



The Washtenaw Wanderers Invite You To A Walk In Sterling State Park - On Lake Erie - Monroe MI - June 1st, 2026 Through September 30th, 2026

Sterling State Park is in Southeast Michigan near the city of Monroe. The park is situated on the shore of Lake Erie and has many small lakes and canals within. Both the five and ten kilometer walks go out on the top of the jetty along Lake Erie. The ten kilometer walk covers much of the trail system within the park. The walks are mostly on paved surfaces and the course is relatively flat. Picnic facilities, dressing room and a swimming beach are next to the start point.

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Walk Registration

Registration takes place online using the AVA Online Start Box, on my.ava.org. Follow the instructions provided to create a user account and sign the AVA waiver (one time). Instructions for payment are also included. Download the directions and print as needed. The POC does not provide event directions or accept alternate payment methods.

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.

Starting-Finish-Parking Location:

The start point is the beach parking lot of the **William C Sterling State Park, 2800 State Park Road, Monroe, MI 48162.**

The beach parking lot is at Latitude: **41.91238** Longitude: **-83.33515.**

Walk **8:00 AM to Dusk - 1 June 2026 through 30 September 2026** - Use the Online Start Box to register.

Fees:

Michigan residents must have a state park sticker, currently \$15 annual fee. For non-residents there is a \$12 daily entry fee.

Restrooms:

There are restrooms and dressing rooms next to the beach parking lot (start point).

Assistance:

Event Related Assistance: Eunice Bottorff 734-904-0235

Emergency: Dial 911

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AVA 5k Directions

This map and directions may only be used in conjunction with a signed American Volkssport Association athletic waiver. All other uses are prohibited. If you have a question about the instructions, call Rob Weaver at 616-745-9627.



In case of emergency, please call 911.

Special Programs:

Anniversaries Hurrah

1. From the parking lot walk down near the beach. With your back to the lake turn right towards the metal gates.
2. Go through the metal gates, walk to the blue-railing path along the lake front.
3. Follow the blue-railing path along the edge of the lake until it comes to a dead end. *On windy days you may get a nice shower of lake water.*
4. At the dead end, turn around and return on the blue-railing path back to the metal gates.
5. Turn left, cross the gates, immediately turn right onto the trail. Follow trail to the road.
6. Cross the road on the white stripes.
7. Turn right on the trail, eventually curving left (keeping water on the left).
8. Turn left, when sidewalk ends.
9. Straight ahead on the nature trail, water on both sides.
10. Turn left when you reach a shelter.
11. Straight ahead crossing the bridge and go through parking lot.
12. Turn right on the road.
13. Turn left immediately.

14. Turn left again.

15. At the parking lot, facing the lake, walk diagonally to the parking lot connector

16. Walk the connector to the next parking lot and diagonally cross that parking lot to the start/end point.



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AVA 10k Directions

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9. Straight ahead on the nature trail, water on both sides.
10. Turn right at the fork. (At the first opportunity to go right).
11. Continue on the trail as it winds left.
12. Turn right at the T intersection.
13. Turn around when the trail turns, retrace your steps, go past T intersection again.

14. Cross small bridge.
15. Turn left at water and stay on the trail.
16. Turn right at three way intersection. Cross bridge. walk around edge of parking area until you arrive at the camping area near the lake shore.
17. Turn left and walk parallel to the lake shore.
18. After the picnic shelters, you will be opposite the start point.
19. This is the end point. There are bathrooms and changing rooms in case you want to go for a swim in Lake Erie. Thanks for walking the Sterling Park 10km.



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Other Michigan Walks for 2026

2026 Year-Round Events:

Lansing - Capitol

Quincey

2026 Seasonal Events:

April 1st — May 31st

Ann Arbor Downtown & Argo Park

April 1st — September 30th

Grand Haven

Holland

Mackinac Island

Mackinaw City

Marquette

Northville-ITC Trail

Port Huron

Saint Joseph

Sault Ste Marie

South Haven

South Lyon

April 1st — October 31st

Maybury State Park

April 1st — December 31st

Frankenmuth

May 1st — October 31st

Westland Hines Parkway Trail

June 1st — September 30th

William C Sterling State Park

September 1st — November 30th

Island Lake State Recreation Area

Also, check on the Washtenaw Wanderers Volkssporting (Walking) Club Facebook page www.facebook.com/washtenawwanderers/ for additional opportunities to do informal walks on Tuesdays or Wednesdays.

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