



The East Texas Trekkers
 Welcomes You to
Jefferson
 AVA Sanctioned Year Round Event



This walk is composed of 5km and 10km routes. The walk starts at the Lion's Club Park at 515 E Jefferson. **We will have a special walk on Sat, Mar 1, 2025 with an attended start point in the park from 9:00-11:00 during Jefferson's annual Mardi Gras parade and festivities.** Parade starts at 10:00. Jefferson was founded in 1841 and most of the buildings on the main streets have historic markets including a Carnegie Library still in use, site of the first Ice Factory in the state, historic churches, many Victorian homes, and more. It is the county seat of Marion County.

Walk Registration:

Please use the Online Start Box (OSB) to register and complete the event.

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 "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.

Driving Directions to Start Point:

From Tyler, take I-20 east toward Marshall and US-69 then north on US-69 thru Marshall to Jefferson (**US-69/Walcott**). Right (East) on Jefferson St several blocks to the park on the right. Jefferson St is a small street south of O'Reilly Auto Parts and the OYO Hotel.



Restrooms: Restrooms available at various businesses along the route, although you might prefer to stop at one of the business along US-69 before going to the park.

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These walk directions and maps may only be used in conjunction with a signed American Volkssport Association athletic waiver. All other uses are prohibited.

1. **LEAVING** the park, **LEFT** on Line St 3+ blocks to Walker St (on left, Vale on right).
2. **RIGHT** on Walker/Vale a short distance as the street curves to the right, then an immediate **LEFT** on Clarksville St.
3. **CONTINUE** on Clarksville 3 blocks to Soda St.
4. **RIGHT** on Soda 1 block to Orleans, then **RIGHT** on Orleans 1 block to Walnut.
5. **LEFT** on Walnut 1 block to Henderson, then **RIGHT** on Henderson 1 block to Polk.
6. **LEFT** on Polk 1 block to Lafayette, then **LEFT** on Lafayette 1 block to Walnut.
7. **LEFT** on Walnut 1 block to Henderson, then **RIGHT** on Henderson 1 block to Soda.
8. **RIGHT** on Soda 1 block Lafayette, then **RIGHT** on Lafayette 1 short block to Walnut St.
9. **LEFT** on Walnut 1 block to Austin, then **LEFT** on Austin to the Jefferson Visitor Center (restrooms).
10. **CROSS** Austin to the park trail on the **RIGHT** side of the street. Follow the trail keeping the bayou on your left.
11. **CONTINUE** to the concrete trail and follow it to its end. **CONTINUE** across the grass veering to the right and passing under the highway to the boardwalk.
12. Follow the boardwalk to the 'Y', then keep to the **LEFT** to the end of the boardwalk. U-turn back to the 'Y', then keep to the left.
13. About 100 feet past the end of the boardwalk on the gravel trail, turn **LEFT** on the gravel and continue to the end. Note the interesting 'split' tree. U-turn back to the main trail, then **LEFT** on gravel trail to the end.
14. **CONTINUE** across park area to the intersection of Dallas and Vale.
15. **LEFT** on Dallas 1 block to Market passing the old McGarity's Saloon (*Masonic Lodge in 1850s*).
16. **RIGHT** on Market 1 block to Austin, then **RIGHT** on Austin 2 blocks to Polk passing the Jefferson Historical Society Museum (old Post Office), Jay Gould's Private Railroad Car, 'The Atalanata', and Marion County Courthouse.
17. **RIGHT** on Polk 1 block to Dallas, then **LEFT** on Dallas 1 block to Walnut.
18. **LEFT** on Walnut 1 block to Austin, then **LEFT** on Austin 1 block to Polk passing the General Store (really interesting).
19. **RIGHT** on Polk 2 blocks to Lafayette.
20. **LEFT** on Lafayette 2 blocks to Market. Note the Sterne Fountain in the intersection, the Carnegie Library on the corner, and sign about the Texas Artificial Gas Plant. The library is one of the few Carnegie Libraries still in use as a library.
21. **CONTINUE** on Lafayette to Line St.
22. **5k ONLY: RIGHT** on Line St returning to Lion's Park. **END of 5k.**
23. **10k ONLY: LEFT** on Line St 2 blocks Rusk (on left, Benner on right), then **angle LEFT** on Rusk 1 block to Camp.
24. **RIGHT** on Camp 1 block to Houston, then **LEFT** on Houston to the end of the street.
25. **U-TURN** on Houston **3 blocks to Line**, then **angle RIGHT** on Line 2 blocks to Benner (on left, Rusk & Austin on right).
26. **LEFT** on Benner 2 short blocks to Main, then **LEFT** on Main 2 blocks to Seymore.
27. **RIGHT** on Seymore 1 block to South Alley St, then **RIGHT** on S Alley 3 blocks to Mosley.

- 28. **LEFT** on Mosley 1 block to Friou St, then **RIGHT** on Friou 7 blocks to Dixon.
- 29. **RIGHT** on Dixon 2 blocks to Main, then **RIGHT** on Main 1 block to Walker.
- 30. **RIGHT** on Walker 1 block to S Alley, then **LEFT** on S Alley 2 blocks to Delta.

- 31. **LEFT** on Delta 4 blocks to Market, then **VEER LEFT** sharply on Market for a short distance to Orleans on the right.
- 32. **RIGHT** on Orleans 2 blocks to Polk St, then **RIGHT** on Polk 1 block to Henderson passing the Museum of Measurement and Time.
- 33. **RIGHT** on Henderson 4-5 blocks to Main St angling to the right at Line St. Circle the park and return to Line St and the start point. **End of 10k.**

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