



Southeast Striders Walking Club

Carr's Hill 5K/11K Walk© Y3857 2026

The Southeast Striders Walking Club is one of the newest members of AVA: America's Walking Club. We welcome you to our Carrs Hill 5k/11k Year-Round Event (YRE) and thank you for taking interest in one of our walks. The Carrs Hill 5K/11K begins at Dudley Park near downtown Athens, then winds up to the Firefly Trail, which is a Rails to Trails conversion. Then on to the North Oconee River Greenway along the scenic Oconee River through majestic southern heritage hardwood forest land. Finally passing Carrs Hill and Athens' downtown Oconee River rapids which once powered a mill. The trail is rated 1b.

Walk Registration

Please use the online start box provided by AVA: America's Walking Club (www.my.ava.org). After signing in, select the 'My Start Box' tab. Press the "Help" button in the upper right-hand corner for the instructions to sign a waiver and register for this event. Payment for event credit and walk directions uses your credit card. The walk directions and insert cards are PDFs that you can download and print as needed. The entire online process should take approximately 10 minutes for a first-time user. The POC does not provide event directions or accept alternate payment methods.

Walk Completion and Walk Credit

Once you have physically completed the walk, please login to your Online AVA account and select the "Finish Table" tab. 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 can later choose to print and mail to AVA Headquarters.

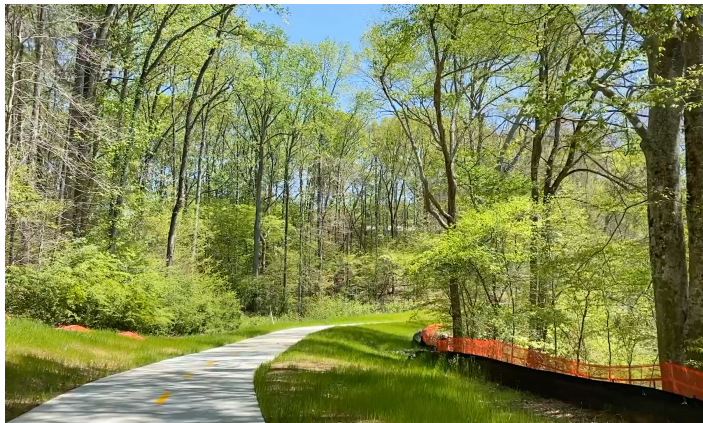
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Carrs Hill, Firefly Trail and North Oconee River

Athens is the home of the University of Georgia, the state's signature university, and the first and oldest land grant college in the USA. UGA was founded in 1785 and is the birthplace of public higher education in the nation. UGA now registers over 40,000 students. With three other colleges in town, Athens is a premier American College Town.



Carrs Hill, Dudley Park, the Firefly Trail, and the Oconee River Greenway is an interesting mix of Athens premier downtown park, Rails to Trails, the Oconee River, and a mature Southern Hardwood forest. The Rails to Trails segment was originally part of the Georgia Railroad system. The Oconee River system is the primary river flowing North to South through Athens. Both the 5K and 11k end by passing under the Murmur Trestle railroad bridge made famous by the rock group REM in the 1980's. The most iconic image of the 1980's Athens' music scene is the Georgia Railroad Trestle that graced the back cover of R.E.M.'s first LP "Murmur," released in 1983.

Carrs Hill Start Point Location:

Dudley Park, 1177 East Broad Street, Athens, GA 30601. Park in the back of the parking lot in the Park-Trails section and proceed to Cook & Brother Plaza at the front of the parking lot.


Driving Directions

Dudley Park is just east of Downtown Athens. From the US 441 loop on the East side of Athens Take the Oconee St. exit heading East toward downtown Athens. Oconee St. turns into Oak St. Right onto S. Poplar Street. Left onto East Broad St. to the main entrance/parking lot for Dudley Park.

Restrooms

Public Restrooms are available at Dudley Park 365 days per year. Restrooms are located at a picnic pavilion that you will cross shortly after the beginning of the walk.

Emergency Numbers

	In Case of emergencies dial 911 Event related assistance: dial Harold Weber (904)704-8402 or Marie Weber (904) 703-8403.
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Walking Instructions

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



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Firefly, North Oconee River Greenway
Carrs Hill 11k ©

Start Point: Dudley Park, Cook & Brother Plaza 1177 East Broad Street, Athens, GA

Avoid parking in UGA designated spaces by continuing ahead and parking on the right side in **Park-Trails Parking**. Restrooms are just after the start of the walk.

