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YRE Description

Come and walk through the village of Garrett Park. It began as a railroad suburb, a place where people could live in the country, but work and attend cultural activities in Washington, D.C. The town plan features streets that curve to fit the natural topography and have names from Sir Walter Scott novels. Construction was started in 1887 and the town was incorporated in 1898. Many of the Victorian era “cottages” still exist. In 1977, Garrett Park declared itself an arboretum to protect and manage its collection of trees and to allow for planting a greater variety of species and maintain its sylvan character.

There are two trails; a 5k and a 10k. Both trails start at the Veirs Mill Local Park, 4425 Garrett Park Rd, Silver Spring, MD 20906.

- The 5k trail heads directly to the town of Garrett Park. It enters the town by crossing the railroad tracks. After entering the town, the trail winds its way around the town and passes late Victorian era homes, the Town Hall and the Penn building which started as the local grocer and later added the Post Office, a restaurant, and Town Offices.
- The 10k trail starts with the 5k trail and then adds the Randolph Hills neighborhood which features beautifully maintained 1950s brick houses. This trail finishes on a portion of the Rock Creek multi-use trail.

Registering for the Walk

- Participant Fee: The Seneca Valley Sugarloafers Volksmarch club charges a \$4 per person participation fee for all participants aged 13 and older. This fee helps cover event costs.
- Ensuring Your IVV Credit: To ensure you receive IVV event and distance credit for your walk, please do NOT check the “No Credit” box during registration if you are 13 years or older. This step is important for tracking your progress in Volkssporting!

Accessing Walk Information (OSB PDF Download)

For your convenience, you can download a comprehensive PDF file containing detailed walk information, maps and instructions for your chosen route.

- There is a small, upfront \$2 download fee for the PDF.
- Reimbursement for the PDF: We'll credit this \$2 download fee back to you when you complete your walk using the OSB "Finish Table" and pay the \$4 participant fee. Think of it as a prepayment that gets returned when you finish!

After You Have Completed the Walk

After completing your walk, please return to the OSB and log your finish at the "Finish Table" within 60 days of the event registration. Be sure to include the walk date, distance, and any AVA Special Programs that apply to this event (see the AVA Special Programs section in this document).

If walking for IVV credit, your event and distance credits will be recorded automatically.

Driving Directions to the Start

Address: Veirs Mill Local Park, 4425 Garrett Park Rd, Silver Spring, MD 20906

GPS Coordinates: 39.0425413,-77.088076

Plus code: 2WR6+MQ Silver Spring, Maryland

Plus codes are based on latitude and longitude. By using a simpler code system, they are intended to be shorter and easier to use than traditional global coordinates.

Directions From I-495 Capital Beltway:

Take I-495 W to Exit 34 - Rockville (MD-355) north toward Rockville ~0.2 miles

Slight Right on Grosvenor Ln 0.1 miles.

Right to stay on Grosvenor Ln 128 ft.

Left on Beach Dr 2.0 miles.

Right on Garrett Park Rd 200 ft.

Left into Veirs Mill Local Park.

Garrett Park 5k/10k Trail

5k Trail - AVA Rating 2A

10 Trail - AVA Rating 2A

Portajohns are available at the Veirs Mill Local Park and Dewey Local Park.

There will be some streets without sidewalks. Please use sidewalks when available. Otherwise, walk on the left facing traffic. Use crosswalks and pedestrian signals when available.

In case of Emergency: Dial 911.

For event assistance contact Jeffrey Giddings at (240) 753-0119

1. At the entrance to the Veirs Mill Local Park parking lot, **Right** on the asphalt path alongside Garrett Park Rd (no sign).

- a. Pass Beach Dr on the left.
- b. Cross the bridge over Rock Creek.

2. At Schuylkill Rd, **Left** to cross Garrett Park Rd then **Right** to cross Schuylkill Rd using the crosswalks.

3. **Continue Straight** on the asphalt path through the Waverly-Schuylkill Park to the railroad tracks and the Garrett Park MARC station.

