

# WAF32 Locations and Directions Continued

*Banquet Masters continued:*

**Via US 19N/49<sup>th</sup> St. N:** Exit parking lot and left on 22<sup>nd</sup> St. to 54<sup>th</sup> Ave. Left 4 mile to Haines Rd. Right .4 mi to 49<sup>th</sup> St. (After Bill Jackson's). Right 6 miles to Sonesta Simply Suites/Banquet Master parking lot on right. Right into parking lot.

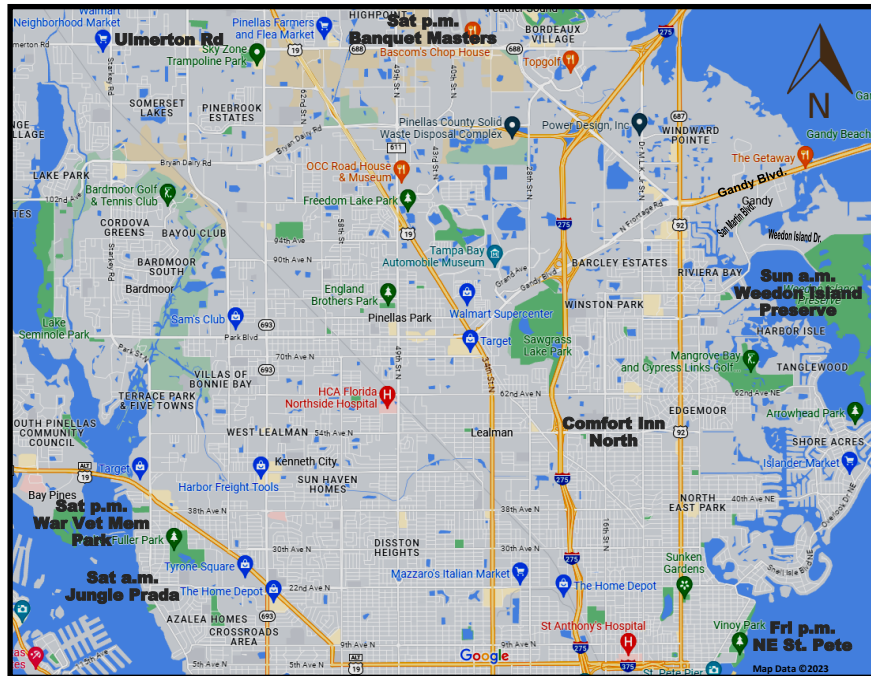
**Oct 29 a.m. Walk Start at Weedon Island Preserve**  
**1800 Weedon Dr NE, St. Petersburg, FL 33702**

*Warning! GPS directs you to a park service road. Once in park, use these directions & follow signs.*

**From Comfort Inn North:** Exit parking lot and left on 22<sup>nd</sup> St. to 54<sup>th</sup> Ave. Left to go onto I-275N (to Tampa) to exit 28. Bear right, following signs for FL 694/Gandy Blvd. east to Tampa. After passing Derby Lanes and Brighton Blvd. light, it's about .3 mile (look for Victory Car Wash) to San Martin Blvd. NE on right. Right about 1 mile to Ridgeway Dr. Left onto Ridgeway/Weedon Dr. about 1.5 mile to sign pointing left to parking lot for Cultural and Natural History Center.

**From Tampa:** Take Gandy Blvd. over Gandy Bridge. After crossing bridge, in about .8 mile, look for sign to Weedon Island on right, pointing to San Martin Blvd. (Victory Car Wash). Left and go about 1 mile to Ridgeway Dr. Left onto Ridgeway/Weedon Dr. about 1.5 mile to sign pointing left to parking lot for Cultural and Natural History Center.

**From Pinellas County:** Head east on Gandy Blvd. towards Tampa. After passing Derby Lanes and Brighton Blvd. light, go .3 mile (look for Victory Car Wash) to San Martin Blvd. NE on right. Right about 1 mile to Ridgeway Dr. Left onto Ridgeway/Weedon Dr. about 1.5 mile to sign pointing left to parking lot for Cultural and Natural History Center.




