

GREENBELT VOLKSSPORTS CLUB  
Port O' Bladensburg YRE 3750

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## YRE Description

There are 2 5k loops AVA rating 1A (almost completely paved with very small hills) Port Town loop go into the Port Town of Bladensburg passing the Magruder, Market Masters, and Bostwick Houses follows the Star Spangled Trail across the Anacostia River through the port cities of Cottage City and Colmar Manor. There are many historic sites from the Battle of Bladensburg during the War of 1812. The second 5 k loop follows the Anacostia River on the Anacostia River Trail and The Anacostia Trail to the DC/Maryland border. All distances are suitable for wheelchairs and strollers.

**Restroom Information: Restrooms are available at the start during daylight hours**

**Water Availability: Available at the park visitor center by the boat/bike rental area.**

## How to read instructions

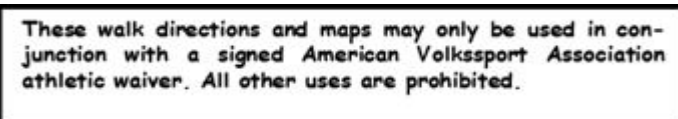
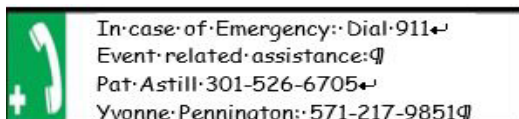
- Numbered instructions give directions
- Small alphabet instructions give information such as what you are passing or crossing before the next number instruction.

## Registering for the walk

The Great Greenbelt Volksmarchers charges all participants over 12 a \$4 fee. When you register for your walk event, please DO NOT check the "No Credit" checkbox for any participant over 12 years of age. When you register for the walk you can download the PDF file with walk information. The PDF includes directions to the walk start and walk instructions. The fee for the download is \$2. You will be credited for this fee if you complete the walk and pay the walk participant fee within 60 days.

## After you have completed the walk

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.



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Starting Point Location:

Bladensburg Waterfront Park

4601 Annapolis Road  
Bladensburg, MD 20710  
W3Q6+47 Bladensburg, Maryland  
38.93789164065806, -76.93936963934404


Driving Directions:

From Washington D.C:

Take New York Avenue East. Turn North on Bladensburg Road. Pass Peace Cross on left. You are now on MD Route 450. Take 1st right into Bladensburg Waterfront Park. There is a sign at the entrance.

From Maryland:

From the Beltway, take exit 23 which is Kenilworth Avenue (route 201) South towards Bladensburg. Go five miles. After traffic light for Upshur Street intersection, go right on exit ramp to MD Route 450 (Annapolis Road). Go left at end of exit ramp onto Route 450 West. Park Entrance is 2 short blocks on the left.

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# Great Greenbelt Volksmarchers Event September 8, 2018

## Port O' Bladensburg/Port Towns Trail 5K rated 1B

**Special Programs:** Walking with American Veterans (VETS), Walking with the Wild Things (Wild), Washington/Rochambeau Historic Trail (W3R) for the Course (P4C), Anniversaries Hurrah (250AH)

