

The Liberty Bell Wanderers
Welcome You to the
Philadelphia
Schuylkill Banks South
AVA Sanctioned Year Round Event



This AVA rated 1A 10/6km walk is completely on paved surfaces through residential areas, along pedestrian walkways, and college parks. Highlights include Penn athletic campus, the Penn Museum of Archeology and Anthropology, and a paved trail along the banks of the Schuylkill River. Enjoy beautiful views of the Philadelphia skyline throughout the route.

The starting point is in Philadelphia's William Gray 30th Street Station that opened in 1933 and is considered to be one of the grandest stations ever built. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1978. Its neo-classical structure boasts a 95-foot-high ceiling above the main concourse with beautiful art-deco chandeliers. The floor is made of Tennessee marble. The exterior of the building features 71-foot-high Corinthian columns. It is one of the few stations where trains arrive and depart in all four directions and handles more than 3.5 million rail passengers a year.

OSB Walk Completion and Walk Credit:

When using OSB registration, upon physically completing 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.

Restrooms:

Location	Route	Type	Distance	Hours - Season
Starting Point - behind the ticket booths and in the food court opposite Dunkin' Donuts	10/6km	Bathroom	0km	24/7
Fresh Grocer of Grays Ferry, 3021 Grays Ferry Ave	10km	Bathroom	5km	6am-11pm
McDonalds	10km	Bathroom	5km	

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Starting Point Address:

Gray 30th St. Station
 2951 Market St., Philadelphia, PA 19104
 Parking fee. See Driving Directions.


Driving Directions:

From Camden, NJ area: Cross Ben Franklin Bridge to I-676. Follow signs to I-76E-Int'l Airport. Take Exit 345 (30th St./Market St.) Turn Right on Arch St. and circle station to JFK Blvd. *Right on JFK to available parking lots. Pay fee and walk to 30th St. Station. Once in the station, proceed to Au Bon Pain located in the center of the Main Concourse. From PA Turnpike: Take the I-76 exit (Exit 328) to Exit 345. Follow directions above. From Delaware and South: Take I-95N to PA-291E (Exit 13) (To I-76W/Valley Forge). Take I-76W to Exit 345. Circle terminal counterclockwise to JFK Blvd. Follow directions denoted by * above.

Train Directions:

30th St. Station services - Amtrak (www.amtrak.com) (800-872-7245) and SEPTA Regional Rail (www.septa.org) (215-580-7800) from points in Southeastern PA. When arriving by Amtrak, proceed to the Main Concourse. When arriving by SEPTA, follow the signs to the Amtrak terminal by taking the ramp on the left which leads to the Main Concourse.

Emergency Numbers:

	In case of Emergency: Dial 911
	Event related assistance: Marion Parkinson (215-901-0767) mjparki@gmail.com

Walking Instructions:

Instructions and a map are included for both the 10km & 6km walks.

Abbreviations used:

- ns - No Sign. There is no street sign.
- SP - Special Program

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

10km Walking Instructions:

1. Exit the 30th St. Station (**SP**) to the door in the concourse marked 30th St. Exit and turn **LEFT**. **CROSS** Market St. at the crosswalk.
2. **LEFT** on 30th St. (stay on the left) to the end. *Pass Cira Green which is a rooftop garden with a great view of the city. It is located atop the parking lot on the left between Chestnut and Walnut Streets. Take the elevator to the top level to get to the garden.*
3. **CROSS** Walnut St. and turn **LEFT**. Go a very short distance to a long silver ramp on right. *To the right on Walnut St. is World Café Live, an independent music venue {SP}*
4. **RIGHT** down the ramp and enter Penn Park (**SP**). *This park was created by the University of Penn in 2011. It has the latest in underground water storage and filtering technology and contains many of Penn's recreation fields.*
5. **LEFT** at the softball field, keeping the field on the right. At the next intersection bear **RIGHT** keeping the tennis courts on the left. **(Restrooms on the right.)**
6. **Continue** straight ahead over pedestrian bridge, then straight keeping the stadium on your left.

The stadium is Franklin Field, Penn's football field. Built in 1895, it is the nation's first 2 tier stadium that was once used by the Philadelphia Eagles and was the site of 18 Army-Navy games. It is also famous for the Penn Relays, the longest running track and field event in the nation. On the right is the Palestra, home to many college and high school basketball events.

7. **LEFT** when you reach the street, 33rd St. (ns)
8. At the next intersection, **CROSS** and turn **LEFT** on South St. The building on your right is the Penn Museum of Archeology and Anthropology.

This large museum would take an entire day to explore. It contains artifacts from many cultures and archeological sites such as

ancient Egypt, Greece and Rome, Mayan Central America, and Native American cultures, etc.