## The Spirit of St. Pete

Oct 27-29, 2023 

# Walk Around Florida 32

## 4 Walks & a Swim in St. Petersburg

Sponsored by

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# WAF32 General Info

**Welcome!** The Happy Wanderers, Mid-Florida Milers and Suncoast Sandpipers invite everyone to their 32<sup>nd</sup> Walk Around Florida, a weekend of volkssports, food, and friendship. This year we head to glittering St. Petersburg, full of history, art, parks, and an active social scene. Newcomers are welcome!

**Events.** All are welcome to the sights and sounds of the Spirit of St. Pete as we visit Halloween-ready neighborhoods, Native American mounds, Prohibition haunts, whispering preserves, and traces of a long-ago movie studio. Spirits abound!

**Volkssports.** Sponsors are volkssport clubs that offer members opportunities to earn credit towards distance and event accomplishments as they walk, bike and swim. Met goals are recorded in books which are then submitted to AVA headquarters for recording and recognition. If interested, ask at start points.

**General Policies.** Events are held rain or shine. We cannot make refunds for no shows. Water will be available at walk starts and checkpoints but the autumn Florida can be warm; please carry water. See walk descriptions for pet eligibility.

**Accommodations.** WAF32 headquarters is the Comfort Inn North, 2260 54<sup>th</sup> Ave. N. Rooms are \$114.37 a day, including tax & fees, for a king or two double bed rooms from Oct 26-Oct 29 (checkout Oct 30). Price includes parking, breakfast & Wi-Fi. Pets are not permitted. NOTE: LAST DAY TO GET THIS RATE IS SEPTEMBER 27, 2023.


For online reservations: [choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/WI69P1](https://choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/WI69P1)

Or call: 1-877-424-6423 and say, "Walk Around Florida."

**Award & Fees.** The participation fee for each event is \$3. To celebrate the Halloween Season, the sponsors offer a wooden ornament of a skeletal spirit we call Pete! The memento is ready for hanging and just costs an additional \$4 (doesn't include event fee). There will be 36 awards with no reorders. A tour of the Sacred Lands in Jungle Prada on Oct 28 is \$12.



**Registration.** Preregistration is required for Sat dinner and is encouraged for walk/swim events (see registration form and waiver). On Fri, Oct 27, you'll receive an Activity Card showing what you've signed up for. Please present card at every event and checkpoint. If not preregistered, you may sign up for all events on Fri afternoon and receive the Activity Card. On Sat, Oct 28, and Sun, Oct 29, unregistered participants sign up at walk starts.

 **Cosplay Party.** On Fri, Oct 27, after a spooky NE St. Pete walk, join us at the Inn meeting room for a Cosplay Party. Cosplay comes from "costume play," with Cosplay conventions held worldwide. Come as your favorite sci-fi character or superhero. Best costume wins a prize. **Cosplay attire is NOT required.** Snack on Halloween finger foods while enjoying a nonalcoholic punch. Alcoholic beverages are available for purchase at the Comfort Inn bar. Note: please wear WAF32 name tag.

**Banquet Master Dinner.** On Sat evening, guests visit a spacious dining venue serving a buffet with a full salad bar, Steamship Round of Roast Beef, Bourbon Glazed Salmon Filet, Spinach & Mushroom Lasagna (V), and a chef selected dessert table. Coffee and tea will be served. Cost is \$35, including tip. Alcoholic drinks can be purchased at Gatsby's Bar.

# WAF32 Locations and Directions

**Oct 27 Walk & Swim Registration Oct 27-28 Swim Start**

**Oct 27 Meet & Greet (Cosplay Party)**

**WAF32 HQ: Comfort Inn North**

**2260 54<sup>th</sup> Ave. N St. Petersburg, FL 33714**

**From Orlando and points EAST:** Take I-4 to I-275S. From I-275S take exit 26 to 54<sup>th</sup> Ave. Left .2 mi to 22<sup>nd</sup> St. Right to parking lot on right.

**From points SOUTH:** Take I-275N to exit 26 to 54<sup>th</sup> Ave. Left .2 mi to 22<sup>nd</sup> St. Right to parking lot on right.

**From points WEST:** Take major artery (Park Blvd./Bay Dr.) east (towards Tampa) to US 19S. Right .6 mi to 66<sup>th</sup> Ave. Left about .1 mi to Haines Rd. Right about 1 mile to 54<sup>th</sup> Ave. Left about 4 miles to 22<sup>nd</sup> St. Left to parking lot on right.