1. At the 2<sup>nd</sup> gazebo face the Anacostia River, turn **RIGHT** to follow the pink-blazed trail to 4-way intersection.
  - a. **PASS** mile post 1.0.
  - b. **PASS** the information boards "Historic Bladensburg Waterfront Park - Port Town History" and "The Battle of Bladensburg (1814)".
2. Turn **RIGHT** at 4-way intersection, leaving pink blazed trail, to follow the sidewalk through the Park Entrance to Annapolis Road (no sign).
  - a. **PASS** "Map of Original Lots in Bladensburg" etched in concrete (R) as you pass into Bladensburg.
  - b. **PASS** Gazebo (R).
  - c. **PASS** pumping station (L).
  - d. **PASS** Bladensburg Waterfront Park sign (R).
3. Turn **RIGHT** on Annapolis Road (no sign), carefully **CROSS** park road and the on/off ramps for Kenilworth Road South.
4. **STRAIGHT** on right sidewalk along Annapolis Road to 48<sup>th</sup> St.
  - a. **PASS** the Hilleary Magruder House (R). (SP: W3R)
  - b. **PASS** through the tunnel under Kenilworth Road.
  - c. **PASS** "Bladensburg Archeology -The Market Square and Stone House" information board (R).
5. Turn **RIGHT** on 48<sup>th</sup> St to opposite the entrance to Bostwick Plantation, 3901 48<sup>th</sup> St, built in 1746.
  - a. **PASS** past the Market Master's House (R).
6. **TURN AROUND** and walk back to Annapolis Road.
7. Turn **LEFT** on Annapolis Road walk back through the tunnel, carefully **CROSS** the on/off ramps and park road.
8. **CONTINUE** along Annapolis Road to brick path (L), just after a bus stop.
9. Turn **LEFT** to follow brick path through the Prince George's County Memorial to 9/11 back to the sidewalk.
10. Turn **LEFT** at Annapolis Road to 1<sup>st</sup> access road after the bridge.
  - a. **PASS** the Honor Roll WWII, the Veterans Memorial Korea Vietnam (L). (SP: Vets)
  - b. **PASS** the Peace Cross and World War I Memorial (R).
  - c. **PASS** Battle of Bladensburg statue on pole(L).
  - d. **CROSS** the Anacostia River.
11. Turn **LEFT** on access road, **PASS** green gate (R).
12. Turn **LEFT** after green gate to walk across the grass to the 3 information boards. "Battle of Bladensburg – Crossroads of Trade and Travel", "Storming the Bridge" and "Battle of Bladensburg – The Road to the Capital".
13. Turn **RIGHT** (facing information boards) to follow pink-blazed trail, the Anacostia River (R) to the paved trail to Cottage City (L).
  - a. **PASS** under bridge.
14. Turn **LEFT** to walk up the paved trail to T-junction.
15. Turn **RIGHT** at T-Junction on paved trail, star markers, to T-junction.
16. Turn **RIGHT** at T-junction into Cottage City Park to 1<sup>st</sup> path (L).
17. Turn **LEFT** on path to Bunker Hill Road.
  - a. **PASS** playground and tennis courts (R). (SP: P4C)
18. Turn **RIGHT** to walk along sidewalk on right side of Bunker Hill Rd. to Cottage Terrace.
  - a. **CROSS** Parkwood Court.
  - b. **CROSS** driveway to Cottage City Towers.

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19. Turn **LEFT**, **CROSS** Bunker Hill Road, **RIGHT** on sidewalk to 40TH Ave.
20. **CROSS** 40th Avenue, to information boards. "Battle of Bladensburg – The Georgetown Road" and "Presidents Surprise". (SP 250AH)

**CHECKPOINT:** On "Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail" information board. President Madison's attorney general, secretary of state, and secretaries of war and navy were dubbed the "\_\_\_\_\_ cabinet".

