSED.
- Throughout the walk, notice the banners honoring local veterans on the utility poles in town with the heading "St. Marys Hometown Heroes". (**WALKING WITH AMERICA'S VETERANS SPECIAL PROGRAM**)

1. To begin this walk, drive to Memorial Park at 456 Wolfel Ave, St. Marys, PA. Park in the lot off of 456 Wolfel Ave, if possible.



Memorial Park has 16 acres of land, and was dedicated in 1950. It has ball fields, volleyball courts, tennis courts, a Boy Scout building and in 1963, the swimming pool was added.

The Park was built in 1946 as a memorial to the veterans of World War II. Formerly it was the site of barns, pens, and a slaughterhouse. Cattle were driven there from the railroad.

2. From the parking lot, start walking uphill with the pavilion ("Memorial Park est. 1946 Best Park in Town" on your right. Continue past the cinder block building with colorful paintings. There are **RESTROOMS** in this building. Next on your right, notice the flagpole with veterans memorials around it (**WALKING WITH AMERICA'S VETERANS SPECIAL PROGRAM**).
3. Follow the driveway up the hill to exit the park onto Wolfel Ave (no sign).
4. Cross Wolfel Ave and turn RIGHT, walking on the sidewalk on the left side of the street. Proceed up the hill (you will also climb a set of steps) until you reach the St. Marys Catholic Cemetery (in front of you).

St. Marys Cemetery dates to 1862, and replaced two earlier cemeteries.

5. Cross Lynch Rd and turn LEFT briefly to the entrance of St. Marys Cemetery.
6. Turn RIGHT into the cemetery.
7. Turn LEFT at the first intersection.
8. Turn LEFT at the T-intersection. Follow the road as it bends to the right.
9. Turn LEFT at the T-intersection. Walk through the overhang area of the chapel, continuing straight.
10. Pass a road on the right across from the crucifix and flagpole.

There is a Veterans of Foreign Wars plaque at the base of the flagpole. (**WALKING WITH AMERICA'S VETERANS SPECIAL PROGRAM**)

11. Continue straight to the cemetery exit.
12. After you exit the cemetery, CAREFULLY cross the road ahead of you (Joseph Rd.) Then bear slightly left onto Church St.
13. Proceed down the hill on the sidewalk on the right side of the street, crossing/passing School St and Walburga St.

After passing Walburga St, look for a brick house on the right at 441 Church St. This house has gnomes on its steps leading up to the front door. Also look for a house with white-colored siding and white pillars at 405 Church St. This house has gnomes and a gargoyle on its front porch. (**WALKING WITH THE WILD THINGS SPECIAL PROGRAM**).

14. Cross Benedict St. About half way down the Church St hill, you will approach the St. Marys Church Parish Center on the right. Continue a little further to the site of the St. Marys Roman Catholic Church.

On your right is St. Mary's Church also known as the German Church. Go inside to take a look, if it is open! The interior is beautiful with paintings on the ceiling! Construction on the St. Mary's Church started in 1852 by its parishioners from materials found on the site (local sandstone, lumber and lime). There is also a RESTROOM inside the church lobby, if the church is open.

15. Continue walking down Church St. After the church, notice a concrete walkway inside a fence that leads to a circular garden that surrounds a statue of Joseph and Jesus. Turn RIGHT onto the concrete walkway, and walk to the statue. There used to be a monastery, built in 1852, here, which later became a convent. The building was torn down in 2021. However, there is a grotto that still remains from the old convent.

16. From the statue, turn RIGHT and walk across the grass to the grotto tucked into the hillside. This is the Shrine of St. Walburga. It dates from 1928.

17. After visiting the grotto, return to the statue in the circular garden, and turn LEFT onto the concrete walkway to return to Church St. Turn RIGHT onto Church St.

18. Walk to the traffic light at the corner of Church and Maurus Streets. Continue straight thru the intersection by crossing Maurus St and look to the left.

