

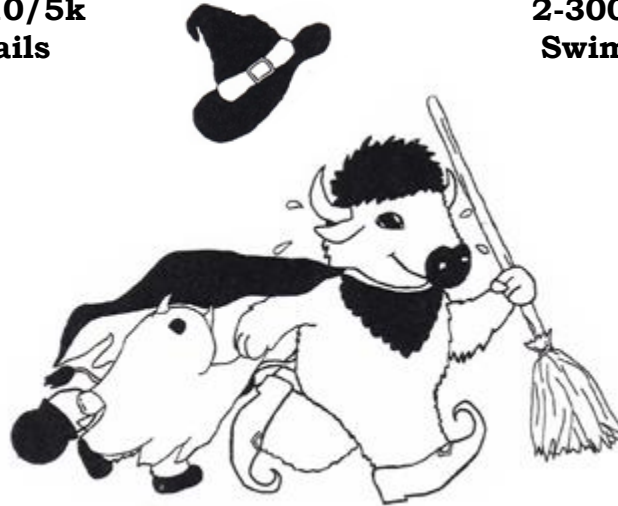
Sunflower Sod Stompers'

# Hoofing It On Halloween (Weekend)

Walks in the Kansas Counties of  
Allen, Anderson, Coffey, Linn, Neosho, and  
Woodson

6-10/5k  
Trails

2-300m  
Swims



October 28, 29, & 30, 2022



SANCTIONED EVENT  
Eligible for credit towards IVV Achievement Awards



## WHAT IS A VOLKSWALK?

A volkswalk is a leisurely walk through a scenic and/or historic area with written directions. The walk is non-competitive and the participants can travel at their own pace, thus making this an excellent recreational activity for the entire family. A volkswalk is a great way to meet new friends and a fun way for individuals to receive exercise who otherwise get very little.

## Hoofing It On Pre-Halloween Weekend

The Sunflower Sod Stompers of Topeka would like to invite all volkssporters to join them in their festival of autumn events. A busy weekend of volkssporting is planned for a section of east central Kansas. Events will be featured in the 6 counties of: **Allen, Anderson, Coffey, Linn, Neosho, and Woodson** - walking in six county-seat communities. These counties are located east of Emporia/Wichita and south of the KC area - one touching the border of Missouri. **Due to economic conditions and fuel costs, we have tried to offer events in close proximity to one another.** Consider coming to the area a day early and walk Fort Scott in Bourbon County. This YRE, sponsored by the Sod Stompers, is an overlooked historic jewel not being supported! More YREs are available nearby. Traditional events will start on Friday in Mound City and Garnett. Garnett is being repeated for the Rail-Trail Special Program, and the courses will be somewhat different than what was walked in 2018. The Mound City event, in Linn County, will finish the Kansas counties along the eastern border.

Saturday's will be devoted to 2 new counties: Neosho and Allen - walks being in Chanute & Iola respectively. These communities developed from mining and the railroads & are still important industries today. Save time to visit the John Safari Museum in Chanute. Sunday's new county walks will be in Yates Center and Burlington. These 2 events will be in smaller Kansas towns focused on agriculture, light industry, hunting/fishing - with the nearby lakes- and government. Burlington has had an economic rebirth with the building of Wolf Creek Generation Station - the only nuclear power plant in Kansas. Remember, each town is unique with different sites and histories. Group meals have been arranged for Thursday, Friday, & Saturday evenings. Motel rooms have been blocked for our walkers. There will be qualifiers for some of the AVA Special Programs. Come enjoy east central Kansas this October! The Sod Stompers would appreciate your support!



If you are in southeastern Kansas prior to the traditional weekend events, please consider the Fort Scott Year Round Event. The Sod Stompers would appreciate the support of this walk. The Pittsburg and Baxter Springs YREs, sponsored by Dogwood Trailblazers, are close by. The Sod Stompers' Coffeyville & Independence events are also available.

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## EVENT INFORMATION



**Garnett, Kansas**  
Friday, October 28, 2022

**Anderson County**  
SC-121765

**Map Guided Walk**      **Distance: 6km/10km/13km**

**Location:** The event will start/finish inside Sargent Jeffrey S. Mersman Memorial VFW Post #6397 – 1507 South Elm Street. Go north on US 59 1.0 mile from US 59/US 169 roundabout south of Garnett. Turn right on West Veterans Circle Drive just after the Garnett “Welcome” sign. Tanks and veteran memorial on the left are adjacent to the white, VFW building.