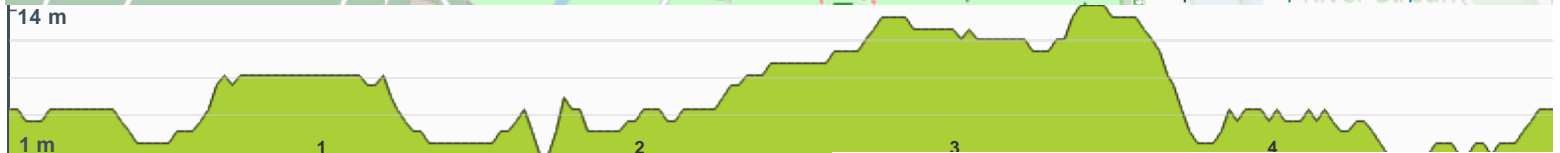
21. **CONTINUE** along right side of 40<sup>TH</sup> Avenue to Bladensburg Road.
  - a. **PASS** the Cottage City Town Hall and WWII Veterans Memorial (R).
  - b. **CROSS** Parkwood Street.
22. **CROSS** Bladensburg Road with the light, **STRAIGHT** to stay on 40<sup>th</sup> Ave, to "Town of Colmar Manor" sign.
  - a. **PASS** between Compare Foods building (R) and Burger King building (L).
  - b. **CROSS** shopping center driveway
  - c. Carefully **CROSS** 40<sup>th</sup> Ave ramp.
  - d. **CROSS** Newark St.
23. **STRAIGHT** on 40th Ave. to Lawrence St.
  - a. **CROSS** Newton St. (SP WILD, 3913 Newton St)
24. **CROSS** both 40th Ave. and Lawrence St. to walk on right-side of Lawrence St to path on right just before 42nd Ave.
  - a. **CROSS** 40th Pl.
  - b. **CROSS** 41st Ave.
  - c. **PASS** the American Legion building (R).
25. Turn **RIGHT** on path, uphill to T-junction.
  - a. **PASS** playground (L),
  - b. **CROSS** bridge.
26. Turn **LEFT** at T-junction and follow the Anacostia Riverwalk Trail to bridge (R).
  - a. **PASS** Mile 1.0 (R).
  - b. **PASS** gated trail (R).
27. Turn **RIGHT** at bridge, **CROSS** the Anacostia River to the 1<sup>st</sup> path (R).
28. Turn **RIGHT** on 1<sup>st</sup> path to walk along the river (R) to path (L) after pavilion.
  - a. **PASS** playground (L)
  - b. **PASS** path (L) and information board for "First Unmanned Balloon Ascension (1784)".
  - c. **PASS** path (L) going diagonally up slope.
  - d. **PASS** path and steps to road.
  - e. **PASS** building (L)  
*Restrooms at back of building.*
  - f. **PASS** large pavilion (L).
29. Turn sharp **LEFT** on path up slope to 4-way intersection with steps down (L).
  - a. Immediately **PASS** path (R) to parking area.
  - b. **PASS** path (L) that passes restrooms.
  - c. **PASS** information board "Encampment of Coxey's Army (1894)".
  - d. **PASS** information board "Duels and the Bladensburg Dueling Grounds".
30. Turn **RIGHT**, **RIGHT** on pink-blazed trail to the **START/FINISH** gazebo.

Great Greenbelt Volksmarch Club thanks you for walking this trail.

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**Special Programs:** America Hurrah (250AH)

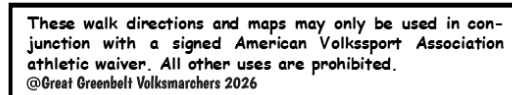
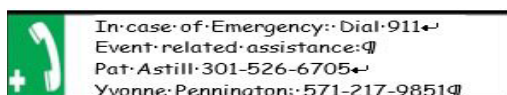
1. **FACE** the Anacostia River, turn **RIGHT** and U-turn to walk down diagonal path starting to the left of the steps to 1st path (R).
  - a. **PASS** the "Duels and the Bladensburg Dueling Grounds" information board.
  - b. **PASS** the "Encampment of Coxe's Army (1894)" information board.
2. Turn **RIGHT** at 1<sup>st</sup> path, just before the steps, to 2<sup>nd</sup> 4-way intersection.
  - a. **PASS** the "Dinosaur Alley" information board.
  - b. **PASS** building (L).

*Rest rooms in building on left.*
  - c. **CROSS 4-way intersection.**
3. Turn **LEFT** at 2<sup>nd</sup> 4-way intersection to the waterfront path.
  - a. **PASS** "First Unmanned Balloon Ascension (1784)" information board.
4. Turn **LEFT** to walk along waterfront, river (R), to end at boat launch.
  - a. **PASS** path with steps to the park road.
  - b. **PASS** the Battle of Bladensburg Visitors Center entered from the water side and restrooms entered from the land side.
  - c. **PASS** the pavilion (L).
5. At the boat launch, turn **LEFT** to walk towards the Red Caboose.
  - a. **PASS** between the Park Office (R) and the parking lot (L).