*The Benedictine Priory (to the left) at the corner is the residence of the Benedictine priests, serving as the priory for the priests of both St. Marys and Sacred Heart parishes (you'll see the Sacred Heart Church soon.)*

19. Continue walking to the intersection with Center St.

20. At the intersection of Church St and Center St, turn LEFT and cross Church St in the crosswalk onto Center St. Continue walking on the sidewalk on the left side of Center St.

*Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church was the second Catholic Church in Saint Marys. The Sunbury & Erie Railroad was completed to St. Marys in 1863. Since German was spoken at St. Marys Church (remember when you passed it earlier in the walk? It was known as the "German Church"), the Irish railroad families had difficulty understanding the sermons there. So they established Sacred Heart Church. This Gothic-style church designed by William P. Ginther is built of sandstone mined on Silver Run – which runs into Elk Creek (you'll see Elk Creek later in this walk).*

*Fundraisers began in 1874 with the original Sacred Heart Church being dedicated on January 18, 1876. With the passing of time and the need for a larger building, the second (present) church was dedicated in 1907. This is a beautiful Gothic structure, with many extraordinarily beautiful stained glass windows from the town of Cologne, Germany.*

*If the church is open, go inside and take a look. It is GORGEOUS inside. Notice also the huge pipes for the church organ.*

21. Continue walking on the left side of Center St.

*Pass American Legion Post #103 (WALKING WITH AMERICA'S VETERANS SPECIAL PROGRAM).*

22. Continue walking on the left side of Center St.

*You will pass a couple of beautiful houses that are on the National Register of Historic Places including the Cozy Afghan Bed & Breakfast and Goetz's Flowers.*

*The Cozy Afghan B&B at 152 Center Street was built in 1886 and was the Charles A. Lion Residence. Charles Lion was a butcher and Erie Avenue meat market owner. In 1912, William Kaul remodeled the house into a Tudor Revival-style design with multiple gables and half timbering. The horse and buggy carriage house was converted into an automobile garage. Today, the building is a Bed & Breakfast - including rooms available in the carriage house. The woodwork inside on the first floor is beautiful, and the B&B even has a swimming pool in the back that guests can use during the summer.*

*The building that Goetz's Flowers is in at 138 Center Street was the Dr. Eben J. Russ Residence. Dr. Russ built this imposing house in the Dutch Colonial Revival-style in 1906. Russ was a medical doctor, as well as a partner in several businesses in St. Marys. This home has a stained-glass window on the front stair landing which was imported from Europe.*

*Across the street from Goetz's Flowers is the St. Marys Public Library. RESTROOMS are available here when the library is open.*

23. Continue on Center St to the end of the street, to what is known as 'The Diamond'. The Apollo Theatre is across the street and the silver-colored Keystone Corner Lunch is on your left.

*The Diamond, the town "square" in St. Marys, was formed when the railroad cut off a triangular piece of land where St Marys St crosses St. Michael St.*

*The Apollo Theatre was built in 1928 by the Hyde-Murphy Company of Ridgway. It has gone under the names: Old Diamond Movie Theater, Harris Theater, St. Marys Concert Theater, Diamond Theater and Apollo Theatre.*

24. **THE 6K AND 10K ROUTES SPLIT HERE.** For the 6K, skip ahead to Direction # 67. For the 10K, continue with the next step below.

25. **(10K ONLY)** Turn LEFT here following the sidewalk as it passes the Keystone Corner Lunch, still on your left. This is N Michael St.

