



**Fredericksburg Walking Club’s Year Round Walk
 Bridge to History 130524 — 6k&12k | Ratings 2A
 Start: Fredericksburg Visitor Center, 601 Caroline Street Fredericksburg, VA 22401
 Restrooms: Visitors Center, at Chatham Manor, & Hurkamp and Riverfront Parks**

An AVA Sanctioned Year Round Event (Award and Credit Available)

Chatham Manor is a Georgian-style mansion home completed in 1771 by farmer and statesman William Fitzhugh, with outstanding views of Fredericksburg. It was for more than a century the center of a large, thriving plantation and the only private residence in the United States to be visited by George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln, and Dwight D. Eisenhower. It served as a significant site during the Civil War, functioning as a Union Army headquarters and a hospital after the Battle of Fredericksburg. It is now part of the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park. Notice the Catalpa trees located behind the house. Also look for eagles soaring over the river.

The walk start / finish point is the Fredericksburg Visitor Center (see directions below).

Walk Registration:

Registration is through the AVA Online Start Box (OSB), which is located on the website 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 (print if desired). The Point of Contact (POC) does not provide event directions or accept payments.

Driving Directions:

[Fredericksburg Visitor Center](#) is located at 601 Caroline St. Fredericksburg, VA 22401. They are typically open daily from 9-4, but you may wish to call ahead – (540) 373-1776.

From I-95 (either direction): Exit 130A. Follow signs Historic Downtown Fredericksburg along Rt 3 (locally named William St.) to Princess Anne St. Right to Princess Anne St, follow to Wolfe St. Turn Left to Wolfe St., follow 1 block to Fredericksburg Visitor Center (ahead.) Free parking available in the lot at 1000 block of Sophia St., which is adjacent toward the river. There is 2-hour free parking on the street.

There is a parking garage on Wolfe St. between Caroline St./Sophia St. (Currently, the first three hours are \$2, \$1/hour for each additional hour, up to a maximum charge of \$8 per day.)

Restrooms are located at the Visitor Center, at Chatham Manor, Riverfront Park, and Hurkamp Park.

Special Programs:

Anniversaries Hurrah, Grain Elevators: Monarchs of the Plains, Par-For-The-Course, and Step to the Beat

Walk Completion and Walk Credit:

Please use either the OSB or the PSB to register and complete the event. Do NOT mix and match. For example, do not register using the OSB and then complete your event using the PSB nor signing the PSB log sheet. The sponsoring club only receives credit for an OSB participation when an OSB registration has been completed online by entering your participation date, distances, and any special programs using the OSB. Once you have completed the walk, either follow the instructions in the PSB and sign the log, stamp your books, and mail in your payment OR log in to your AVA OSB Account. If you are using the OSB, click on the “My Start Box” tab, click the “Finish Table” tab, and then click “Go to Finish Table” button for the event that you completed. Use the displayed entry form to submit the date and distance for your walk, as well as selecting the applicable AVA Special Programs. This will generate the stamped virtual insert cards that you may choose to print out.