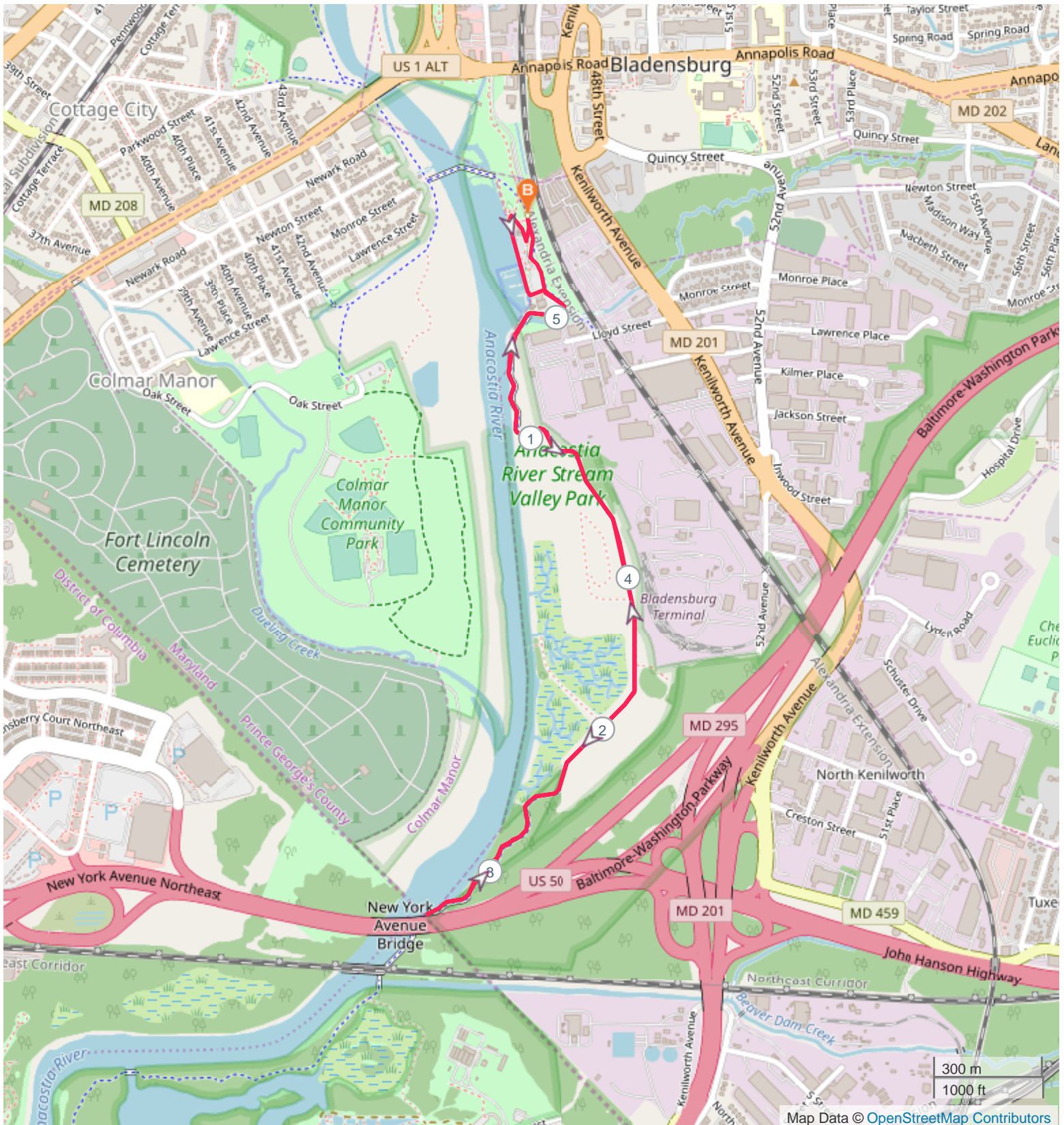
*Rest rooms and bottle fill water fountain behind Park Office*
6. Turn **RIGHT** to follow the Anacostia River Trail - pink markers (no sign) to Welcome to DC sign (2.76km).
  - a. **WALK** around the boat storage area.
  - b. **CROSS** a bridge.
  - c. **CROSS** a boardwalk.
  - d. **PASS** mile post 1.5.
  - e. **CROSS** 2<sup>nd</sup> boardwalk.
  - f. **PASS** the gravel yards.
  - g. **PASS** the "WETLANDS NURSERY PROJECT" information sign.
  - h. **PASS** mile post 2.
  - i. **PASS** "Why are Tidal Wetlands Important" information board.
  - j. **CROSS** a bridge.
  - k. **PASS** a trail signpost (L).
7. At DC sign, **WALK** on the bridge over the Anacostia River to just before the US 50, NY Ave., Bridge. (The actual Maryland DC border).

