

VIRGINIA VOLKSSPORT ASSOCIATION
CITY OF BRISTOL, VA
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5/10 KILOMETERS

START POINT: Krystal Hamburgers, 1400-1/2 Euclid Avenue, VA
GPS Coordinates: N36° 36.0848', W082° 11.7104'
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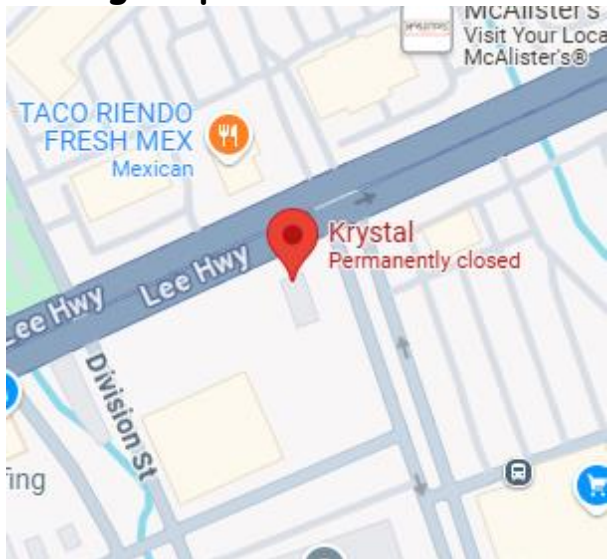
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Driving Directions:

1. Take your favorite route to I-81 at Bristol, Virginia.
2. Exit I-81 at Exit 3 (I-381)
3. Follow I-381 for 1.7 miles.
4. I-381 becomes Commonwealth Avenue.
5. Continue on Commonwealth Avenue for 0.6 miles.
6. At the second traffic signal, turn right on Euclid Avenue.
7. The Krystal Hamburger (closed) is located on the left shortly after you have crossed the railroad tracks. Krystal Hamburger (closed) is across the street from TACO RIENDO FRESH MEX.

Driving Map:



Special Programs:

Border Crossings

Par-For-The-Course

Rails-To-Trails

Step to the Beat

Town Halls / City Halls

CC: Bristol, City of

History:

Originally named Goodson, it was renamed Bristol (after Bristol, England) in 1890.

The Bristol Commercial Historic District is a national [historic district](#) located at [Bristol, Tennessee](#) and [Bristol, Virginia](#). The district encompasses 83 contributing buildings in the [central business district](#) of Bristol. The district straddles the Tennessee-Virginia border and was developed in the late 19th and early 20th centuries and contains primarily two- and three-story masonry commercial buildings constructed from ca. 1890 to the early 1950s. Notable buildings include the Y.M.C.A (c. 1905), H.P. King Department Store (c. 1905), Reynolds Arcade (1925), Bristol Grocery Company building (c. 1915), Service Mills Company buildings (1922), E.W. King Manufacturing Company (1913), Cameo Theater (1930), Bristol, Virginia Post Office (1933), Central Building (1945), and McCrory's Department Store (1951). You can find information about many of the buildings in the historic district on the application form located on the internet at

[http://www.dhr.virginia.gov/register/Cities/Bristol/102-5017 Bristol Commercial HD 2003 Final Nomination.pdf](http://www.dhr.virginia.gov/register/Cities/Bristol/102-5017_Bristol_Commercial_HD_2003_Final_Nomination.pdf).

You may want to print portions of this that you are interested in and take it with you on the walk or note the address of buildings that interest you and look them up later.

HAZOR-BLADE HOLDER - S. FRAZIER of Bristol VA - This invention is a device for holding blades when they are being stopped. The inventor's intention is to produce a device which is simple in construction, and which can be readily operated to seize or release the razor blade, and which will hold the blade very securely for stopping.

