



**The Suncoast Sandpipers Volkssport Club
welcomes you to the
Gulfport 6/10K Walk**

An AVA Sanctioned Year Round Event SE #3764



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Course description: This easy (rated 1A) walk has a mostly level route as we explore Gulfport, a friendly waterfront community renowned for and proud of being “weird.” Both routes will enjoy Gulfport’s lively downtown with shops and galleries and views of sparkling Boca Ciega Bay. The 10K walkers will travel to the Clam Bayou area of St. Petersburg. Afterwards, enjoy a lunch at a waterfront café or a beverage at an intriguing bar!

Despite extensive damages from Hurricanes Helene and Milton, Gulfport is resilient and the gecko glides on!
Photo by Robin Kelly



AVA Special Programs for This Event	
Program	Step
Par for the Course	1
Step to the Beat	6 (6K)
Walking with America’s Veterans	20 (6K) 10 (10K)
Walking the United States (Florida)	All
Walking the USA A – Z (G)	All

Online Start Box Finish Table: Once you 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 Walk Start and 6K Walk Directions

**THIS PAGE IS FOR THE 6K WALKERS.
SEE PAGES 4-5 FOR THE 10K ROUTE.**

Driving Directions to Walk Start

Start Location: Chase Park, 2764 54th St., Gulfport. Please note, this is the address for the **dog park**. Parking and restrooms are available. Park is open dawn to dusk.

From I-275S: Take exit 19 for 22nd Ave. S. Bear right on 22nd Ave. S (becomes Gulfport Blvd.) to 54th St. S. Left to park entrance on left (just after 27th Ave. S).

From I-275N: Take exit 18 for 26th Ave S. Left to 34th St. Right to 22nd Ave. S. Right on 22nd Ave S (becomes Gulfport Blvd.) to 54th St. S. Left to park entrance on left (just after 27th Ave. S).

6K Walk Directions.

1. **Exit** Chase Park onto 54th St S.
2. **RIGHT** on 54th St S to 27th Ave S
3. **RIGHT** on 27th Ave S to 50th St S.
4. **RIGHT** on 50th St S to 29th Ave St.
5. **RIGHT** on 29th Ave S to 53rd St S
6. **RIGHT** on 53rd St S to 28th Ave S.
7. **LEFT** on 28th Ave S. to 54th St S.
8. **RIGHT** on 54th St S, passing restrooms, to 27th Ave S.
9. **LEFT** onto 27th Ave S. to Beach Blvd S.
10. **RIGHT** on Beach Blvd S to Gulfport Blvd S.
11. **LEFT** on Gulfport Blvd S, crossing Beach Blvd S and walking to second sidewalk (crosswalk sign on right).
12. **LEFT** onto sidewalk entering park. Wind your way along boulevard median crossing 23rd Ave S, strolling through Clymer Art Walk, crossing 25th Ave S and continuing to end of sidewalk. Cross Beach Blvd S.
13. **LEFT** onto Beach Blvd S, crossing 26th Ave, (passing Catherine A Hickman Theater and Gulfport Library) and continue

along 28th Ave S. Cross 28th Ave S and angle left to Beach Blvd S.

14. **RIGHT** onto Beach Blvd S and walk through quaint commercial area to end at Shore Blvd S. **Note: Tuesday Fresh Market****
15. **RIGHT** onto Shore Blvd S to end at 58th St S.
16. **LEFT**, crossing Shore Blvd S, and continue down 58th St S to water's edge.
17. **LEFT**, continuing along sidewalk at water's edge, and proceed around bend to short paved path on right, keeping water on your right.
18. **RIGHT** onto short path and onto grass at edge of beach. Walk through grass to picnic pavilion on right/end of playground. Return to sidewalk at near-side of parking lot (100 ft from Shore Blvd S).
19. **RIGHT** onto sidewalk to restrooms on right (blue building). Continue along sidewalk, carefully skirting fences and barricades at damaged area and old Casino. Continue along shore to end near pier/54th St S (O' Maddy's on left).
20. **Cross** 54th St S and enter Veteran's Memorial park. Go around park counter clockwise to trail end on 54th St S.
21. **LEFT** on 54th St S to Shore Blvd S.
22. **RIGHT** on Shore Blvd S to Beach Blvd S.
23. **RIGHT** on Beach Blvd. to 28th Ave S.
24. **RIGHT** on 28th Ave. S. 54th St. S.
25. **LEFT** on 54th St S to Chase Park and finish.

Note ** Every Tuesday during the season, visit the Tuesday Fresh Market. Fresh produce, arts and crafts by local artists. Additional parking is available at Gulfport Library and Hickman Theater

In Case of Emergency: Dial 911
For event related assistance:
Call Alice Lawrence at 727-542-9742

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Driving Directions to Walk Start and 10K Walk Directions

**THIS PAGE IS FOR THE 10K WALKERS.
SEE PAGE 2-3 FOR 6K DIRECTIONS & MAP.**

Driving Directions to Walk Start

Start Location: Chase Park, 2764 54th St. S, Gulfport. Please note, this is the address for the **dog park**. Parking and restrooms are available. Park is open down to dusk.

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From I-275N: Take exit 18 for 26th Ave S. Left to 34th St. Right to 22nd Ave. S. Right on 22nd Ave S (becomes Gulfport Blvd.) to 54th St. S. Left to park entrance on left (just after 27th Ave. S).

10K Walk Directions

1. **Exit** Chase Park onto 54th St S.
2. **RIGHT** on 54th St S to 27th Ave S.
3. **RIGHT** on 27th Ave to 53rd St S.
4. **LEFT** on 53rd St S to 26th Ave S.
5. **RIGHT** on 26th Ave S, going all the way to the end (~11 blocks) and entering Clam Bayou Park (no sign). Follow wide concrete path (**always keeping to the right ignoring any paths to the left**) along clam Bayou (on your right) winding all the way around the Bayou about 2K. You will cross a small bridge and water will now also be on your left. Continue along concrete path until you get to the end at small parking area near circular drive. Restrooms will be up ahead on a small hill (small block building).
6. **Turn around and retrace your path** (keeping to left and ignoring any paths off to your right, especially one at "Authorized Vehicle" sign near golf course) **back to park**

entrance. Exit park and walk back down 26th Ave. S to 45th St S.

7. **LEFT** onto 45th St S and continue to 29th Ave S.
8. **RIGHT** onto 29th Ave S, passing Clam Bayou Nature Park and marina on left, to 49th St S.
9. **LEFT** onto 49th St S to 31st Ave S (Trade Winds Dr).
10. **RIGHT** onto 31st Ave S to entrance to Veterans Memorial Park on left (5350 31st Ave S).
11. **Enter** park and bear left on trail until it exits on 54th St S.
12. **LEFT** onto 54th St S to Shore Blvd S. (O' Maddy's Pub on corner; use caution around construction barricades).
13. **RIGHT** onto Shore Blvd S for one block to Beach Blvd S.
14. **RIGHT** onto Beach Blvd S, walking along quaint downtown shops, restaurants and bars (Note**). Go to end of commercial area at 28th Ave S. **Cross Beach Blvd S and return** down other side of Beach to Shore Blvd S.
15. **RIGHT** onto Shore Blvd S, walking one short block to 56th St S (brick paving/no sign).
16. **RIGHT** onto 56th St to 28th Ave S.
17. **RIGHT** onto 28th Ave S to 54th St S.
18. **LEFT** on 54th St S to finish.

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Gulfport 10K Map

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