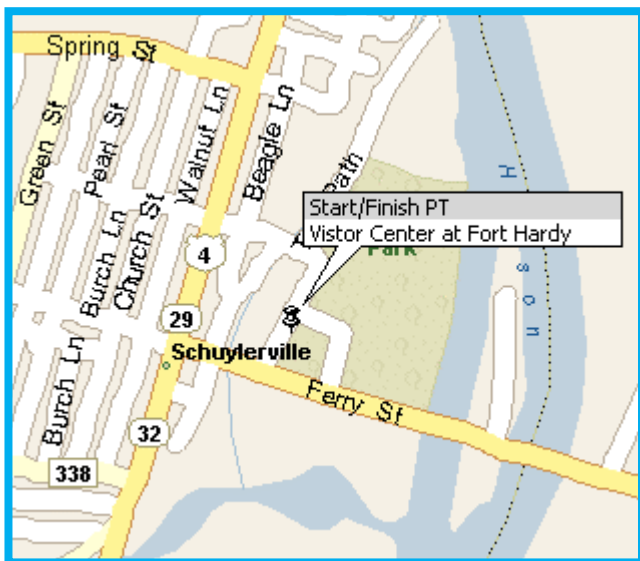


Start Point: Visitor Center at Fort Hardy, Schuylerville, NY. This walk will help commemorate the 245th Anniversary of the surrender of British Gen. Burgoyne's forces to American Gen. Gates' on Friday, Oct. 17, 1777. At 10:00 am, there will be a reenactment of the Surrender Ceremony of 1777 that 5K walkers may be back in time to attend.

Directions:

From South & West: Take Northway (I-87) to Exit 14 & turn west (towards Saratoga Springs). In a very short distance, at first road on right (Henning Rd.), turn right. Follow signs to Route 29 East (Lake Ave.). At that "T", turn right & go about 10 miles into Schuylerville to intersection with Rt.4, & turn right. Continue on Rts 29 East & 4 South for 0.3mi to traffic light at Ferry St., & turn left. Go just 2 short blocks, 0.1 mi, to Red Rd/St. (no sign) & turn left. Visitor Center & parking lot on right.

From South & East: From Troy/Waterford area, follow Rt. 4 North into Schuylerville to traffic light at Ferry St./Rt 29 East. At intersection, turn right & go just 2 short blocks, 0.1 mi, to Red Rd. (no sign) & turn left. Visitor Center & parking lot on right.



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Victory Walk

October 17, 1777 – 245th Anniversary

Schuylerville & Victory Mills, NY

(Sarachtogoe - Iroquois for (old) Saratoga)



Philip Schuyler House

10k/5k Walk

Monday, October 17, 2022

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AVA Rules & Conditions

Start/Finish: Schuylerville Visitor Center at Fort Hardy Park, 1 Red Rd, Schuylerville, NY. (Parking available, but limited restrooms.)

Registration: 9:00-9:55 AM; Self-Guided Walks Start Time: 9:00-10:00AM; Finish by 1:00PM. (5Kers might complete walks & driving route by 10:30 in time to attend part of Surrender Reenactment at Hudson River shore in Ft. Hardy Park. 10Kers might finish about noon.)

Ratings: 3B/2B: 10K (6.2mi) self-guided route (3B) will traverse 1-steep grade & few gentle slopes on roadways, sidewalks, groomed trails, & wooden walkway. Route from Start Point where British soldiers at 10:00am on a very foggy fall morn, started laying down their arms in surrender; Cross over Fish Creek (as did British Gen. Burgoyne at noon to meet Gen Gates); Pass Gen. Schuyler House that had been burned to ground - 5Kers split off; On to "Surrender Site" (actual spot where Burgoyne gave his sword to Gates), now with newest monument; Up steep hill to & through Victory Mills to "Saratoga Monument"; Into "Victory Woods" (just one of c-50 final encampments of British troops before their surrender); Along streets of Schuylerville ("old" Saratoga); Past spot of Burgoyne Headquarters; Continuing on to old & new "Champlain Canal" with locks; Along Hudson River & tow path of old Canal; & back to Start Pt. 5K (3.1mi) self-guided route, 2B, available in 3-Parts so participants will not need to climb large hill. Part 1: Starts with 10K walkers past Schuyler House, then break off to walk streets of Schuylerville & back to Start Point parking lot in "Ft. Hardy". Part 2: Car-pooling to follow driving route with Parking Lot STOPS at: "Surrender Site"; Then, drive up hill & through Victory Mills to Parking Lot Stop at "Saratoga Monument"; Walk down through cemetery to "Victory Woods"; Return uphill to car; (For those unable to traverse landscape to Victory Woods, there is limited parking space at that site); Then, drive down to Start Pt. at Ft. Hardy. Part 3: Some 5Kers might complete their circuit in time to also attend all or portion of Schuylerville's 5th Graders annual program on this historic topic of reenactment of surrender, & hear reports & songs of that time, 245 yrs ago today at Ft. Hardy near shore of Hudson River. (Their school planning will commence during fall term.)