4. **Cross** the railroad tracks. Black Market Bistro is on the left.

You have entered the town of Garrett Park. It began as a railroad suburb, a place where people could live in the country, but work & attend cultural activities in Washington, D.C. The town plan features streets that curve to fit the natural topography and have names from Sir Walter Scott novels. The original plan & many of the Victorian era "cottages" still exist.

5. **Immediate Right** on Rokeby Ave (no sign). The train station is on your right.

6. At the Y-intersection, **Bear Right** to remain on Rokeby Ave. Ignore the "No Outlet" sign.

- a. Pass Albemarle Ave.
- b. Pass Clyde Ave.

7. **Left** on Kenilworth Ave.

- a. Pass Clyde Ave.

b. Pass Albemarle Ave.

8. **Left** on Argyle Ave.

9. **Right** on Montrose Ave.

10. **Cross and Right** on Waverly Ave.

This street contains many historic and later homes. #4701 (first house on right), built in 1887, was one of the first homes in Garrett Park & served as a model late Victorian "cottage."

#4702, built in 1890-1891, has a labyrinth that qualifies for the AVA SP A-MAZING Labyrinths.

#4709, built in 1972, is a Techbuilt house. Designed in 1952, Techbuilts were prefabricated frame houses assembled from modular panels & delivered on a truck.

#4710, built in 1890-1891, is a Queen Anne style residence.

#4711, built in 1890, is based on a plan from an 1887 architectural journal.

#4716, built in 1892, is one of the finest examples of Queen Anne style in Garrett Park.

#4720, built in 1998, is a Late Victorian revival residence.

- a. At the center triangle, Waverly Ave becomes Kenilworth Ave.

10909 Kenilworth Ave, built in 1891, with its combination of clapboards & shingles, tall turret, spacious porch & complex roof, shows the architectural preferences of its day.

11. At Strathmore Ave, **Right** to cross Kenilworth Ave, then **Left** to cross Strathmore Ave using the pedestrian signal and crosswalk.

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10814 Kenilworth Ave. is the Garrett Park Town Hall. The Town Hall was built in 1897 as the St. James Episcopal Church. It was sold to the community in 1968 and is now used as a community center.

12. **Left** on Oxford St.

13. **Right** on Montrose Ave.

14. **Quick Left** on Oxford St.

As you turn the corner at Oxford St., note the tree on the left beside the bike route sign (10801 Montrose). This a Katsura tree, it has heart-shaped leaves which are purple bronze as they unfold in spring.

- At the stop sign, cross Clermont Ave.
- Pass Clermont Ave (on left).
- Cross Shelley Ct.

15. At the stop sign, **Left** on Keswick St.

16. **Cross** Strathmore Ave using the crosswalk and pedestrian signal.

- Pass the Town of Cambria Park Playground.

17. **Immediate Left** on the asphalt path. This path will join into the end of Cambria Ave (no sign). Continue on Cambria Ave.

18. At the T-intersection with a triangular green space, **Right** on Clermont Pl. (no sign).

- At the grayish fire hydrant, follow Clermont Pl. as it curves left.

19. **Bear Right** on Clermont Ave.

20. At the wooden bench, just after house #10919, **Right** on wood-chip path down into the Porcupine Woods Park.

- Continue on the trail through the woods to the Black Market Bistro and the Garrett Park Post Office. Ignore other paths. The end of the path curves sharply right and up to a parking area.

21. **Left** on the Black Market Bistro driveway to Waverly Ave.

- Pass the Penn Place building, which houses the Garrett Park Post Office, the Black Market Bistro and the Garrett Park Town offices.

The original Penn Place building was built sometime between August 1877 and September 1888. The second very similar building was built sometime between 1892 and 1894. It was a general store until the 1980s. It housed the Post Office starting in ~1930. It was purchased by the Town of Garrett Park in 1976.

22. **Right** on Waverly Ave to the railroad tracks crossing.

23. **Cross** the railroad tracks and continue on the asphalt path. through the Waverly-Schuylkill Park to Schuylkill Rd.