*As you walk up N Michael St, look across the street to see a stately brick house with a large porch. This is the Proctor House or John E. Weidenboerener House, built in 1881. Since it was built after the Great Fire of 1880, it was built of the more fire-resistant brick rather than wood. The building is considered one of the finest regional examples of the Italianate Style of architecture.*

26. Continue to the blinker light at the intersection with Maurus St.

*On the left at the blinker light intersection at 151 N Michael St is a large house with an awning that says "Lynch-Green". It's now a funeral home, but this was the first home of "Harry" Stackpole who founded the Stackpole Carbon Company, the largest industry in St. Marys for many years (you'll pass the Stackpole Carbon Company Complex later in the walk). The 1906 3-story Colonial Revival building features stone construction with gabled roof. It was built by the Hyde-Murphy Company. The house was built as a wedding present from the bride's parents.*

27. Turn LEFT onto Maurus St, staying on the sidewalk on the left side of the road.

28. Follow Maurus St, passing George St.

*Notice the BIG gargoyle in front of House #170 Maurus St on the right at George St. (WALKING WITH THE WILD THINGS SPECIAL PROGRAM)*

29. Pass Charles St on the right. At the traffic light, cross Church St.

30. Turn LEFT at the next intersection, which is Louis St. On the right is a sign for Elk County Catholic High School. Walk on the sidewalk on the left side of Louis St.

31. At the intersection with Center St, make a slight JOG to the left. Carefully cross Center St, and continue on the sidewalk on the left side of Louis St ahead of you. Pass Lenze St on your right.

32. Pass Kerner Ave on the left (the sign for Kerner is on the right side of the road. Go down the hill, past the "NO OUTLET" sign. Curve to the left on the road with the guardrail. The road becomes a gravel road.
33. Walk on the gravel road, continuing downhill, until it meets another gravel road. Bear LEFT onto this gravel road with trees on your left and houses on your right. Continue to a paved road. The signs show that you are at the intersection of W Mill & Kerner, and that this is a DEAF CHILD AREA.
34. Continue straight ahead on the paved road (W Mill St), walking on the sidewalk on the right side of the street.
35. Follow W Mill St to the stop sign at McGill St. Cross and turn RIGHT onto McGill St, walking CAREFULLY on the left side of the street. There is no sidewalk here and the shoulder is very narrow. Cross the railroad tracks.
36. At the stop sign, turn LEFT onto State St (no sign). Walk CAREFULLY on the left shoulder of the road. There is no sidewalk on this road, but you're on this road for just a short distance. Walk to the crosswalk.
37. Turn RIGHT into the crosswalk, crossing State St. Then walk up the steps on the right side of Rock St (no sign).
38. Continue ahead on the sidewalk on the right side of Rock St. The rear of South Saint Marys Street Elementary School is on your left.
39. Pass Race St and Roosevelt St on your right.

*Just before Roosevelt St, House # 432 Rock St on your right has some BIG gnomes in the front of the house. (WALKING WITH THE WILD THINGS SPECIAL PROGRAM)*

*Berwind Park, Home of St. Marys Baseball is on your right. (PAR FOR THE COURSE SPECIAL PROGRAM).*

40. At Berwind Park, the sidewalk on the right ends. Cross Rock St and continue on the sidewalk on the left side of the street.
41. At the stop sign (NO OUTLET SIGN is ahead of you), turn LEFT onto W Arch St. Walk on the sidewalk on the left side of the street.
42. At the traffic light, turn left onto St. Marys St, walking on the sidewalk on the left side of the road.
43. Pass South Saint Marys Street Elementary School on your left. Pass Elementary St on your left.
44. At the traffic light, press the button for the pedestrian signal. Cross State St in the crosswalk. Continue ahead on the sidewalk on the left side of St. Marys St.
45. At the next traffic light, press the button for the pedestrian signal. Cross Mill St.

*Just past MJ Studios at House #414 on the left is a playground. (PAR FOR THE COURSE SPECIAL PROGRAM).*

*The house you are standing in front of, 50 South St Marys Street – at the corner of Mill St and St Marys St, was built by George E Weis and dates to 1865. He was a stonemason and used local sandstone. This Georgian-style building was made from irregular-sized stones. This building was the Albert Weiss residence, and he operated a livery and harness shop here.*

46. Press the button for the pedestrian signal to cross HALF of St. Marys St to the grassy median strip to your right.
47. Turn LEFT after crossing to walk on the sidewalk on the left side of the grassy median strip along St. Marys St. There are historical signboards along this sidewalk.