**Oct 28 a.m. Walk Start at Jungle Prada Sacred Lands**

**1700 Park St N #4348, St. Petersburg, FL 33710**

**From hotel:** Exit parking lot; left on 22<sup>nd</sup> St. to 54<sup>th</sup> Ave. Left 5.5 miles to Park St. Left 2.3 miles to Elbow La. (pedestrian crosswalk). Right into Jungle Prada Park parking lot. Sacred Lands entrance is on left.

**From I-275,** take exit 24 for 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave. N; go west about 6 miles (NB turn left; SB turn right) to end at Park St. Left .3 mi to Elbow La. and Jungle Prada Park parking lot (pedestrian crosswalk). Right into parking lot. Sacred Lands entrance is on left.

**From mid-Pinellas County:** take CR 1 (Starkey Rd., then Park St.) south. After crossing Bay Pines Blvd./Tyrone Blvd, go 1.5 mi to Elbow La. (pedestrian crosswalk) and Jungle Prada Park parking lot. Right into parking lot. Sacred Lands entrance is on left.

**Oct 28 p.m. Walk Start at War Veterans Memorial Park**

**9600 Bay Pines Blvd., St. Petersburg, FL, 33708**

**From hotel:** Exit parking lot; left on 22<sup>nd</sup> St. to 54<sup>th</sup> Ave. Left 5.5 miles to Park St. Left and go 8 miles to Bay Pines Blvd. Right one mile to park on left. Drive about 1 mile to shelter 4 and parking.

**From I-275,** take exit 28 for SR 694 Gandy/Park Blvd; go west about 6 miles (NB turn left; SB turn right) to Park St. Left about 2.5 miles to Bay Pines/Tyrone Blvd. Right (get into left lane) about 1 mile to park on left. Drive about 1 mile to shelter 4 and parking.

**From mid-Pinellas County:** take CR 1 (Starkey Rd., then Park St.) south to Bay Pines/Tyrone Blvd. Right (get into left lane) to 1 mile to park on left. Drive about 1 mile to shelter 4 and parking.

**Oct 28 Dinner at Banquet Masters**

**13355 49<sup>th</sup> Street North Clearwater, FL 33762**

**From hotel via 275N:** Exit parking lot and left on 22<sup>nd</sup> St. to 54<sup>th</sup> Ave. Left to go onto I-275N (to Tampa). Go 3.4 miles; use right 2 lanes to take exit 30 for FL 686W/Roosevelt Blvd. After merging onto Roosevelt Blvd, use left 2 lanes toward FL 688 W/FL-686 W/Ulmerton Rd/Roosevelt Blvd. Use left 2 lanes to merge onto FL 686W/Ulmerton Rd. Continue 1.3 mile to 49<sup>th</sup> St. Make a U-turn to Banquet Masters at corner of 49<sup>th</sup> St. and Ulmerton.

# WAF32 Walk & Swim Descriptions

## Key to Special Programs (SPs)

Mayflower (M)      Rocking Around the Clock (RaC)      Walking the USA-St. Pete (W-S)  
 Par for the Course (PfC)      Walking with America's Veterans (V)  
 Rails-to-Trails (RtT)      Walking the US, Florida (WF)

*Please see schedule on page 3 for start and finish times*

**Oct 27 p.m. NE St. Pete 5/10K Walk (Suncoast Sandpiper year round event).** After registration, it's a short drive to St. Pete's North Shore Park to head out to see Historic Old Northeast neighborhoods as they prepare to celebrate Halloween (word is you cannot overdecorate). Next, participants venture towards downtown, with a visit to the city pier. Not to be missed is the sculpture of the Benoist aircraft that flew the first commercial passenger flight ever! Walk is rated 1B (uneven brick surfaces) but okay for wheelchairs and strollers. SPs: PfC, RtT, RaC, WF, W-S. Pets are permitted on leash. Optional Game of Spirits: Halloween Bingo.



Photo by Michelle Devlin

**Oct 27-Oct 28. Comfort Inn North Pool Swim.** Complete a swim of at least 300m in outdoor hotel pool. Swim is rated 1A. SP: PfC.