*Enjoy the views both up and down the river.*

*From this point walking .3km further on the Anacostia Riverwalk Trail to the River Trail you can connect with the Y 2861 Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens Trail at instruction 30*
8. **TURN AROUND** to walk back to the Welcome to Prince Georges County, Maryland sign.
9. **CONTINUE STRAIGHT** on the marked Anacostia Riverwalk Trail back to the Red Caboose.
10. From the Red Caboose **CONTINUE STRAIGHT** on the marked Anacostia Riverwalk Trail back to **START/FINISH** Gazebo.
  - a. **PASS** the "Bladensburg's Railroad History" information board.
  - b. Carefully **CROSS** the Park road.
  - c. **PASS** "The First Telegraph Line (1844)" information board.



# AnacostiaT5k



300 m  
1000 ft

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8 m



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## Internet Resources

Bladensburg Waterfront Park: [https://www.pgparcs.com/parks\\_trails/bladensburg-waterfront-park](https://www.pgparcs.com/parks_trails/bladensburg-waterfront-park)

NPS Bladensburg Waterfront Park: <https://www.nps.gov/places/bladensburg-waterfront-park.htm>

NPS Anacostia River Trails: <https://www.nps.gov/anac/planyourvisit/anacostia-riverwalk-trail.htm>

Battle of Bladensburg: <https://www.nps.gov/stsp/learn/historyculture/battle-of-bladensburg.htm>

Start Spangled Trail: <https://www.nps.gov/stsp/index.htm>

Washington-Rochambeau Trail Maryland:

<https://dnr.maryland.gov/mdtrails/Pages/Washington-Rochambeau-Revolutionary-Route-NHT.aspx>

National Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route:

<https://www.nps.gov/waro/index.htm>

Hilleary=Magruder House:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William\\_Hilleary\\_House\\_\(Bladensburg,\\_Maryland\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_Hilleary_House_(Bladensburg,_Maryland))

## Food and Attractions Nearby

Bladensburg Waterfront Park (check Park for availability):

Rent a bike and enjoy a scenic ride along the Anacostia River Trail. (Part of the College Park Year Round Bike).

Rent a canoe for a trip down the Anacostia River to the shores of the National Arboretum

Take a pontoon boat ride down the Anacostia River guided by a naturalist.

There are many great restaurants near or on the trail

La Chocita Restaurant: <https://www.lachocitamexicanrestaurant.com/> across Annapolis Road is the only one we have tried in the area.



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## Volksevents nearby:

College Park Bike <https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?sn=130240> passes through Bladensburg Waterfront Park along the Anacostia River Trail.

Kenilworth Aquatic Garden <https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?sn=130248> is .3k further along the river it's the only National Park Service site devoted to the propagation and display of aquatic plants.

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