

Central Virginia Walkers

Powhatan State Park YRE – 5K/11K Walks

START POINT: Powhatan State Park, Shelter #2. 4616 Powhatan State Park Road, Powhatan, Va.

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Driving Directions:

From Interstate 95 north of Richmond: Take Interstate 64 west to Route 288 south to Route 711 west (Huguenot Trail). Stay on 711 for about 13 miles until reaching Rt. 522 (Maidens Rd.). Turn right and drive about 4 miles to Route 617 west (Old River Trail). Turn left and go about 1.5 miles to the park entrance on the right.

From 64 west of Richmond: Take Route 288 south to Route 711 west (Huguenot Trail). Stay on 711 for about 13 miles until reaching Rt. 522 (Maidens Rd.). Turn right and drive about 4 miles to Route 617 west (Old River Trail). Turn left and go about 1.5 miles to the park entrance on the right.

Follow directions to Shelter #2



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Parking:

Parking fee \$ 5.00. Pay at the park entrance contact station when staffed use cash, check, or Visa, Mastercard or Discover cards. Or you can buy an annual pass. Annual passes must be always displayed when the vehicle is parked. If the contact station is unstaffed, you must use the self-pay envelope provided. Be sure to follow the instructions carefully. Failure to pay the entrance fee can result in a \$25 parking ticket.

Special Programs:

Virginia Counties Program - Powhatan

Walking the USA A-Z 5K "P"

Par for the course

History:

About Powhatan State Park: Powhatan State Park was the vision of many in the Powhatan County community and several members of the Virginia General Assembly. In 2003, 1,564 acres were transferred from the Department of Juvenile Justice to the Department of Conservation and Recreation for the development of a park. It is meant to fill a need in central Virginia for a state park with access to the James River and with day-use and overnight facilities. The park currently offers several miles of multi-use trails for hikers, bicyclist and equestrian use, primitive camping near the river, several rentable picnic shelters, playground, car top boat launch and environmental/nature programming. Construction is scheduled to begin in the Fall 2016 on a campground, group camp, and additional access to the James Rive

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On all roads, please walk on the left side, facing traffic.

1. Leave the shelter and walk towards the parking lot.
2. Cross the lot and walk towards the large wooden kiosk with park map on the far side of the lot.
3. Walk between the woods and kiosk and enter **Cabin Trail – RED** blazes.
4. Pass the open shelter and **bear LEFT** following **Cabin Trail** sign.
5. At next intersection – metal gate to the right – **turn LEFT** to continue on **Cabin Trail**.
6. At “Y” intersection, **bear RIGHT on Cabin Trail**. Bench on the left. **(1 Km)**
7. As you approach the end of the trail you will see an old chimney in the center of a circle. **Follow the circle to the RIGHT** and go around the chimney. **(2 Km)**
8. Head back away from the old chimney the same way you just came.
9. At the “Y” intersection (you’ve been here before), bench is on your left, **bear RIGHT** entering **Big Woods Trail – YELLOW** blazes. **(3 Km)**
10. Continue along **Big Woods Trail**, you will pass a bench on the left and signpost on right. **Bear RIGHT** onto **Pine Trail – WHITE** blazes. Remember this point – you will be back.

11. Continue on **Pine Trail** to the next “Y” intersection. (Pass a trail post and trail on the left). At the “Y” **bear RIGHT** and continue 0.1 mile to the entrance of **Pine Trail Shortcut B. (4 Km)**

TRAIL SPLIT: 11K walkers continue with instruction **#12**.

5K walkers –

- A. **Reverse direction** and walk back along the trail to the bench and signpost you saw earlier.
- B. At the bench **turn RIGHT** and follow the **Big Woods Trail – YELLOW** blazes.
- C. As you exit the woods you will enter a small parking lot. Walk across the lot towards the road.
- D. **Turn LEFT** at the road and walk along the shoulder as you head back to the Finish at the shelter where you started. **(5 Km)**

12. **11K Walkers** - Continue following **Pine Trail**. (**Do not take Shortcut B.**) As you walk along the trail you will pass several trail markers on your right and left.
13. You will walk along **Pine Trail** for **approximately 2K**. (**Do not take Shortcut B or Shortcut A.**)
14. At the T-intersection **turn RIGHT** onto **Pine Trail - Big Woods Trail** 0.1 mile.

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15. At the next intersection, there is a bench to the right and signpost on your left (hard to see). **(6 Km)**
16. **Turn RIGHT**, keeping the bench to your left, and enter the **Big Woods Trail - YELLOW** blazes. Signpost will also direct you to the Yates Conservation Parking Lot 0.4 mile.
17. As you exit the woods you will cross a grass area and enter a small parking lot. **Bear LEFT** to exit the parking lot and **CROSS** the road continuing on **Big Woods Trail - YELLOW** blazes – you will be now walking in a field with a wooded area on your right. **(7 Km)**
18. Ignore the trail on the left, continue straight, passing a bench to your right.
19. At the gravel parking lot, walk **across and slightly to the right** towards the picnic tables. To the left of the picnic tables, you will enter **Turkey Trail**. (RESTROOM is building to the right of the picnic tables). **(8 Km)**
20. Follow **Turkey Trail**. At first intersection, turn **LEFT** keeping the woods on the left. You will walk along the edge and in the woods until the next signpost.
21. At the “T” intersection with signpost **turn RIGHT**, to stay on **Turkey Trail - TAN** blazes. **(9 Km)**
22. At next trail intersection **turn RIGHT**, do not cross the road.
23. At next intersection continue **STRAIGHT** towards the Trailhead parking lot.
24. Leave the trail and cross the parking lot towards the kiosk and grass trail on the opposite side.
25. Leave the lot and enter **Big Woods Trail - YELLOW** blazes. **(10 Km)**
26. At next intersection, **turn RIGHT**, you will be walking on **Cabin Trail - RED** blazes.
27. Cross the road and continue **STRAIGHT on Cabin Trail** a short distance to the woods.
28. At the woods directly in front, turn left, staying on **Cabin Trail**.
29. At the road intersection, carefully cross and **turn LEFT** to the kiosk where you began the walk – all those hours ago – and return to the **Finish at Shelter #2** where you started. **(11 Km)**

**Thanks for walking today!
Hope you had a great walk!**

OSB: Don't forget to log into the OSB system to complete your walk and the registration process.

Remote Registration:

Send the complete Start Card with the number of stamps needed to:

Chris Kelly
12311 Ridgefield Parkway
Henrico, VA 23233.

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