Stipulations: There is no pre-registration, & these walks will take place regardless of weather. At time of registration, each participant accepts guidelines for AVA Volkssport events. There are no refunds. If walk is terminated for any reason, books will be stamped accordingly. Pets must be leashed & owner clean up. In most cases, wheelchairs/strollers could navigate trails with alternate paths &/or assistance. Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult & watched carefully, especially near roads & waterways. Smoking is prohibited in public buildings by NYS Law.

Procedure: Each participant must register & sign waiver at "Start Table". As a self-guided walk, each participants must obtain a "Start Card". Fees: All walkers pay \$3, except children under 13-accompanied with an adult are complimentary, unless walking for credit.

IVV Books: For record keepers, you may receive one (1) Event Credit for this event, as well as credit for other AVA Special Programs. Distance Credit may be earned each time the course is completed up to 20K.

Disclaimer: The American Volkssport Association, ESCV, National Park Services, villages of Victory Mills, Schuylerville, & Prospect Cemetery, or any properties associated with this walk cannot be held responsible for any lost or stolen items, damage, accident or injury of any kind at any time. Every effort has been made to make a safe & enjoyable event.

Restrooms: Very limited number of restrooms at Start Point & along trails.

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Saratoga Monument

- Cornerstone was laid on 17 October 1877 (One-hundred years following Burgoyne's Surrender; 145 yrs. Ago.)
- Capstone placement on 3 November 1882 (140 yrs. Ago.)
- Dedication on 17 October 1912 (110 Years Ago.)

The Saratoga Monument, 154'6" tall, commemorates surrender of British Army troops commanded by Gen. John Burgoyne to Gen. Horatio Gates commander of America forces on Friday, 17 October 1777 following 2-battles on Bemis Heights (19 Sept & 7 Oct). Burgoyne's retreat to Ft. Ticonderoga got about 9-mi where he was cornered in/around hamlet of Saratoga. Battles & subsequent surrender considered a turning point in American Revolution by leading to French support & hope of ultimate victory. This lofty sight was chosen for monument because of its commanding view of surrounding battlefield sites & its historical association with Burgoyne's campaign 100-yrs. Following Capstone placement, decorative elements of bronze statues and interior bass relief was finally completed in 1887. Cast iron stairway leads up 184 steps to observation deck. Only 3-statues of the 4-major American leaders there are displayed.

Turning Point in the American Revolution

Some historians have ranked what happened fall 1777 in this upstate New York wilderness as one of top 10-war victories of all time. A rag-tag army of patriots had achieved the impossible: forced a British army to surrender for 1st time in over 200 yrs. This engagement encouraged France to join "the Cause" that continued protection of newly approved "Declaration of Independence". That document became future model for formation of 120 other new countries.

British Gen. Burgoyne developed a plan to split New England Colonies from rest of colonies by conquering Albany. His 3-prong attack had him lead a powerful force of over 10,000 troops and natives from Canada, up Lake Champlain & down Hudson River, while a detachment lead by St. Leger would come from west via Ft. Stanwix (Rome), & Gen. Howe up Hudson River from New York. All were to converge on Albany. With St. Leger being turned back at Battle of Oriskany, & Howe deciding to go & occupy Philadelphia instead of Albany, Burgoyne's forces were left alone to fight their way. At first, victories came easy at Crown Pt., Ticonderoga, Hubbardton, Vt., Ft. Ann and Ft. Edward. However, while trying to capture provisions, he lost heavily near Bennington, Vt. (Walloomsac, NY) to Gen. Stark's New Hampshire Regiment.

Just 40 mi. to Albany, Burgoyne needed to get by patriots on Bemis Heights that held a commanding view & defenses over Hudson River & roadway (now Rt. 4). On Sept. 19, & again on Oct. 7, he attacked patriot lines, both attempts failing. With winter approaching, Burgoyne tried to retreat to Ft. Ticonderoga. With less than 6,000 exhausted Brits & Germans, the natives already having left, and surrounded by about 13,000 patriots & growing, Burgoyne asked for terms. Agreement called for British to begin stacking arms at 10am on Friday, Oct. 17 at confluence of Hudson River & Fish Creek, grounds of old Ft. Hardy in hamlet of (old) Saratoga, now Schuylerville. Gen. Burgoyne was to cross Creek at noon, be blindfolded, & escorted to headquarters of Gen. Gates for "Passing of Sword". Then, luncheon party was held for British & Patriot officers as British troops as prisoners passed by on (now) Rt 4 for trip to Albany & to Boston. Enlisted troops were not allowed to depart so marched to Charlottesville, VA for rest of war.