9. The museum has two beautiful courtyards that are worth viewing. Go up the brick steps on the right to see the first courtyard with a reflecting pool. After viewing the first courtyard, **return** to the sidewalk and **continue** to the first gate. Turn **RIGHT** through the gate to view the second boardwalk, cross South St. at the crosswalk (walk button is located just past the entrance to the staircase). At the bottom of the ramp, turn **LEFT**.

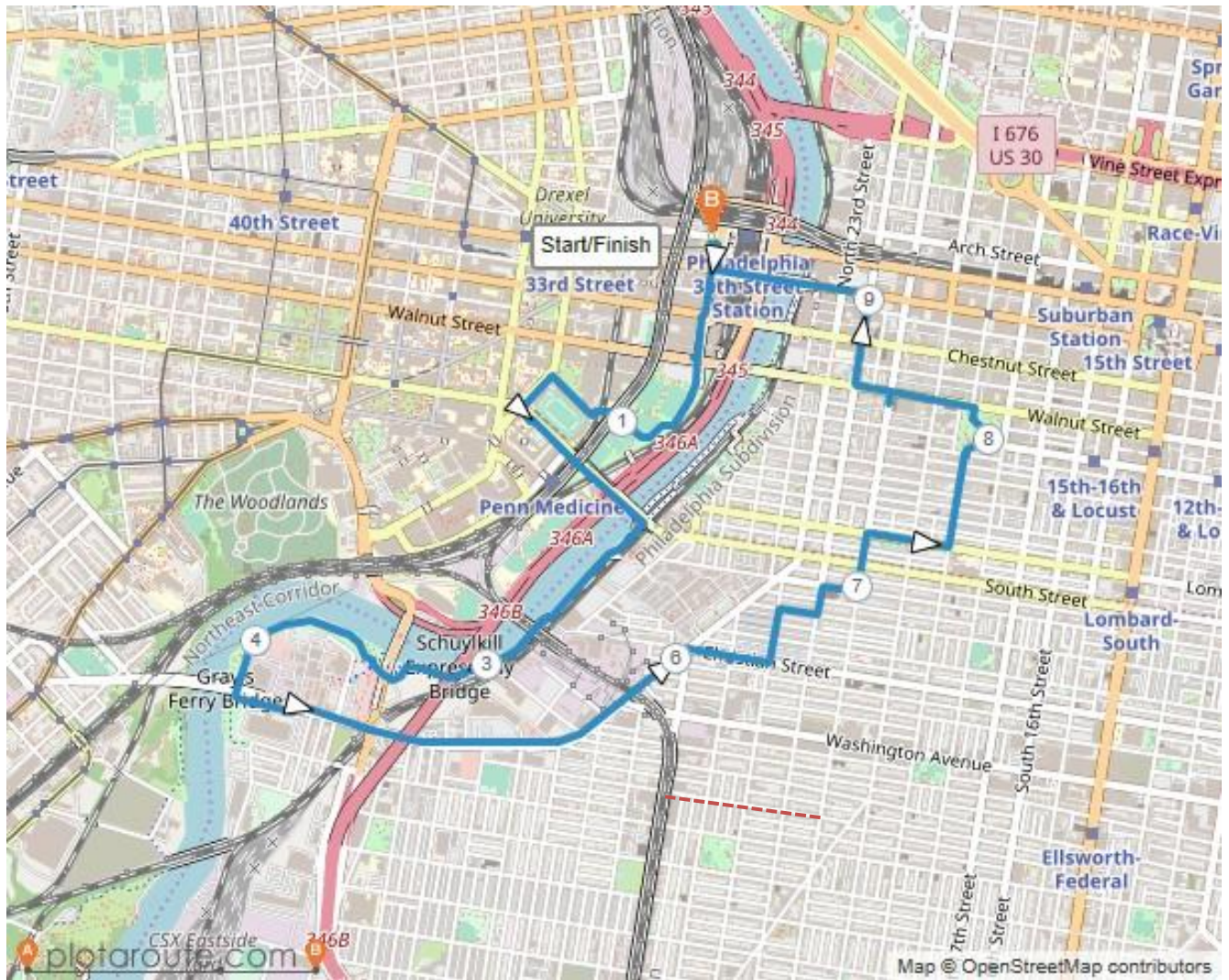
The Schuylkill Banks Boardwalk is a section of the Schuylkill River Trail (SP) which extends past Valley Forge more than 35 miles upriver. This is also a segment of the East Coast Greenway which runs from Canada to Key West.

