

DATE(S): September 18, 2021
SANCTION NO: AT21-118917
SPONSOR: Chester County Red Rovers
LOCATION: Riverfront Park
Keystone Boulevard Parking Lot
150 Keystone Boulevard
Pottstown PA 19464

RATING: 1A
START TIME: 9:00 am to noon
FINISH TIME: By 3:00 pm
DISTANCE(S): 5K/10K

TRAIL: Join the Chester County Red Rovers for a stroll through Historic Pottstown. A town on the cusp of a Renaissance, Pottstown features history, architecture, parks, a carousel, and more. Pottstown is located 40 miles northwest of Philadelphia and 20 miles southeast of Reading, on the Schuylkill River. Germans, Swedes and English were among the area's first European settlers. After establishment of the first iron forge in 1714, Pottstown's fortunes became tied to the iron industry. Eventually, blast furnaces for production of iron and later steel opened in the area. Iron and steel production attracted the Potts family, iron masters by trade. They established a forge and built a large home just west of the Manatawny Creek. John Potts founded a town, then named Pottsgrove, in 1761 on part of the 995 acres that he owned. Pottsgrove grew, and in 1815 it was incorporated under the name Pottstown, becoming the second borough in Pennsylvania, after Norristown. Modern-day Pottstown is situated on land originally deeded to William Penn.

AWARD: The A Award for this walk will be an embroidered patch featuring a carousel horse from The Carousel at Pottstown.

FEES: \$3 walk fee for credit, \$7 fee for credit plus award. Free walkers are welcome.

INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeanne Clancy – clancygirl1@verizon.net or 484-432-8541.

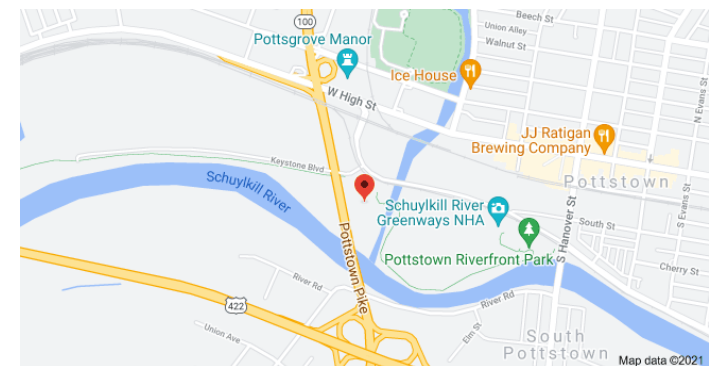
STIPULATIONS: This event will be held regardless of the weather unless there is risk of lightning. All walkers are welcome. Even free walkers must sign in/out at the Start/Finish. No refunds. This event is sanctioned by the American Volkssport Association (AVA), a member of the International Federation of Popular Sports and counts towards the acquisition of IVV Achievement Awards.



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

MISCELLANEOUS: Water will be available at the Start/Finish, but it is recommended that walkers carry their own water. Wildlife and plants are not to be disturbed. Please, dispose of refuse and recycling at the Start/Finish. No littering. Restrooms are noted in the directions.

DIRECTIONS AND MAP:



150 Keystone Boulevard ~

From West on Route 422 - straight on Benjamin Franklin Highway (just east of Douglasville), which becomes West High Street. After crossing Route 100, right on College Dr., right on Keystone Blvd. and left to parking lot/Start.

From East on Route 422 - exit at Hanover St. Right on Hanover and left on College Dr. Left on Keystone Blvd. and left to parking lot/Start.



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