

History: Castroville is a historic little town with a rich cultural heritage nestled in the Medina River Valley just 15 miles west of San Antonio. It is known as “The Little Alsace of Texas” because of its origins. The town was founded in 1844 by Henri Castro, for whom the town is named. The first European emigrant settlers in this area were mostly Catholic farmers from Alsace, a region of France, brought over to fulfill Castro’s contract to colonize vacant Texas Land. Calling themselves Alsatians, they were mostly of German descent speaking a dialect of German and French.

History adapted from: www.castroville.com/heritage---history

The San Antonio Pathfinders sponsor the following YRE and YRB events that begin at the San Jose Mission in San Antonio:

(Note: At this time, for the Missions’ walks, the National Park Service Visitors Center is closed and the walk box is not available)

- Mission San Jose to Mission Concepcion – Y0461
- Mission San Jose to San Juan – Y1614
- Mission San Juan to Mission Espada – Y1615
- Mission Concepcion and Mission Reach Hike– Y1686
- Mission Reach BIKE – Y2649

In addition, the San Antonio Pathfinders sponsor:

- Castroville Historic Landmarks – Y1877
- Shiner – Historic City Walk – Y2363
- Lost Maples State Natural Area – Y0460 in Vanderpool
- South Texas Medical Center – Y0149 in San Antonio
- Leon Creek Greenbelt South – Y0966 in San Antonio
- Leon Creek BIKE: Mainland to Military Drive – Y2343
- Medina River Greenway BIKE – Y2650 in San Antonio
- Maury Maverick Jr. Library Walk – Y0263 in San Antonio
- Salado Creek Greenway BIKE: Loop 1604 to McAllister Park

- Y2651 in San Antonio
- Corpus Christi Shoreline – Y0057
- Port Aransas Beach – Y1568
- Port Aransas Historic Town – Y0710

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**THE SAN ANTONIO PATHFINDERS
INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR THE
10th Tour de Castroville**



CASTROVILLE
The Little Alsace of Texas

April 10, 2021

SW21/118707

10k/5k Walk

Covid-19 Precautions Followed



SPONSOR: The event is sponsored by the San Antonio Pathfinders, AVA 88, TX-26, a folksporting club promoting physical fitness and fun in nature and historic settings.

ELIGIBILITY/TYPE OF EVENT: Noncompetitive. Walk, jog, or run at your own pace. The purpose of Volksporting is to encourage participation in the healthful hobby of walking and to provide opportunities to explore cities, neighborhoods, parks & forests. AVA events are open to all and families are encouraged to participate. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. *All participants will sign a waiver of responsibility and must carry a start card.* The event normally will be held regardless of weather conditions.

STARTING POINT: Event Tent @ **Castroville Regional Park, 816 Alsace Street, Castroville, Texas 78009**
(See directions on following page.)

SANCTION NO: SW21/118707 –10k/5k Walk

START AND FINISH TIMES: 8:20am - 11:30am. Finish by 2:00pm.

DISTANCES: 10k and 5k walks. Routes may be walked TWICE on the same start card for 20k Distance Credit.

WALK ROUTE: The volksmarch will follow the same *marked* routes used by Tour De Castroville through historic Castroville, “The Little Alsace of Texas”.

SPECIAL NOTE: This volksmarch is in conjunction with the annual Tour De Castroville...a Walk, Run, and Ride. It is an annual family event.

Registration for the volksmarch is separate from the Tour De Castroville registration. Come to the START/FINISH tables that day under the tent to register.

FEES: The fee for all participants is \$3.00. There is no “pre-registration” and no refunds. AVA “New Walker” coupons are accepted and encouraged.

DONATIONS: Will be most appreciated and are always welcome to help defray event expenses and promote Volksporting in Texas.

WATER & RESTROOMS: Water and restrooms are available at the start/finish. Water is available at the checkpoints. There are a limited number of restrooms along the route.

DISCLAIMER: The sponsors are not liable for accidents, thefts, and/or material damage. Reasonable effort has been made by the sponsors to make this a safe, enjoyable and memorable event.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS: Walk the USA Street by Street, Walking the USA A-Z, Little Free Libraries, El Camino Real de Los Tejas, Historic Texas Landmarks, Texas Hill Country Challenge and Walk Texas.

PETS: Pets are welcome and must be kept leashed at all times. Pets are not allowed inside the Start/Finish area nor in any public buildings [with the exception of service animals]. Water for pets will be provided at the start and checkpoints.

NEW WALKER INFORMATION: “New Walker Packets” and record books will be available for sale and volunteers will be available to answer any Volksport questions.

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DIRECTIONS: From San Antonio, head west on HWY 90 to Castroville. Continue on HWY 90 through Castroville. Just past the Dairy Queen, turn left on Athens Street. Drive five blocks and turn right onto Lisbon Street. Turn left on Alsace Avenue and right into Castroville Regional Park. Park in the parking lot and walk into the park to the large event tent. Look for the AVA signs as a guide to the AVA Start/Finish.