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

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6k and 12k Directions

1. **EXIT RIGHT** from Visitors Center (notice the bronze otter statues), staying on Caroline St.
2. Follow Caroline St. to William St., and then **TURN RIGHT** on William St.
3. Walk 1 block to Sophia St. **CROSS** Sophia and walk across Chatham Bridge.
4. Follow the paved trail until it intersects River Rd. (no road sign). Carefully **CROSS** River Rd., continuing uphill, staying on the paved trail. Amphitheater will be on your right.
5. Continue to the top of the hill and **TURN RIGHT** onto gravel path (shelter on your right, tennis courts on your left).
6. Just past the red, white, and blue fire hydrant, **TURN RIGHT**, passing through railroad ties and past a sign saying, "Chatham Manor Building & Grounds".
7. Continue along natural surface path to the iron gate. Pass through the gate, greenhouse on the right. Walk toward the white picket fence.
8. Just before the fence, **TURN RIGHT** onto the brick sidewalk where historic signs are located.
Bathrooms are on your left.
9. Follow the brick sidewalk **TO THE RIGHT** (grapevines on each side) toward the greenhouse and toward the sign that says, "Main House"
10. **TURN LEFT** just past the sign for "A Changed Landscape" and walk toward the house.
11. In front of the house, **TURN RIGHT and then TURN LEFT** through the brick entrance toward the back of the house.
12. **TURN LEFT**, staying on the sidewalk and walk behind the house. (Note the catalpa trees)
13. At the end of the house, **VEER RIGHT** onto the natural path toward the brick wall. You will pass through the opening. Note the cannons and historic signs.
14. **TURN LEFT**, passing between the cannon and down the steps to the pontoon boat and historic signs. (Look for eagles flying over the river.)
15. **TURN AROUND**. Going back up the steps, passing between the cannons, walking toward the house where you will **TURN LEFT**, passing the Catalpa trees on your left.
16. **TURN RIGHT**, passing through the brick entrance, walking straight past the fountain and greenhouse (on your right), then **TURN LEFT** on the gravel roadway, retracing your steps on the trail through the field.
17. Pass through the gate with the rail ties.
6k Skip to No. 30
18. **12k Continue: TURN RIGHT**, walking along the paved trail .25 mile (look for bench and pet waste bags).
19. **TURN RIGHT** and then **VEER LEFT**, following the paved trail – split rail fence and YMCA will be on right.
20. Continue walking to 4-way intersection (you will now be in Brook Park). At stop sign, **TURN RIGHT**, walking toward a small green building. (Note the green dugout buildings.) At the building, **TURN RIGHT and then LEFT**, walking past the women's bathroom.
21. Walk **STRAIGHT** past the green building, toward the railroad ties, then along the dirt trail. Highway will be on right and woods on left.
22. Walk **TOWARDS** brick building and past it, staying to the left of the building. **CONTINUE STRAIGHT** to the cemetery.
23. At opening in short brick fence, **CONTINUE STRAIGHT** through cemetery, toward small green shed, then **CONTINUE** toward Union Church. Read historic markers.
24. Walk from church to the log cabin (Hobby School). Note historic marker.
25. At Hobby School, **TURN RIGHT**, keep school on the left, back into the cemetery and walk **STRAIGHT**, keeping house on left, cemetery on right.
26. At the top of the hill, **TURN LEFT and then RIGHT**, toward the grave with the iron fence surrounding it.
James Hunter, Iron Works. Read historic plaque. Rochambeau.
27. Continue **STRAIGHT** through the cemetery toward the brick building, retracing your steps past the back of the brick building and back onto the dirt trail.
28. Pass the green (bathrooms) building, then **TURN LEFT** back onto the paved trail, **TURNING LEFT** at the intersection/crosswalk (note the yellow bicycle sign), heading downhill, retracing your steps to the intersection with Pratt Park (look for bench and pet waste bags).
29. **TURN LEFT**, retracing steps to Chatham entrance with the rail ties (ballfield will be one right).
30. **6k and 12k: TURN LEFT** back onto the trail, keeping tennis courts on the right.



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31. **VEER LEFT**, heading downhill, keeping the picnic shelter on left, parking lot and blue dumpsters on your right, staying on the trail, amphitheater will be on your left, until you reach River Road crossing. Carefully **CROSS** River Road, retracing your steps across the bridge.
32. At the end of the bridge (corner of William and Sophia St.), **TURN LEFT** onto Sophia.
33. **CONTINUE** on Sophia until you reach Wolfe St. (Parking garage is on your right.)
34. **CROSS** Sophia, walk 1 block on Wolfe, past the parking garage, to the Visitor Center and finish.

End both 6k and 12k.

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Bridge to History 6K Chatham



Bridge To History 12K To Chatham & Cemetery