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**Oct 28 a.m. Jungle Prada 6/10K.** This walk starts from the Sacred Lands of Jungle Prada, once home to the Tocobaga tribe and close to the 1528 landing of Spanish explorer Panfilo de Narvaez. Nearby neighborhoods are historic as well, with connections to Prohibition, speakeasies, and illicit hooch. A tour of Sacred Lands is offered for \$12 (see registration form for details). Walk is rated 1B, difficult for wheelchairs and strollers. No pets. Optional Game of Spirits: Jungle Safari. SPs: M, PfC, WF, W-S.

**Oct 28 p.m. War Veterans' Memorial Park 5/10K Walk.** Park highlights are a landscaped Memorial Center featuring five plaques with official armed forces flags, a Battlefield Cross, a Sundial, and an Army Tank. The nature trail goes by the Bay Pines National Cemetery. The walk is rated 1B with uneven surfaces, challenging for wheelchairs and strollers. Pets are allowed on leash. SPs: V, WF, W-S. Optional Game of Spirits: Scary Selfies.



Photo: Pinellas County Parks

**Oct 29 a.m. Weedon Island Preserve 5/10K Walk.** This coastal ecosystem, abundant with native plants and animals, hosts an educational facility detailing the preserve's rich cultural history as indigenous peoples occupied this site for thousands of years. Enjoy a post walk visit to the Cultural and Natural History Center or rent a kayak to paddle watery trails. Walk is rated 1B due to jutting roots trails. Modified directions on boardwalks are suitable for wheelchairs and strollers. No pets. SPs: WF, W-S. Optional Game of Spirits: Where the Wild Things Are.



Photo by Michelle Devlin



# WAF32 Official Schedule

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|--------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Oct 27 | NE St. Pete 5/10K Walk            | Start 12-3 p.m.; finish by 6 p.m.    |
|        | Swim Event 300m Hotel Pool        | Start 12 p.m.; finish by 5 p.m.      |
|        | Meet & Greet (Cosplay Party)      | Start 6 p.m.                         |
| Oct 28 | Swim Event 300m Hotel Pool        | Start 9 a.m.; finish by 5 p.m.       |
|        | Jungle Prada 6/10K Walk           | Start 8:30-10 a.m.; finish by 1 p.m. |
|        | War Vet Mem Park 5/10K Walk       | Start 12-2 p.m.; finish by 5 p.m.    |
|        | Banquet Master Dinner             | Start 7 p.m.                         |
| Oct 29 | Weedon Island Preserve 5/10K Walk | Start 8:30-10:30 a.m.; finish by 1   |

# WAF32 Extracurricular Activities

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| Oct 26 | St. Pete Mural Walk (on your own) registration | 1-4 p.m. Hotel lobby       |
|        | NE St. Pete 5/10K Workers Walk                 | 4 p.m. Drive to start      |
|        | Dinner at Harvey's 4 <sup>th</sup> St Grill    | 7 p.m. After group walk    |
| Oct 27 | St. Pete Mural Walk (on your own) registration | 7-9 a.m. Hotel dining area |
|        | St. Pete Mural Walk 5K Group Walk              | 8:30 a.m. Drive to start   |
| Oct 27 | Game of Spirits: Halloween Bingo               | NE St. Pete Walk           |
| Oct 28 | Game of Spirits: Jungle Safari                 | Jungle Prada Walk (a.m.)   |
|        | Tour of Sacred Lands (registration required)   | 10:30 a.m.; 11:30 a.m.     |
|        | Game of Spirits: Scary Selfies                 | War Vet Mem Park (p.m.)    |
| Oct 29 | Game of Spirits: Wild Things Photo Contest     | Weedon Island Preserve     |

For more details on these extracurricular activities as well as the latest news and updates, see *The Ouija Board*, the official medium of WAF32. First issue is due out Sep 24. It will be emailed to registrants and posted on Facebook:

[facebook.com/WalkaroundFlorida32](https://facebook.com/WalkaroundFlorida32)



## Games of Spirits

Participants are invited to play games along the routes of the Oct 27-29 walks. Rules will be provided with walk directions. The games will test your visual acuity, imagination, photographic skills, and team building. Trophies will be awarded on Sat night dinner for Oct 27-28 games; awards will be mailed for the Oct 29 game.