**Start/Finish:** Start between 8:30-10:00a.m. & finish by 12:00p.m.

**Courses:** The walking course will feature shaded residential areas of Garnett along with the downtown business area. The **Prairie Spirit Rail-Trail** is featured on both routes. The longer route will include more of the Rail-Trail & have more areas of full sun and wind. Trail rating: 1-A



### **VFW BRUNCH**

The VFW is fixing brunch for us! A \$6.00 donation per person. Please patronize their efforts. **Brunch available: 10:00 – 11:30a.m.**



**Mound City, Kansas**  
Friday, October 28, 2022

**Linn County**  
SC-121766

**Map Guided Walk**      **Distance: 5km/10km**

**Location:** The walk will start/finish inside the Mound City Library – 630 West Main. Mound City is 34 miles east of Garnett via county roads. Use your GPS &/or Kansas road maps.

**Start/Finish:** Start between 1:00 p.m.-2:30 pm. & finish by 4:45 p.m.

**Course:** The routes will lead through residential areas along with the business area. Courses will include the courthouse, town cemetery, opera house, & historical village. The 10km will loop around the athletic fields. Walking surfaces will be gravel, pavement and cement on fairly flat terrain. Trail rating: 1-B.

**Water stops will be available for the walkers on the trails.**  
**Feel free to bring your water containers.**  
**Limited restroom availability in these smaller communities!**

**Saturday is**



**Rail - Trail Day!**

**Chanute, Kansas**  
Saturday, October 29, 2022

**Neosho County**  
SC-121767

**Map Guided Walk**      **Distance: 5km/10km**

**Location:** Registration will be inside the Martin and Osa Johnson Safari Museum – 111 North Lincoln Avenue. From Holiday Inn Express, go 3.0 miles north on US 169. Exit at Ks.39/Cherry Street. Go east on Cherry Street 1.4 miles then turn right on Lincoln Avenue for 0.4 miles. Turn right into entrance drive past the giraffe structures.

**Start/Finish:** Start between 8:15 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.; finish by 12:15 p.m.

**Course:** Both trails will include the historic downtown area of Chanute besides residential areas. Courses will be on sidewalks and paved roads & will include areas of full sun. The **Katy Hike-Bike Trail** will be included on both routes, less on the short course. Trail rating: 1-A

MARTIN AND OSA JOHNSON  
SAFARI MUSEUM



**Iola, Kansas**  
Saturday, October 29, 2022

**Allen County**  
SC-121768

**Map Guided Walk**      **Distance: 5km/10km**

**Location:** The walk event will start/finish inside Iola Public Library – 218 East Madison. The Library is 1.3 mile from US 169. Madison Avenue is US 54. Library is on right (north) side of street. Parking & entrance is on west side. Iola is approximately 20 miles north from Chanute.



Major road construction on US 169 between Chanute and Iola. Possibly finished in October.

**Start/Finish:** Start between 1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.; finish by 4:45 a.m.

**Course:** The routes will lead through residential areas of Iola and the main business district around town square. Fairly flat surfaces will be varied to include pavement & cement. **There are 3 Rail-Trails in Iola.** Longer course will include Southwind Rail Trail; short course the Mo – Pac Trail. Only one can be used. Rating: 1-A



**Yates Center, Kansas**  
Sunday, October 30, 2022

**Woodson County**  
SC-121769

**Map Guided Walk**      **Distance: 5km/11km**

**Location:** The walk event will start/finish inside Cornerstone Bakery, 100 West Rutledge Street. Yates Center is at the crossroads of US 54 & US 75. Chanute is 30 miles southeast; Iola is 20 miles east. From the crossroads blinking red light, go 0.5 mile on US 54 east to Main. Turn left & go 2 blocks north to Rutledge. Bakery on left corner. Street parking.

**Start/Finish:** Start between 8:30 a.m. – 9:45a.m. & finish by 12:15p.m.

**Course:** The routes will lead through residential areas & the main business district. The 10km trail includes the cemetery & Yates Center Reservoir. Fairly flat surfaces will be varied to include roads and sidewalks where available. Areas of full sun & wind, a few small inclines on the 10km trail. Rating: 1-A

**Burlington, Kansas**  
Sunday, October 30, 2022

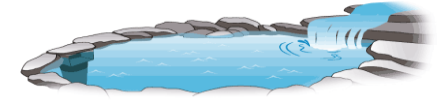
**Coffey County**  
SC-121770

**Map Guided Walk**      **Distance: 5km/10km**

**Location:** The walk event will start/finish inside the Burlington Recreation Center, 1100 Shea Street. Burlington is 23 miles north of Yates Center on US 75. Follow US 75 through Burlington to second stoplight at Cross Street. Turn left on Cross & go 0.3 mile. Recreation Center will be on left