*As you begin to walk through this little park in the middle of St. Marys St, look to the left to see a stone house with two doors and "1845" in white above the doors. This stone home is another George Weis house, the oldest in St. Marys, and it was originally a store.*

*Casali's Restaurant and the Dented Keg Taproom, to the left across St Marys St, is a nice place to eat at. They serve craft beer not only from Dented Keg but they also have a few guest taps.*

48. At the clock, the sidewalk ends. Use the crosswalk to carefully cross St. Marys St to the left. Turn RIGHT onto the sidewalk after you cross, to cross the railroad tracks and walk on the sidewalk on the left side of St. Marys St for a short distance. Then in front of Carlson Technologies, again using the crosswalk, cross St. Marys St back to the right toward the St. Marys Community Calendar sign. Turn LEFT onto the sidewalk on left side of this grassy triangle along St. Marys St, staying on the sidewalk next to the parking area.
49. Follow the sidewalk to the Veterans Memorial in the grassy triangle. **(WALKING WITH AMERICA'S VETERANS SPECIAL PROGRAM).**
50. Continue following the sidewalk, bending to the right, to continue walking around the grassy triangle passing the front of the Veterans Memorial and Eternal Flame.
51. Just before the railroad tracks, turn LEFT onto the sidewalk and VERY CAREFULLY cross the street (S Michael St) in the crosswalk. Farmer's National Bank / St. Marys City Hall is ahead of you.
52. Once across S Michael St, turn RIGHT in the crosswalks to cross Erie Ave, the railroad tracks and another road.
53. Turn LEFT onto the sidewalk in front of the Community Education Center. Walk on the sidewalk, with historic buildings on your right. Pass Tablespoons Café & Deli and The Village Peddler Café on your right.

*Tablespoons is a highly-rated café and might make a tasty and interesting place to have lunch. From the "The Silverware Drawer" link on their website (<https://www.tblscafestmpa.com>) :*

*"The atmosphere is a direct result of our desire to renovate and restore, as historically correct as possible, an early 1900's building in downtown St. Marys, recreating a turn-of-the-century eating experience. As you look around the café a lot of what you see is original to the building, like the flooring and tin work, albeit painted. Very little of the original woodwork survived a 1920's renovation so most of it has been recreated based upon a few remaining pieces we found during our renovation and hidden from sight for over 80 years."*

*Unfortunately their hours are pretty limited. ☹️*

54. Walk to the end of the row of buildings. Then, walk through the parking lot, angling slightly left, to a break in the guardrail. Look across the street for a wide concrete path.

*Sheetz is to the right on Depot St if you need a **RESTROOM**.*

55. Cross the street (Depot St, no sign) and pick up the wide concrete path. The Penn Highlands Healthcare Fitness Court with unusual light blue exercise equipment is on the left here. **(PAR FOR THE COURSE SPECIAL PROGRAM).** Elk Creek is on your right as you walk along the sidewalk.
56. Follow this sidewalk to a T-intersection with a round fountain straight ahead of you. (A short optional detour to the right takes you to a bridge over the Elk Creek. If you go to the bridge, return to this intersection with the fountain.)

57. Turn LEFT onto the sidewalk and then almost immediately bear RIGHT at the next intersection keeping the round fountain on your right.
58. You are now walking through Shawmut Park. There are signboards about the Lumber Industry and the Pennsylvania Wilds on your right. A parking garage is on your left. Elk Creek is through the trees on your right.
59. Continue following the sidewalk as it turns left and goes between the St. Marys Parking Garage on the left and the Cobblestone Inn & Suites on the right, and returns to Depot St.
60. Turn LEFT onto Depot St (no sign). Walk on the sidewalk on the left side of the street.