# WAF32 Registration Form



Please print/copy this page; complete forms, and sign waiver. You may sign up to 2 people with same address. **Check box if entrant is a minor. A signed waiver must be on record for all entrants.** A parent or guardian must sign the below waiver for children under 18 and sign both a Release of Liability Assumption of Risk and a Photo Liability for Minors when you pick up the Activity Card. Mail WAF32 event registration form with check made out to Suncoast Sandpipers to: Robin Kelly, 282 Arbor Drive West, Palm Harbor, FL 34683. Envelope must be postmarked by **Oct 19**.

Please check box if minor.

Name #1:

Name #2:

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Cellphone #2 \_\_\_\_\_

Email #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Email #2: \_\_\_\_\_

## Volkssports Registration

Please check desired credit options. (IVV Credit = you stamp books). The award is the same for all events and its price does not include walk fee. For one award, check an award block next to a checked walk fee box.

Event	IVV Credit \$3 or W*	No Credit \$3 or W*	Award \$4
NE St. Pete (W) Oct 27 p.m.	#1		
	#2		
Hotel Pool (S) Oct 27 p.m. Oct 28 all day	#1		
	#2		
Jungle Prada (W) Oct 28 a.m.	#1		
	#2		
War Vet Mem Park (W) Oct 28 p.m.	#1		
	#2		
Weedon Isl. Pres. (W) Oct 29 a.m.	#1		
	#2		
<b>\$Total:</b>			_____

## Other Event Registration

Please check if you are coming. If you have dietary issues, send email to [pipers@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:pipers@tampabay.rr.com)

Oct 27 Cosplay Party	#1	
Free snacks; no host bar	#2	
Oct 28 Sacred Lands Tour (\$12)* 10:30*	#1	
	#2	
Oct 28 Sacred Lands Tour (\$12)* 11:30*	#1	
	#2	
Banquet Masters (\$35)	#1	
	#2	
<b>\$Total:</b>		_____



\* Please check in at entrance to Sacred Lands 10 minutes before start time. Group size is limited to 30. Sign up ASAP!

For a preview of the tour, see:

<https://discoverfloridatours.com/>

### \*Workers Walk Participants

If you registered and paid at a WAF32 workers walk, you do not have to pay again. Please enter a W in the box.

### WAF32 Waiver

All walk participants must sign waiver (adults for kids under 18). You will not receive an activity card without a signed waiver on file.

### Amateur Athletic Waiver and Release of Liability

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in American Volkssport Association (AVA) volkssporting programs and related events and activities, the undersigned:

1. Agrees that before or during my or my minor child's participation, if I believe anything is unsafe, I will immediately advise the event supervisor or other person in authority at the volkssporting program and the related events and activities of such conditions and refuse to participate;
2. Acknowledges and fully understands that each participant will be engaging in activities that could involve risk of serious injury, including permanent disability and death and severe social and economic losses which might result not only from my own or my minor child's actions, inactions or negligence of others, or the condition of the premises, the trail or any equipment used. Further, that there may be other risks not known or not reasonably foreseeable at this time.
3. Assumes all the foregoing risks and accepts personal responsibility for the damages following injury, permanent disability or death;
4. Releases, waives, discharges and promises not to sue AVA, its affiliated clubs, their respective administrators, directors, agents, volunteers or employees, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, and advertisers, and, if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the event, including Pinellas County, A Political Subdivision of the State of Florida, from demands, losses or damages on account of injury, including serious injury, permanent disability, or death, or damage to property,

### \$Total enclosed:

You may write one check for both participants. Please indicate on check who is included.

caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of any such person or organization, or otherwise.

5. Members, please be aware that when you share photos, via digital image or otherwise, with AVA, such photos or images become the property of AVA and AVA, its legal representatives and assigns, retain the right and permission to publish any such photo or image in any written or electronic publication, including Checkpoint or TAW, on social media, websites or in audiovisual presentations, promotional literature, advertising or in any similar method. The undersigned has read the above waiver and release, understands that I have given up substantial rights by signing it and sign it voluntarily. I further understand that if I place my name on the form upon which this waiver and release is printed, that I voluntarily agree that I understand that I have given up substantial rights.

*The undersigned has read the above waiver and release, understands that I have given up substantial rights by signing it and sign it voluntarily. I further understand that if I place my name on the form upon which this waiver and release is printed, that I voluntarily agree that I understand that I have given up substantial rights.*

Signature #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature #2: \_\_\_\_\_

(For minor, if applicable)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_