11. With the river on your right walk south on the trail for about 1.5km to the University Avenue Bridge. Along the way you will pass over a beautiful 650-foot long cable-stay pedestrian bridge and go under the Schuylkill Expressway bridge.
The soaring new pedestrian bridge dominates the area with its tall white towers rising 165 feet above the river. It knits together two neighborhoods that were previously separated by the railroad and an industrial complex.
12. Continue on the trail through Grays Ferry Crescent Trail Park.
13. After passing under the bridge, turn **LEFT** onto the Grays Ferry Crest Trail. Continue for several blocks to South 30th Street.

courtyard and exit the courtyard through the second gate. And **continue** to the next intersection.

10. **CROSS** Convention Ave. and walk across the South Street Bridge. Stop and admire the view of the city. After crossing the river, turn **RIGHT** and go down the staircase to the Schuylkill Banks Boardwalk. Turn **LEFT** on the boardwalk. *To take the ramp to the*
14. **CROSS** Grays Ferry Avenue and continue **RIGHT** for about 6 blocks. Fresh Grocer and McDonalds are nearby at the crossing (restrooms).
15. Turn **RIGHT** onto Christian Street.
16. Turn **LEFT** onto 23rd Street.
17. Turn **RIGHT** onto Bainbridge Street.
18. Turn **LEFT** onto 21st Street.
19. Turn **RIGHT** onto Spruce Street.
20. Turn **LEFT** onto 19th Street.
21. Walk through Rittenhouse Square to the other side at Walnut Street.
22. Turn **LEFT** onto Walnut Street.
23. Turn **RIGHT** onto 22nd Street.
24. **CROSS** and turn **LEFT** onto Market Street.
25. Continue on Market Street for several blocks and over the river to 30th Street.
26. Turn **RIGHT** at 30th Street and walk a half block to the Start/Stop point.

10km Walking Map



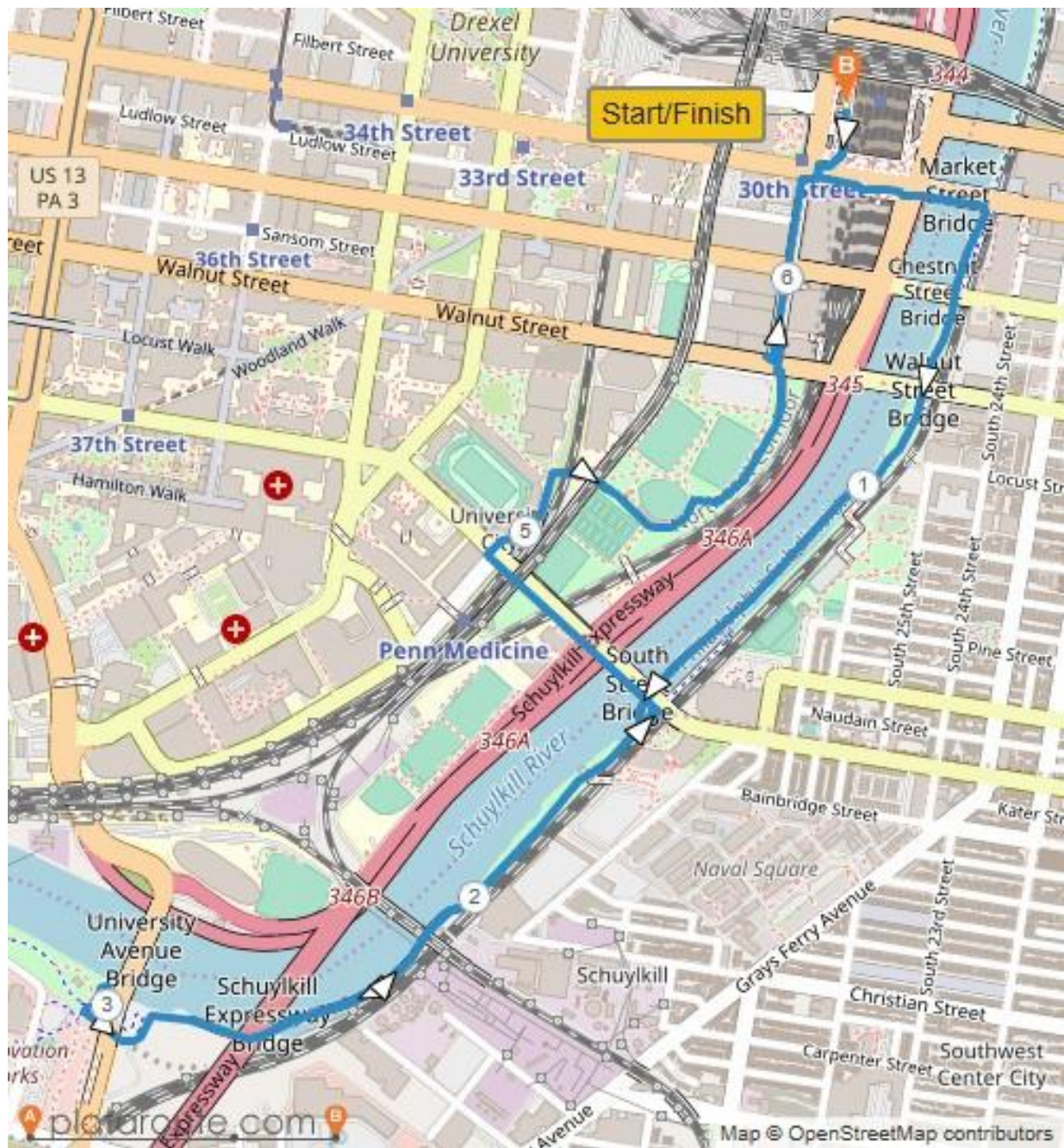
6km Walking Instructions:

1. Start at the William Gray 30th Street Station.
2. Exit the station at the 30th Street side. Proceed **LEFT** to the Market Street crosswalk.
3. **CROSS** turn **LEFT** on Market Street. Cross Schuylkill Avenue and the Schuylkill River.
4. Go down the ramp and stairs to the Schuylkill River Trail.
The Schuylkill Banks Boardwalk is a section of the Schuylkill River Trail (SP) which extends past Valley Forge more than 35 miles upriver. This is also a segment of the East Coast Greenway which runs from Canada to Key West.
5. **TURN AROUND** on the trail to go south with the river on your right. Continue on the trail for about 2km to a tunnel under the impressive University Avenue Bridge). Along the way you will pass over a beautiful 650-foot long cable-stay pedestrian bridge and go under the Schuylkill Expressway bridge.
The soaring new pedestrian bridge dominates the area with its tall white towers rising 165 feet above the river. It knits together two neighborhoods that were previously separated by the railroad and an industrial complex.
6. **TURN AROUND** on the trail and continue for just over 1km to the South Street exit stairs.
7. Take the stairs up to South Street and **CROSS** to the opposite side.
To use the ramp continue on the trail for about 200m to the access point on the right. Then continue back up to South Street.
8. Continue over the Schuylkill River and the Schuylkill Expressway to Convention Avenue at one corner of the stadium.
The stadium is Franklin Field, Penn's football field. Built in 1895, it is the nation's first 2 tier stadium that was once used by the Philadelphia Eagles and was the site of 18 Army-Navy games. It is also

famous for the Penn Relays, the longest running track and field event in the nation. On the right is the Palestra, home to many college and high school basketball events.

9. Turn **RIGHT** and follow the path around the side of the stadium to the crosswalk on the other side.
10. Turn **RIGHT** On the trail over the railroad tracks and pass by the tennis courts on the right and the softball field on the left.
11. Turn **RIGHT** at the "T" connection (a soccer field is straight ahead) and continue on this trail to Walnut Street. World Café Live is a half block to the left (SP).
12. **CROSS** Walnut Street and continue on 30th Street for two blocks to Market Street.
Pass Circa Green which is a rooftop garden with a great view of the city. It is located atop the parking lot on the left between Chestnut and Walnut Streets. Take the elevator to the top level to get to the garden.
13. **CROSS** Market Street and walk a half block to the Start/Finish point.

6km Walking Map



2026 KSAVA Special Challenges and AVA Special and National Programs

WALK NAME: PHILADELPHIA – SCHUYLKILL BANKS SOUTH					
NUMBER: Y2082					
67 Counties (no end date)			Philadelphia		
AT Thru Hike (2017 -2023) in PA only			N/A		
AVA SPECIAL PROGRAMS					
Program Name	Years	11K	6K	K	Information
Anniversaries Hurrah!	2026				
Appalachian Trail in 14 States	(2018 – 2028)				
IVV-Americas	(2023 – No end)	X	X		
Lighthouses II	(2023-2025)	X			
Par For The Course	(2023-2025)	X	X		Athletic fields in Penn Park Tennis courts in Schuylkill River Park
Rails-to-Trails	(2022 – 2025)	X	X		Schuylkill River Trail
Step to the Beat	(2024 – 2026)	X	X		World Café Live independent music venue
Walking with America’s Veterans	(2021 – 2027)				
Walking With the Wild Things	(2025 – 2027)				
Washington-Rochambeau National Historic Trail	(2021 – 2031)	X	X		William Gray 30 th St. Station - Continental Light Infantry Campsite
Closed Programs on Route					
Rockin’ Around the Clock	(2020 – 2022)	X	X		William Gray 30 th St. Station
AVA NATIONAL PROGRAMS					
Program Name	Years	11K	6K	K	
50 States / 51 Capitals	(No end date)	X	X		Philadelphia
Walk the USA (A To Z)	(No end date)	X	X		P, S