*Notice a sweet little mural on the sidewalk in this are: "Drains to the Elk Creek".*

61. Use the crosswalk just after the parking garage, with Marian Stadt Place across the street, to cross Depot St. Continue straight on the sidewalk with Marian Stadt Place on your right toward the railroad tracks and the one-way street.
62. Turn LEFT onto the sidewalk along the road (Erie St, no sign). Follow the sidewalk as it goes around a brick wall and then continues along Erie St. The railroad tracks are on your right and nice townhomes are on your left. Stores are across the railroad tracks on the other side of the road.
63. Just before the sidewalk ends at a parking lot, turn RIGHT, using the crosswalks to cross a little road, the railroad tracks, and then Erie St toward the April School of Dance. Once across, turn LEFT onto the sidewalk.

*After the Goodwill Store, look to your left across the railroad tracks at the row of buildings. The middle building is the H.M. Silman Building (you can kind of see this name at the top of the building in raised letters). It was Silman's Department Store, once the largest department store in Elk County. The brownstone building, which dates to 1902, includes a Romanesque arch with a stained glass window.*

64. Cross Lafayette St. In front of Farmer's National Bank / St. Marys City Hall continue straight to CAREFULLY cross S Michael St in the crosswalk to the grassy triangle ahead of you. Then continue STRAIGHT on the sidewalk to the next crosswalk near the St. Marys Community Calendar sign.
65. Use the crosswalk to CAREFULLY cross St Marys St toward Carlson Technologies. Turn RIGHT to walk on the sidewalk, now on the left side of St Marys St, in front of the buildings. Pass The Diamond Perk coffee shop on your left. Walk to Center St.
66. Press the button for the pedestrian signal. Turn RIGHT and cross St Marys St at the pedestrian crossing (looking toward the Apollo Theatre). Skip to Direction # 69.
67. **(6K ONLY)** At the end of the street – the intersection with Center St and St Marys St - turn RIGHT to cross Center St (press the button and use the pedestrian signal and the crosswalk). Notice the Apollo Theatre across the street ahead of you.
68. Press the button for the pedestrian signal, to turn LEFT and cross St Marys St at the pedestrian crossing (looking toward the Apollo Theatre). Continue with the step below.
69. **(6K AND 10K ROUTES REJOIN HERE)**
70. At the right of the front of the Apollo Theatre, turn RIGHT and walk on the left side of S Michael St. You will pass

Farmer's National Bank / City Hall on your left. **(TOWN HALL / CITY HALL SPECIAL PROGRAM)**

71. Walk to the railroad tracks, crossing Erie St in the crosswalk. Cross the railroad tracks, and continue straight ahead in another crosswalk. Walk ahead, keeping the Community Education Center on your left.

*The railroad was originally the Philadelphia and Erie, built as far as St. Marys in 1863 and finished to Erie the following year. Later it was the Pennsylvania Railroad, then Penn Central, then Conrail, then Allegheny and Eastern, and now is part of the Buffalo and Pittsburgh Railroad. Its coming to St. Marys was critical in the survival of the community.*

72. Cross Depot St (no sign). Continue to the intersection with Bruxelles St, just beyond the Sheetz Gas Station / Convenience store **(RESTROOMS)**.
73. At the intersection with Bruxelles St (PA-120E), turn LEFT and walk along the left side of the Bruxelles St. At the pedestrian crossing just beyond the Taco Shop, cross to the other side of the street. Turn left to now walk on the sidewalk on the right side of Bruxelles St.

*Rick's Doughboys is to the right after you cross Bruxelles St. Their pizza is good and if you like cars, this unique shop is worth the little detour!*

74. Continue walking on the right side of Bruxelles St, crossing Ash St. Walk to the Sorg St intersection (no sign, but if you look to your right, you will see the Straub Brewery building a short distance up the road. Sorg St is also across from the Save-A-Lot Hometown Grocer on the left side of Bruxelles St.)

