



Tehachapi Loop

5KM/11KM

Rated 1A

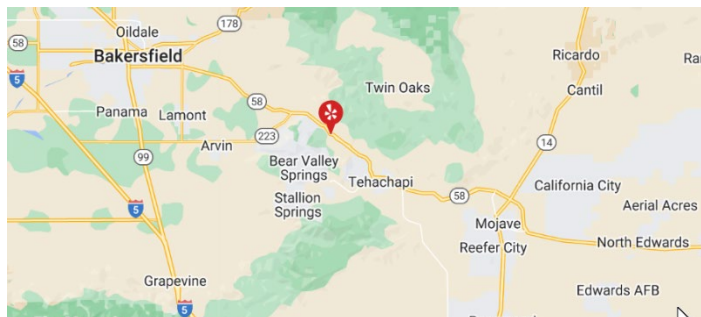
30265 Woodford-Tehachapi Road
Keene CA 93531

The only restrooms are next to Keene Cafe.



IN CASE OF EMERGENCY CALL 911
Incident notification or route issues: (915) 479-1060

☺ = *Special Program identifier*



Driving Directions to Start:

- A. East on CA 58 from Bakersfield or West on CA 58 from Mojave/North Edwards AFB
- B. Take exit 139 and turn right on Woodford-Tehachapi Road
- C. Turn left into large parking lot on west side of Keene Cafe

Note: You will not see the Tehachapi Railroad Loop on 5K. However, you can drive there from the Café after completing 5K. Limited parking at overlook.

Pedestrian CAUTION: Some parts of this route are along a well-traveled road with minimal shoulders. Walk on left side of road facing traffic. Be extra alert when approaching blind curves. Only cross road where you can see if no traffic is approaching in either direction.

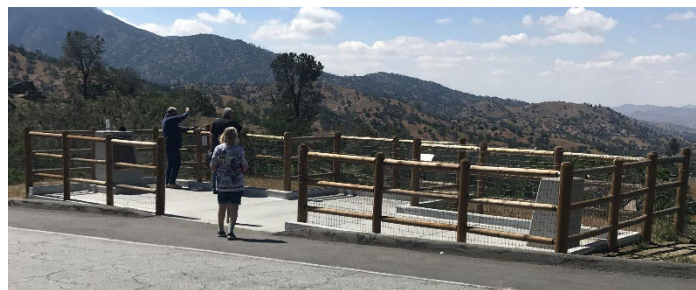
1. Facing Hwy 58, turn Left (East) on Woodford-Tehachapi Rd. (Keene Café on Left/Post Office on Right).

☺ *Walk with America's Veterans – Kern County Korean War Veterans Memorial Highway (CA 58)*

2. Continue on Woodford-Tehachapi Rd. going under Hwy 58 to Meadow-Creek Ranch Sign (on your Right).

3. **5KM walkers:** Turn around at pedestrian sign (just past Meadow-Creek Ranch Sign, left side of road as you face east) and return to Start/Finish.

4. **11KM walkers:** Continue on Woodford-Tehachapi Rd. to the Tehachapi Loop Overlook which was upgraded in 2021. Chances are you will see a train traverse the loop with an average of 35 freight trains a day passing through.