Decision Point: 5k/10k Trail split

5k Trail

- Cross and Left** on Schuylkill Rd to Garrett Park Rd.
- Cross and Right** on the asphalt path along Garrett Park Rd.
 - Pass Beach Dr.
- Left** into the Veirs Mill Local Park, our start/finish point.

10k Trail

You are in the Randolph Hills neighborhood. This neighborhood features beautifully maintained brick single family homes that were built in the 1950s.

24. **Right** on Schuylkill Rd.

25. **Right** on Troy Rd.

- Pass Star Ln.

26. At stop sign, **Left** to cross Schuylkill Rd using the crosswalk Then Immediate Right to continue along Schuylkill Rd.

27. **Left** on Ashley Dr.

28. **Left** on Schuylkill Rd.

- Pass Creek Shore Pl.

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- b. Cross Wyaconda Rd.
- c. Cross Boiling Brook Pkwy (eastbound lanes) using the crosswalk.

*Thank you for walking our Sugarloafer year-round today!
We hope you enjoyed this trail.*

29. **Carefully Cross and Left** on Boiling Brook Pkwy (westbound lanes).

30. **Bear Left** crossing Topping Rd to remain on Boiling Brook Pkwy.

31. **Right** on Rocking Horse Rd.

- a. Cross Oxbow Rd.
- b. Cross Red Fox Rd.
- c. Cross Macon Rd.
- d. Cross Olden Rd.
- e. Cross Coachway Dr.

32. **Cross and Right** on Ashley Dr.

- a. Pass Stoneleigh Ct.
- b. Pass Coachway Dr.
- c. Pass Olden Rd.

33. **Left** on Macon Rd into the Randolph Hills Local Park.

34. **Straight** on the Rock Creek Trail connector asphalt path.

- a. Cross bridge over Rock Creek
- b. Continue on Rock Creek Trail connector ignoring all natural surface trails.

35. **Right** at the T-intersection onto Rock Creek Multi-Use Trail. Ignore all natural surface trails.

36. **Right** at the next intersection to remain on the Rock Creek Trail.

- a. Cross the Dewey Local Park parking lot driveway using the crosswalk.
(Portajohn)
- b. Pass Dewey Local Park.
- c. Cross second Dewey Local Park driveway.
- d. Continue on Rock Creek Trail.

37. **Left** into the Veirs Mill Local Park, our start/finish point.