1. From the parking lot walk back to the entrance of **Cook and Brothers Plaza** and observe the informative kiosks.
2. With your back to the parking lot, enter the **North Oconee River Greenway** concrete path.
3. **LEFT** at the “Y”
4. **Restrooms** are available at the circle ahead.
5. From the Restrooms & water fountain, follow concrete path to the **RIGHT**.
6. Bear **RIGHT** toward the sunflower sculpture and **RIGHT** onto the **Firefly Trail** for about 1.5k.
7. Cross unnamed street.
8. See sign, “**North Oconee River Greenway Trail**” on right.
9. At Old Winterville Road, **RIGHT** toward the **Oconee River Greenway Trail**.
10. Using the traffic signal, carefully cross **Oconee Street** toward **Waffle House**.
11. Bear **RIGHT** toward Waffle House to enter the **Oconee River Greenway Trail**.
12. **LEFT** at the 4-Way intersection (5k walkers leave at this point)
13. **Walk under the overpass**
14. **See viewing deck on right**
15. **Pass small fenced loop**
16. **STRAGHT at Y #1 and Trail Map Sign**
17. Pass UGA parking
18. Stay on main trail at small loop
19. **STRAIGHT** at Y#2
20. Walk under the overpass
21. **Straight Ahead** at Y #3
22. **Slight RIGHT** at Y #4
23. Cross foot bridge at tiny bench
24. Cross over wood rail foot bridge
25. Pass benches & wood fence
Straight ahead to **Valero (restrooms, AC & snacks)**
26. Retrace your steps onto the trail
27. Pass the benches
28. Cross the wooden foot bridge
29. Cross the foot bridge & tiny bench
30. **Straight Ahead** at the first Y
31. **Straight Ahead** at the second Y
32. Walk under the overpass
33. **Straight Ahead** at the third Y
34. Pass small loop
35. Pass UGA parking lot

36. **Straight Ahead** at the Trail Map
Y
37. Pass small, fenced loop
38. Enjoy viewing deck on left
39. Walk under the overpass
40. **STRAIGHT Ahead** at 4-way
intersection
41. Walk through the cemetery
gates.
42. Walk under the bridge.
43. Keep the North Oconee River
on your left.
44. See observation deck on left
45. Stop ahead to view the
waterfalls at the next
observation deck.
46. Walk through the parking lot
and bear **RIGHT** staying on the
trail.
47. At **Trail-Xing** sign, carefully
cross in the crosswalk and bear
Right.

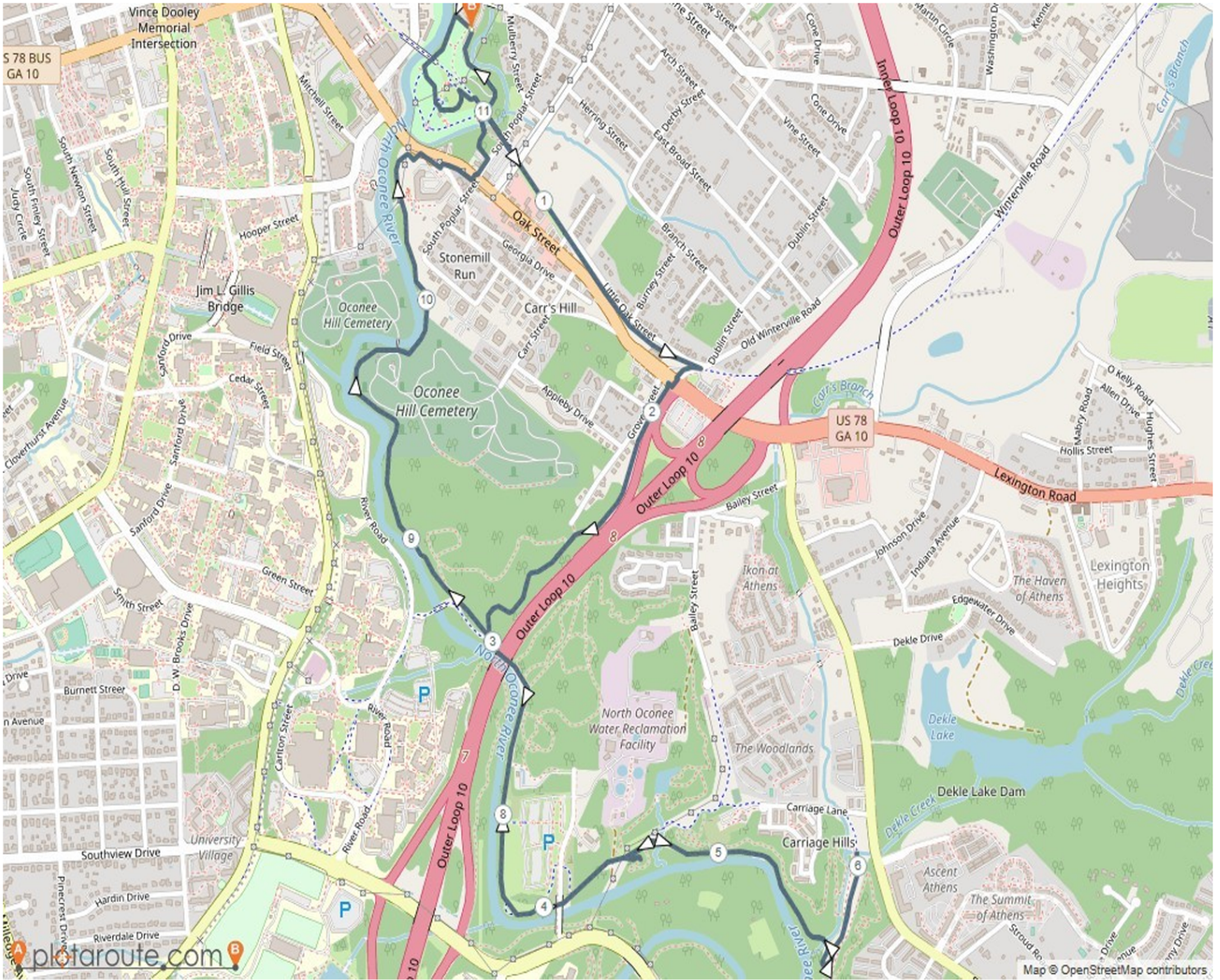
48. At the traffic light ahead, use
the traffic signal to cross Oak
Street toward **Mama's Boy
Restaurant**.
49. Pass Mama's Boy and walk **LEFT**
entering the **North Oconee
River Greenway**.
50. **RIGHT** at the T toward **East
Broad Street Parking**.
51. Walk into parking lot and **Bear
LEFT** toward the Finish Point.

