



The East Texas Trekkers  
 Welcomes You to  
**Palestine - My Home Town**  
 AVA Sanctioned Seasonal Event



This walk is composed of 5km and 10km routes. All routes are rated 1A and are on a paved streets. The walk start/end point is the Palestine Fire Dept at 611 Ave A.

**Walk Registration:**

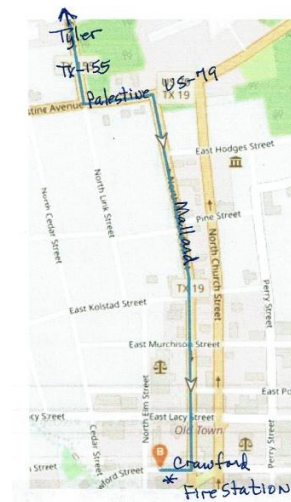
Please use the Online Start Box (OSB) to register and complete the event.

**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 TX-155 south toward Palestine and its intersection with US-79 (Palestine Ave). Left a short distance to Mallard (on right only), then right on Mallard to Crawford (Anderson County Courthouse Annex on right). Right on Crawford 1/2 block to the back of the Fire Station. Street parking available along Crawford. More parking available at Kroger's across from the Fire Dept on the Ave A side.



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**Restrooms:** Although not available at the Fire Station, restrooms are available at Kroger's across from the station on the Ave A side and at some businesses along the route.

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## PALESTINE TOWN WALK – 5/10k

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 Fire Station, **RIGHT** on Ave A passing the old Palestine High School football stadium (now Kroger's) on left and the old Avenue A Baptist Church (forerunner of the First Baptist Church), and First Presbyterian Church. Continue to Oak.
2. **VEER RIGHT** on Oak St to Sycamore passing the Old Post Office, then **RIGHT** on Sycamore a short block to Crawford.
3. **RIGHT** on Crawford to Perry passing thru Old Town, Shelton Gin, and the Anderson County Courthouse (visit if open to see 1 of 4 Texas Co courthouses with a stained glass ceiling).
4. **LEFT** on Perry to T-intersection (Hodges) noting the Howard House at 1011 Perry and our 'Tara' on Hodges.
5. **LEFT** on Hodges 2 blocks to Mallard.
6. **CROSS**, then **LEFT** on Mallard 1 block to Pine, then **RIGHT** on Pine 1 block to Link St.
7. **JOG RIGHT, then LEFT** to continue on Pine to Cedar St (Link House at 925 Link, note stain glass on Pine St side).
8. **RIGHT** on Cedar 1 block to the old Alamo School where my mother went to school in the 1930's. **LEFT** beside the school to Fowler St.
9. **LEFT** on Fowler 1 block to Pine, then **RIGHT** on Pine 1 block to Sycamore.
10. **LEFT** on Sycamore about 5 blocks to Crawford passing the old First Baptist Church (my church).
11. **RIGHT** on Crawford to John St passing the old Texas Theater, then **RIGHT** on John St to Debard St passing Eilenburger Bakery (lots of goodies).
12. **LEFT** on Debard to Queen St. Note the Masonic Hall on far corner. It is said that Sam Houston delivered the charter to the Palestine group.
13. **LEFT** on Queen to Oak St passing the old Carnegie Library on left, the Catholic Church on the right, and the old Redland Hotel on left.
14. **RIGHT** on Oak St 1 block to Tennessee. **DECISION time.**
15. **5K only: LEFT** on Tennessee 1 block to Main St then **LEFT** on Main 4 ½ blocks to Ave A. **VEER LEFT** on Ave A to return to start. **END of 5k.**
16. **10K only:** Continue on Oak St to the Palestine Visitor Center passing the controversial Confederate Veterans Park.
17. **LEFT** in front of visitor center to Spring St, then **LEFT** again on Spring St passing the farmers market to a second Veterans Park.
18. Standing at the center flag pole and facing the angel statue, **RIGHT** on crosswalk, then look for the brick on **LEFT** top row and 10 from the center (Howard R Hilton, USAF, my father). On the opposite side and 7 from center on the top row (Wade H Butler, my great-grandfather who came to Anderson County in 1856 from Mississippi with his family, he was a young boy at the time).
19. **Exit** park to the left to Main St. **RIGHT** on Main St to Sycamore. Note the Dilley Building at 503 W Main and the Robinson Bank Building at 213 W Main.
20. **RIGHT** on Sycamore crossing Spring St and then the railroad tracks, then continue 3 blocks to Reagan St.
21. **LEFT** on Reagan 2 blocks to Michaux, then **RIGHT** on Michaux passing the East Texas Culture Museum, the former Reagan School. My grandfather played basketball in the gym (basement, rear of building) in the mid 1910's, my father graduated from here in 1935, my mother was librarian in the 1960-70's, my siblings, cousins, and I went to junior high school here.

**22. CONTINUE** past the school, then angle **LEFT** down the hill and then back up to the **RIGHT** to the statue of John H Reagan for whom the school and park are named. Reagan was a judge, US senator before the Civil War, Post Master General for the Confederacy, Texas Railroad Commissioner among his many offices.

**23. CONTINUE** past the statue to Crockett Rd, then **RIGHT** on Crockett 1 block to Neches.

**24. RIGHT** on Neches 3 blocks to Royall, then **RIGHT** on Royall 2 blocks to Davis.

**25. LEFT** on Davis 1 block to Sycamore, then **LEFT** on Sycamore 5 blocks to Colorado passing the old Memorial Hospital which opened in 1952. My sister was born there in Aug, 1952 and my tonsils

were removed there in 1957. My brother had his tonsils removed here on Aug 4, 1962, the day it was learned that Marilyn Monroe had died.

**26. RIGHT** on Colorado 1 block to Magnolia passing the old Lamar Elementary School, then **RIGHT** on Magnolia about ¾ mile passing the old Missouri-Pacific Hospital (originally the I&GN) and nurses' quarters. Daddy worked for the railroad and had his tonsil removed there.

**27. CROSS** the railroad tracks and continue to Spring St.

**28. RIGHT** on Spring St to the light, then **VEER LEFT** on Ave A returning to the start.

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