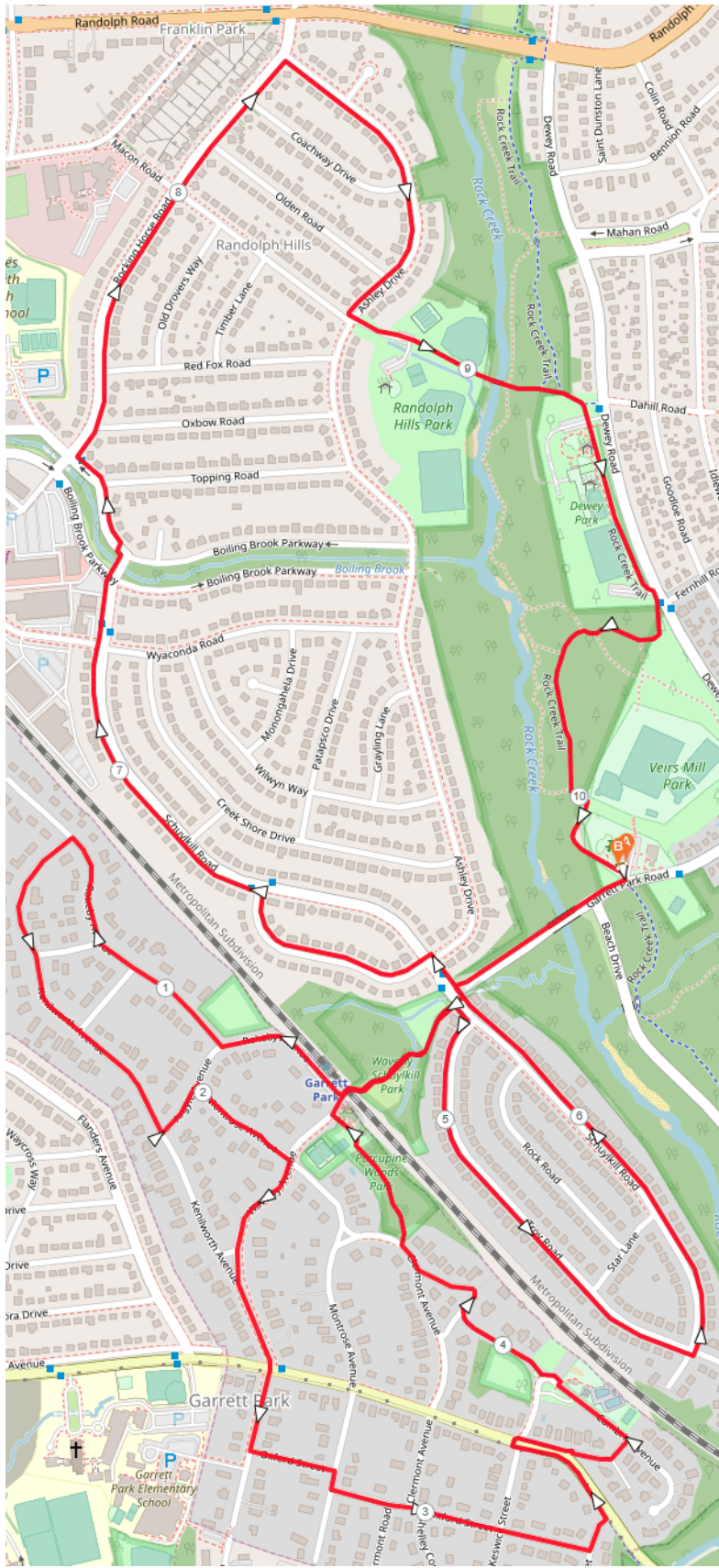
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Garrett Park 5k/10k Trail



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Internet Resources

The information about trees & homes in Garrett Park was taken from Self-guided Tour of Some Common and Uncommon Trees in the Garrett Park Arboretum and The History & Architecture of Garrett Park, Maryland. Copies of these brochures are available from the Garrett Park Town Office.

Garrett Park, Maryland Official Website: <https://garrettparkmd.gov/>

Garrett Park, Maryland: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Garrett_Park,_Maryland

Garrett Park, Maryland: [List of Historic Residences](#)

Geographic region: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Piedmont_\(United_States\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Piedmont_(United_States))

Club Information: [Seneca Valley Sugarloafers Volksmarch Club](#)

AVA National Programs

This YRE qualifies for all AVA National Programs:

- Walking the United States (50 States) → Maryland
- Walking the USA (A - Z) → G for Garrett Park
- Centurion Achievement Challenge → 1 event
- IVV-Americas → 1 event

AVA Special Programs

Trail Legend for table below:

GP5 → Garrett Park - 5k

GP10 - Garrett Park - 10k

Special Program Name	Years	GP5	GP10	Information
A-MAZE-ing Labyrinths	2024 2027	X	X	4702 Waverly Ave.
Anniversaries Hurrah	2026 2026			
Appalachian Trail	2018 2029			
Border Crossings	2014 2025			
Grain Elevators: Monarchs of the Plains	2025 2028			

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Lighthouses II	2023 2026			
Par for the Course	2023 2026	X	X	Town of Cambria Park Playground
Rails-to-Trails	2022 2026			
Step to the Beat	2024 2027			
Town Hall/City Hall	2022 2025	X	X	Garrett Park Town Hall
Walking with America's Veterans	2021 2028			
Walking With the Wild Things	2025 2028	X	X	4525 Cambria Ave.
Washington-Rochambeau National Historic Trail	2022 2032			