Congratulations! You have completed
Carr's Hill 11k This Walk was created
by an AVA Certified Trailmaster.
Thank you for walking a **Southeast
Striders Walk**.

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Carrs Hill Map 11K





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Firefly, North Oconee River Greenway
Carrs Hill 5k ©

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**Start Point: Dudley Park, Cook & Brother Plaza
1177 East Broad Street, Athens, GA**

Avoid parking in UGA designated spaces by continuing ahead and parking in the **Park-Trails Parking** section. Restrooms are just after the start of the walk.

1. From the parking lot walk back to the entrance of **Cook and Brothers Plaza** and observe the informative kiosks.
2. With your back to the parking lot, enter the **North Oconee River Greenway** concrete path.
3. **LEFT** at the “Y”
4. **Restrooms** are available at the circle ahead.
5. From the Restrooms & water fountain, follow concrete path to the **RIGHT**.
6. Bear **RIGHT** toward the sunflower sculpture and **RIGHT** onto the **Firefly Trail** for about 1.5k.
7. Cross unnamed street.
8. See sign, “**North Oconee River Greenway Trail**” on right.
9. At Old Winterville Road, **RIGHT** toward the **Oconee River Greenway Trail**.
10. Using the traffic signal, carefully cross **Oconee Street** toward **Waffle House**.
11. Bear **RIGHT** toward Waffle House to enter the **Oconee River Greenway Trail**.
12. **Right** at the 4-Way intersection of the trail.

13. Walk through the cemetery gates.
14. Walk under the bridge.
15. Keep the North Oconee River on your left.
16. See observation deck on left
17. Stop ahead to view the waterfalls at the next observation deck.
18. Walk through the parking lot and bear **RIGHT** staying on the trail.
19. At **Trail-Xing** sign, carefully cross in the crosswalk and bear **Right**.
20. At the traffic light ahead, use the traffic signal to cross Oak Street toward **Mama’s Boy Restaurant**.
21. Pass Mama’s Boy and walk **LEFT** entering the **North Oconee River Greenway**.
22. **RIGHT** at the T toward **East Broad Street Parking**.
23. Walk into parking lot and Bear **LEFT** toward the Finish Point.

Congratulations! You have completed the Carr’s Hill, Firefly, and North Oconee River Greenway 5k. This Walk was created by an AVA Certified Trailmaster. Thank you for walking a **Southeast Striders** Walk.

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Carrs Hill 5K Map





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Carrs Hill 5k and 11k

2026 Special Programs

Walking USA A-Z, Walking the United States (50 States)
Rails to Trails

Southeast Striders Listing of YRE's And Traditional Events

Watson Mill Bridge State Park 6/11k YRE
Watkinsville 5/10k YRE
North Oconee River Greenway & Sandy Creek Nature Center 6/11K YRE
Carrs Hill 5/11K YRE
Athens Sampler 5/10K YRE
US 441 The Lake 6/10K YRE

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