*Notice the grain silo peeking up behind the buildings !! **(GRAIN ELEVATORS: MONARCHS OF THE PLAINS SPECIAL PROGRAM)***

75. Turn RIGHT onto Sorg St and walk to the Straub Brewery building with its Eternal Tap.

*Nothing in St. Marys attracts as many visitors as the small, famous, family-owned brewery with its legendary Eternal Tap. Straub Brewery was established in 1872. If the Eternal Tap Room is open, go around the building to the left (the entrance you can see from Sorg St is the beer store. Look for a sign for The Eternal Tap on the wall of the brewery. Go up the steps and go inside the door on the left. Sign in on the register. Eternal Tap hours:  
MON-FRI: 9AM-4PM  
SAT-SUN: Closed  
At The Eternal Tap, the Straub Brewery invites you to enjoy one or two beers on them! It's self-service. There are also many memorabilia from the brewery's history on display in the hallway leading to the tap room. There are also **RESTROOMS** inside at The Eternal Tap. After you finish, make sure to sign out on the register as you leave.*

76. After visiting the Straub Brewery, return to Sorg St and turn right to walk down the hill back to Bruxelles St. Turn RIGHT onto Bruxelles St.

*The Straub Tap Room and Gift Shop is located at 444 Bruxelles Street. Its hours (as of the writing of these directions) are:  
MON 11AM-2PM, WED-SAT 11AM-7PM, SUN 9AM-3PM,  
Closed TUE.  
From the Straub Brewery website at <https://straubbeer.com> :*

*From handcrafted brews directly from our nearby 150 + year old family-owned brewery to artisanal fresh locally sourced foods, we invite you to be our guest! The Straub Brewery Visitor Center & Tap Room is the site of a historic Straub family home, built in 1917 by then 2nd generation Straub family member and*

brewery President, Anthony "Tony" Straub. Tony and his wife Regina "Reg" were always inviting family and friends into their home and that is just one of many traditions we still carry on today. So stop by, bring the family, and be our guests!

There are also RESTROOMS inside the Straub Tap Room and Gift Shop. Plus, it's a tasty place to eat!

The Straub Tap Room host live music events on its tent-covered stage as well as performers under pop-up tents, making this a qualifier for the **STEP TO THE BEAT SPECIAL PROGRAM**.

When you are standing at the driveway to the Straub Tap Room and Gift Shop, look to your left across Bruselles St. Notice a tall tan brick building with a US flag on top. This is now Morgan AM&T, but this building was the St. Marys Brewery, which was started in 1900.

77. Continue on Bruselles St to the traffic light at the intersection with John St. Use the pedestrian signal and crosswalks to cross to the left side of Bruselles St and then to the right side of John St – the diagonally opposite corner from where you came.
78. Turn left and walk on the sidewalk on the right side of John St. Cross Hall Ave. At the end of John St is DeLullo's Deli on the right.
79. Carefully cross Stackpole St and turn LEFT onto the sidewalk on the right side of Stackpole.

Across from DeLullo's was the site of the St. Marys Tannery, the first large manufacturing place in St. Marys. It operated from 1884 to the mid 1950's.

80. Cross Ceramic St and continue walking down Stackpole St.

On your right, down Stackpole St a short distance, is the Stackpole Carbon Company complex (now MERSEN USA, Printing Plus, and many small companies behind). Stackpole Carbon was started in 1906 and was the largest employer ever in St. Marys, once having over 3000 employees. Some departments were spun off but most of the company was shut down in the 1980's.

81. In front of the Stackpole Carbon Company complex, cross Stackpole St to now use the sidewalk on the left side of the Stackpole. Continue until you come to the intersection with Depot St (no sign, but Keystone Pipe is on the left corner at this intersection).

At the corner of Depot and Stackpole Streets were the Pennsylvania Railroad roundhouse and the MA tower which controlled the movement of trains.

82. Turn LEFT on Depot St. Walk on the sidewalk on the left side of Depot St until you reach the stop sign at Fourth St.

Sugar Mamas Bake Shop is on the left before you get to Fourth St !!!