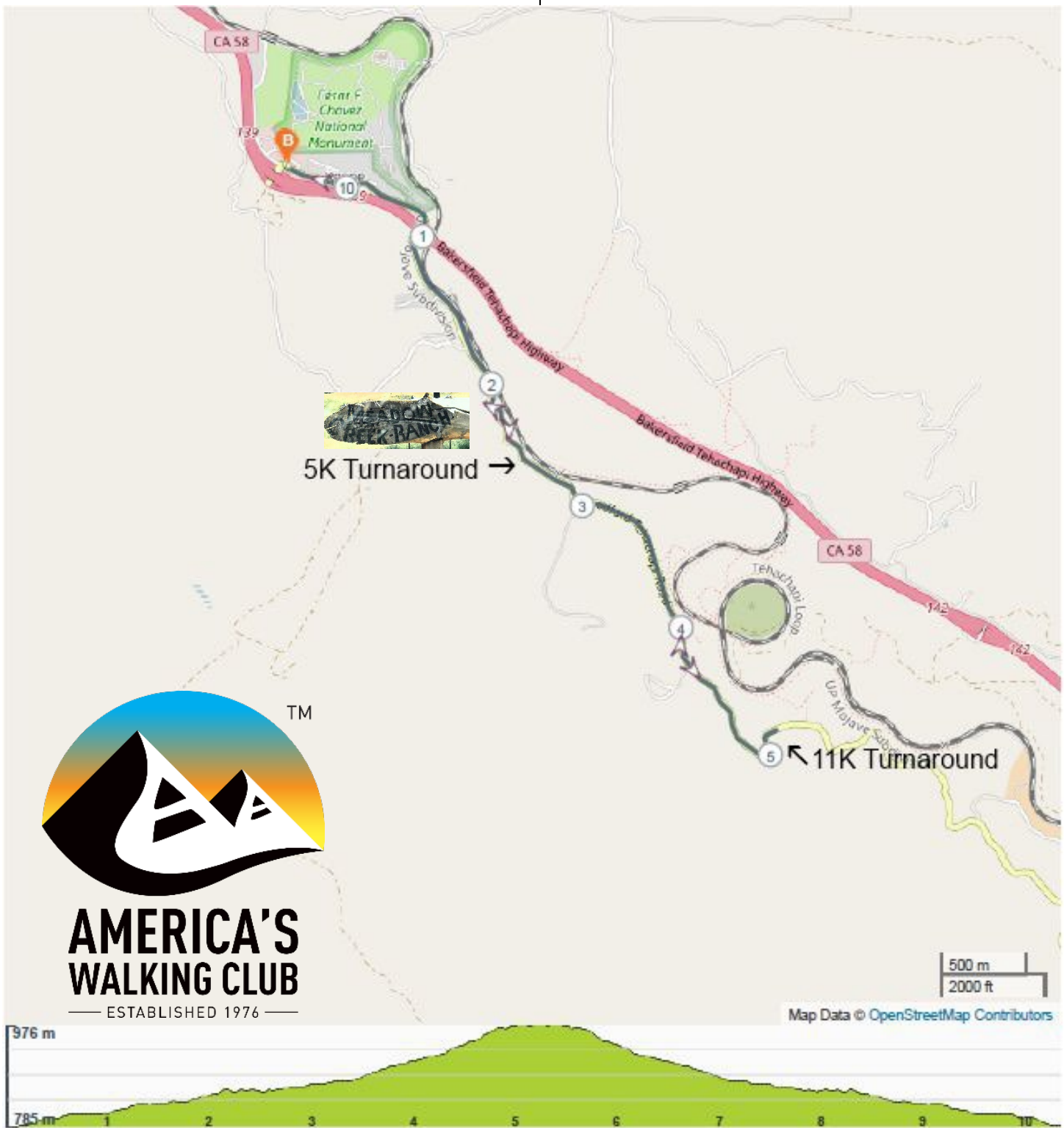


5. Turn around and return to the Start/Finish along Woodford-Tehachapi Rd. Enjoy a treat at the Keene Café.

Special Programs also eligible on this walk:

- ☺ *Walk USA 50 States (CA)*
- ☺ *Walk USA A-Z (K)*

Be sure to log back into the OSB system (my.ava.org) to finish/complete your online registration after doing the walk. The OSB system does not deduct any walking fee from a walker's Event Bank until they have submitted walk completion info including the date the event was walked, the distance walked, and the selection of applicable special programs that walker is participating in. (NOTE: The \$2 fee for event PDF Download is deducted from the user's Event Bank when the pdf is downloaded. This prepaid fee is applied against the credit fee(s) at the OSB "Finish Table" when you submit the walk completion info. However, the \$2 "coupon" for the downloaded PDF expires 60 days from download.)



Southern Pacific's Tehachapi Loop was an engineering marvel of its day and remains an important artery of the Union Pacific system today. The loop was constructed in the latter half of the 19th century as part of Southern Pacific's main line through southern California, which had to cross the Tehachapi Mountain range.

Its intent was to gain elevation at a manageable gradient and has worked so well for nearly 150 years that it has remained virtually unchanged and in regular use. For more information about the Tehachapi Loop check out the [Wikipedia entry](#). Historical markers are located at the Overlook area.



The Keene Cafe's humble origins begin in the 1920's. In the early 1930's, it was converted to a boarding house to allow a place for Tweedy Canyon miners to lay down. In 1940, it reopened as the Keene Cafe where it served soldiers in the area who were deployed to guard the railway tunnels from possible attacks. Today, we are managed by the National Chavez Center. The National Chavez Center purchased the Keene Cafe to offer a place for people who visit the museum to have a place to enjoy a home cooked meal made possible by remarkable farm workers they learned about.

Café Hours 7AM to 3PM