**Start/Finish:** Start between 1:30p.m – 2:30p.m.; finish by 5:15 p.m.

**Courses:** The routes will lead through residential areas of Burlington, the main business district, & tree-lined parks. Fairly flat surfaces will be varied to include pavement, cement, & gravel. Both courses will include areas of full sun. Trail rating: 1-A



**Burlington, Kansas**  
Saturday-Sunday October 29-30 SC-121771 & 772

**2 Indoor Swims**      **Distance: 300 meters @**

**Location:** The swim events may take place in the indoor pool of the Holiday Inn Express in Chanute – 3401 Blue Comet on Saturday night or the indoor pool of the Burlington Recreation Center on Sunday afternoon. Directions the same as walk event.

**Start/Finish:** **Chanute:** Swim during pool hours. Registration will be 8:15 -8:45p.m Friday night. **Burlington:** Same as walk registration. Recreation swim times: 2:30p.m. – 5:15p.m.; out of pool by 5:30p.m.

**Course:** Participants may swim or water walk & can rest at the ends of the pool but cannot leave the pool area during the swim events.



## THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

**Walking Events:** These walking events will be map guided. Participants will be given directions with written descriptions and a map. Walk & swim events are **CANCELLED** if there is severe weather and/or dangerous conditions in the area. Return to the start/finish area ASAP. Event credit will be stamped into your IVV Record Books

**Swims:** Water walk or swim at your pace. Chanute HIE: Limited dressing facilities. Appropriate swim attire. The pool will be shared with the motel guests. Burlington Recreation Center - Pool fee: \$3.00

**Registration:** IVV Credit will be \$3.00 per event. Signing the AVA liability waiver is required of all participants. No free walkers. IVV Record Books may be purchased for \$6.00 each.

**Event Comments:** Be prepared for walking in fall weather with gusty winds and blowing leaves, in some open spaces, hopefully with sun.

**Weather:** Weather conditions can quickly change in this part of the U.S. Be aware of the county that you are in as weather warnings are issued by counties.

**Disclaimer:** The American Volkssport Association, Sunflower Sod Stompers, and their officers, members, and agents shall not be liable or responsible for, and shall be saved and held harmless for and against any and all claims and damages of every kind, for injury to or death of any person or persons and for damage to or loss of property arising out of or attributable to the operators or events conducted by the AVA.

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The Sunflower Sod Stompers have rooms blocked for volkssporters Thursday night at:

### GARNETT HOTEL & RV PARK

109 Prairie Plaza Parkway & US 169 – East side of Garnett  
\$79.99 Single; \$89.99 Double /night plus taxes  
785-448-6800

Cut-off date: September 30; Code: Terri Tyler

Please read the reviews for other motels available in Chanute & Iola for Friday & Saturday nights before booking. Those listed in next column are reviewed higher!



Rooms are blocked at the HIE Chanute for our walking friends for Friday & Saturday nights if you so desire



**Holiday Inn Express & Suites - Chanute**  
3401 Blue Comet Drive – 620-431-0817

The Holiday Inn Express & Suites is located on US 169 & 190<sup>th</sup> Road  
**\$125.00/night plus taxes with breakfast**

Please call the hotel direct at the above number by October 15 to make a reservation. Code: SWG



### Saturday Night Only at:

## Townsmen Motel

Crossroads of US 7 & US 54 in Yates Center  
Single \$62 w/ taxes; Double \$72 w/taxes – Breakfast not available  
\*Call by October 1 due to hunting season\*



Group meals have been arranged at the places listed below:



### Thursday night

Approximately 6:30 p.m.  
Downtown Garnett 110 West 5<sup>th</sup>  
Near Courthouse Square



### Friday evening



**OUTSIDERS BAR & GRILL**  
Downtown Chanute

112 South Washington = 6:00 p.m.  
**Need a count by 2pm in Mound City**



### Saturday Night

## The Salty Heifer – Yates Center

1254 US 54 – 0.4 mile east of crossroads – South side of highway just before the metal grain-storage tanks  
Try to be there at 6:00 p.m.



### SUNDAY BREAKFAST & LUNCH

## Cornerstone Bakery & Coffee



Breakfast: 7:30a.m. – Baked Goods  
Lunch: 10:30a.m. – Sandwiches & Soups  
Jessica Busted, the owner, opened her business to accommodate the walk event. Please support Cornerstone!



### 2023

## Huffin' & Puffin' On The High Plains of Kansas Weekend

Tentative Dates: May 12, 13, & 14  
6 counties in central Kansas