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Walking Directions:

10-KILOMETER TRAIL:

1. Leave the parking lot and walk out to the main road (Euclid Avenue - no sign).

2. Turn right on Euclid Avenue, walking in front of the Krystal Hamburgers.

3. At the second traffic signal, cross Commonwealth Avenue.

4. Continue straight on Euclid Avenue. **1 km at Lindsey Street on the right**

Virginia Middle School (was a high school) at the corner of Euclid and Piedmont is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

5. At the first street after the middle school, turn right on Harmeling Street.

6. At the stop sign, cross and turn right on Oakview Avenue.

2 km at the crosswalk by the Highland Community Services Building on the right at 1020A Oakview Avenue

7. At the second stop sign, cross Piedmont Avenue (no sign) toward the "Southwest

Virginia Emergency Medical Services Council" sign and turn left, continuing under the railroad underpass.

8. At Nationwide Insurance, turn right on Sycamore Street.

9. At the first street, cross and turn right on Johnson Street.

10. At the end of Johnson Street, turn left on Scott Street.

11. Turn left on Solar Street.

3 km at 225 Solar Street on the left.

Note the Historic Marker at the corner of Scott and Solar Streets.

12. At the second stop sign (T-intersection), turn left on Cumberland Street.

The Blackbird Bakery is located on the right at Piedmont Avenue.

13. At the sidewalk on the left, just past Virginia Main Street sign on the right, turn left on the sidewalk to walk along the parking lot on the left.

The Birthplace of Country Museum is located on the right before you turn.

14. At the third sidewalk on the right, turn right into the park.

15. At the intersection of sidewalks, make a hard left.

16. At the T-intersection (by the fire station), turn right on Lee Street (no sign).

The Crooked Road information sign is on the right.

Coca Cola mural is on a building across Cumberland Street.

17. At the stop sign, turn left on Cumberland Street.

18. At the stop sign (T-intersection), turn right on Martin L. King Jr. Boulevard. **4 km**

Bristol Train Station is on the left. The train station was burned during Stoneman's raid of Bristol.

*Look to your left at State Street to see the VA/TN State line sign. The Bristol Virginia-Tennessee Slogan Sign is a landmark in the twin cities of [Bristol, Virginia](#) and [Bristol, Tennessee, USA](#). The [sign](#) is positioned over State Street, a roadway along the [border](#) separating the two states. According to the Bristol Historical Association's booklet *The Historical Bristol Sign*, the Bristol Gas and Electric Company donated and erected the sign atop a hardware store in 1910 to advertise*

the city. The sign originally contained the lighted [slogan](#) PUSH! - THAT'S BRISTOL referring to the hopes of continued growth and future prosperity for the two cities. In 1915, the sign was moved to its current location. In 1921, a contest was held in order to select a new slogan. The winning slogan, A GOOD PLACE TO LIVE, has remained the slogan ever since.

19. At the traffic signal, cross and turn right on State Street. (You are now in Tennessee).

Note the Jimmie Rodgers info on the plaque just before Fifth Street.

Paramount Theater is on the left. Built in 1931 and restored to its original splendor in 1991, the Paramount continues to grow as the Mountain Empire's premier performing arts center. The Paramount is an excellent example of the art deco motion picture palaces built in the late 1920's and early 30's. The restoration retained the Paramount's opulent, richly embellished interior. The original Venetian-styled murals and the art deco ambience were faithfully recreated.

20. At the first traffic signal, turn left on Sixth Street. **5 km at Cherry Street**

21. Cross Ash Street and turn left on Seventh Street (no sign). You will be walking up the hill.

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22. At the yield sign (T-intersection), cross and turn right on Marion Avenue.