83. CAREFULLY cross Fourth St (traffic from the right does not have a stop sign). Then turn RIGHT onto Fourth Street, crossing Depot St. Walk on the sidewalk on the left side of Fourth St, crossing the railroad tracks and Erie Ave.

Notice on your right the Axe-tion Seekers Axe Throwing Range. The tile walls on this building are all that remain of Dr Pierce's Glass Blowing Factory, which once employed 150 people. The factory burned in 1911.

84. Turn LEFT at the traffic light onto Washington St. Walk on the sidewalk on the left side of the street.

You will pass the St. Marys Police Department building. This was the site of the Novelty Incandescent Lamp Company, later Sylvania. From 1917 to 1955 this was the site of light bulb manufacturing in St. Marys. After Sylvania built a new plant on Washington Rd, the former factory was donated to become the Municipal Building for St. Marys Borough and the fire station for Crystal Fire Department.

On the right side of Washington St at the Diamond St intersection, is the Shiloh Presbyterian Church, the first Protestant congregation in St. Marys, started in the 1860's. The present church was finished about 1905.

Look for a small brick house #169 on the right side of Washington St, which has gargoyles on the sides of the steps leading up to the house. (**WALKING WITH THE WILD THINGS SPECIAL PROGRAM**)

85. Continue walking on the left side of Washington St. Cross Diamond St (no sign), pass Madison St and cross Lafayette St in the crosswalk.

Notice the brick building on the left that is now the Elks Club. In October of 1918, not long after its construction, the building was transformed into a makeshift emergency hospital during the Spanish influenza epidemic which took 118 lives in St. Marys. More than half of those who died were young men and women between the ages of 18 and 35. One of the influenza-related deaths was a fever-crazed man who jumped to his death from an upstairs window in this building. Today, some people believe the building to be haunted. They feel as if a few flu patients are "still lingering in the hallowed halls where so many people passed away", and they have reported odd happenings in the building.

86. At the traffic light, turn RIGHT, crossing Washington St, onto North St. Marys St (no sign). Walk up the right side of North St. Marys St (along the side of the K of C building).

You will pass the St. Marys Methodist Church, built in 1897, on your right and then St. Agnes Episcopal Church on your left. St. Agnes, which originally stood in Ridgway, was dismantled and moved to St. Marys in 1904. It was later veneered with local creek stone.

87. Continue walking on the right side of North St. Marys St. Pass Atlantic, Oilwell, Rightmeyer, Parade and Evers Streets.
88. At Evers St (Vito's Hoagie House at the corner of North St Marys St and Parade/Evers St), carefully cross North St Marys to get to the sidewalk on the other side of North St Marys St. Now continue on the sidewalk on the left side of North St Marys.
89. Just past the intersection with Dippold St (which is only on the right side of North St Marys St), look to the left for Brewery Run Lane (which is a gravel road that is only on the left side of N St Marys St). Turn LEFT to walk down Brewery Run Lane.
90. When the gravel ends, continue straight ahead on the concrete sidewalk.
91. Walk over the bridge that crosses Brewery Run. RESTROOMS are in the cinder block building on your left.
92. Continue straight ahead onto the path with the basketball courts to the left and a baseball field on the right.
93. Pass a playground on the left (**PAR FOR THE COURSE SPECIAL PROGRAM**).
94. At the path T-intersection with St. Marys Chevrolet Baseball field ahead of you, turn RIGHT on the path.

95. At the next T-intersection with a restroom building ahead of you (these restrooms might be locked) and a brown building with a “2009 Pennsylvania State Champions” on it, turn LEFT, keeping the big baseball field on your left.
96. Follow the path through the park past another playground on the right, and then the cinder block building with colorful paintings on the right. Return to the parking lot where you parked your car.
97. 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! ☺

Special Programs for this walk:

- Par for the Course
- Grain Elevators: Monarchs of the Plains
- Step to the Beat
- Town Hall / City Hall
- Walking with America's Veterans
- Walking with the Wild Things
- KSVL Counties Program (Elk County)

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# St Marys 6K Walk Route