23. At the third stop sign (T-intersection), cross and turn right on Weaver Pike.

The walls of the Castle (wall to your left) were built by the WPA. If you look carefully, you will be able to see a WPA plaque on the wall. The Castle is the wall around the football field for the Tennessee High School. It was built in 1936 and was originally The Bristol Municipal Stadium. The stadium was renovated in 1986 at a cost of \$500,000, 49 years after its construction. The Castle's original cost was \$34,000, paid mostly by the Federal Government and the rest by the city. The Tennessee Historical Society has referred to Bristol Municipal Stadium as the most architecturally significant stadium in Tennessee. The stadium is constructed from rough rubble limestone that was procured from another Works Progress Administration project at nearby Beaver Creek. The design of the stadium was influenced by Medieval Gothic architecture and features arched entries, notched walls with a height of twenty feet, and corner towers.

24. At the traffic signal, cross Southside Avenue.

25. Turn right and cross Weaver Pike, continuing straight on Southside Avenue. **6 km**

26. At the All Way stop sign, cross and turn left on Melrose Street.

27. At the crosswalk, turn right on Wes Davis Greenway.

28. At Eighth Street, turn right and then left at the crosswalk to continue on the Wes Davis Greenway.

7 km at "Dogwood" sign on the left just before the caboose

29. Continue past the red Southern caboose and Bristol passenger car on the right to Anderson Street (T-intersection).

30. Turn right on Anderson Street.

31. At the crosswalk at Eighth Street, turn left and cross Anderson Street.

32. Turn right on Anderson Street.

33. At Seventh Street, turn left.

34. At the All Way stop sign, cross and turn right on Shelby Street.

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Information sign about Shelby's Fort is located on the building across Seventh Street.

U. S. Post Office at 620 Shelby Street was built in 1900 in the Beaux-Arts style. The building features quoining, original sash windows, and an elaborate cornice at the roofline.

35. At the All Way stop sign, turn left on Sixth Street (you walked the opposite direction on this street earlier).

36. At the traffic signal, turn left on State Street. **8 km**

Burger Bar is to the right at Piedmont Avenue - diner. They have good food and a lot of interesting items in the diner.

Cameo Theatre mural is located over the Burger Bar.

Look over your shoulder at Seventh Street for two murals on the wall by the parking lot.

Cameo Theatre is on the right after you cross Seventh Street.

37. Continue on the left side of State Street.

Old Train Station and restrooms are located to the left in back of the parking lot after you cross Eighth Street.

Bristol TN/VA - Birthplace/Country Music mural is on the building on the left at the far end of the parking lot with the restrooms and Old Train Station.

NASCAR Mural is on the right just past the parking lot on the left with the Country Music mural,

38. At the traffic signal, carefully cross Volunteer Parkway.

39. Turn right and cross West State Street. You are entering Virginia.

40. Continue straight on Commonwealth Avenue.

9 km at Marathon Service Station on the right

Note the children figures on the left near the flagpoles at The Moser Enterprises.

41. At the traffic signal (Euclid Avenue), turn left on Euclid Avenue.

42. Just past the Krystal Hamburgers, turn left to return to your car.

5-KILOMETER TRAIL:

1. Follow the 10-kilometer trail directions 1 thru 3.
2. Turn right on Commonwealth Avenue.
3. Bear left on Sycamore Street.
4. At the stop sign, turn right on Solar Street.
5. Follow the 10-kilometer trail directions 12 thru 19.

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Cameo Theatre is on the right just past Seventh Street.

6. At the traffic light, turn left on Seventh Street.

A sign about Evan Shelby's Fort is located on a brick building on the left at Seventh and Shelby Streets.

7. At the second stop sign (Anderson Street) and turn right.

8. At the next street, turn right on Eighth Street.

9. Continue straight on Eighth Street.

10. At the second stop sign, turn left on State Street.

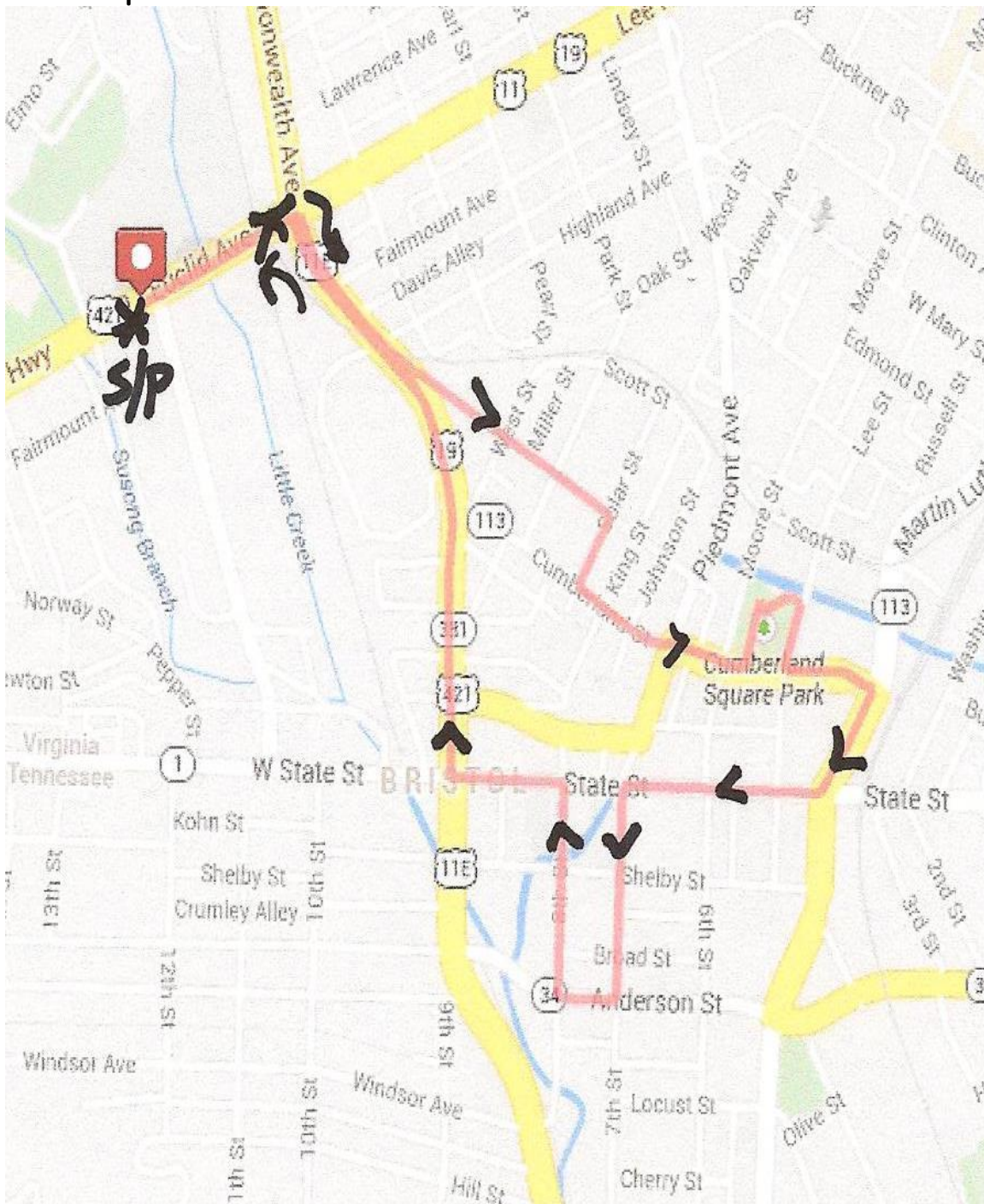
11. Follow the 10-kilometer directions 37 thru 42.

We hope you enjoyed your walk in the City of Bristol. There are also year-round walks in nearby Charlottesville, Harrisonburg, Lexington, and Staunton to help round out your day.

Don't forget to log into the OSB system to complete your walk and the registration process.

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5 KM Map:



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