



Bill Larson Memorial Moonlight Walk

10 km (6.2 miles) or 6 km (3.7 miles) Walk

SATURDAY, November 16, 2024

Seneca Creek State Park, Gaithersburg, MD

Credit only # 126590-AVA trail rating 5k(1A) 10k(2A)

Sponsor: Seneca Valley Sugarloafers Volksmarch Club, Inc. (AVA 419), a member of the Maryland Volkssport Association.

Sanctioned by: The Maryland Volkssport Association and The American Volkssport Association, a member of the International Volkssport Verband, to promote leisure sports in the interest of family health, recreation, fun, and companionship.

Start/Finish: Seneca Creek State Park, Park Offices, 11950 Clopper Rd., Gaithersburg, MD 20878.

Start Time: Registration 6:30 pm – 7 pm. Must finish walk by 10 pm.

Park gates close promptly at 10:30 pm.

Trails: The trail is on park roads with a waning full moon shining. Maps and written instructions will be provided. **Please bring a flashlight.**

AVA Special Programs: Walking the United States, Walking the USA A-Z.

Eligibility: We welcome everyone to walk with us. All participants must register and sign a waiver of liability. Each participant must carry a start card throughout the walk. Please turn the card in at the end of your walk so we know that you are safely off the trail. An adult must accompany children 12 and under throughout the entire walk. Parents of minor children must sign a waiver of liability for the children.

Event Information:

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Volksmarch Information: www.ava.org & www.mdvolks.org



Bill Larson Memorial Event: Bill Larson was a beloved, longtime Sugarloafer member. For many years this was Bill's Moonlight walk; he worked hard to make it happen. He also was one of the first to serve as a volunteer ranger at Seneca Creek State Park. And in 1999 Bill organized a Friends Group for Seneca to generate funds through memberships, donations & grants to support this park. His diligent work did much to guarantee continued quality programs and maintenance for Seneca Creek State Park. Unexpectedly Bill died in July, 2008, and we surely do miss him.

Theme: A chance to experience our beautiful state park in the moonlight for a different view of the world around us. This is a once-a-year opportunity. Many thanks for the park manager's cooperation in allowing us to have this special walk.

Fees/Awards: **All Walkers over 12 years pay the \$4.00 participation fee.** Children under 12 may earn IVV credit for no charge at all events sponsored by the Seneca Valley Sugarloafers. Record books and New Walker packets will be available for sale.

Conditions:

** **WALKERS SHOULD CARRY A FLASHLIGHT.**

** **NO PETS ALLOWED on our trail AT NIGHT.** Stroller & wheelchair accessible

** The park will open after hours for volksmarchers.

** Restrooms are available at the start/finish and on the trail.

** This walk will be held regardless of the weather, unless conditions cause the sponsors to close the trail for safety reasons.

** **HOT/COLD CIDER and home baked TREATS will be for sale at Start/Finish.**

Disclaimer: Neither the Seneca Valley Sugarloafers Volksmarch Club, Inc., nor the Maryland Department of Natural Resources nor Seneca Creek State Park shall be liable for accidents, theft, or material damage. Every reasonable effort will be made to make this a safe, enjoyable, and memorable event.

Membership: Membership in the Sugarloafers is open to everyone interested in walking. For questions about membership, contact Darla Fera at 301-651-1875 or dmfera@rcn.com or check our club website www.sugarloafers.org

Directions to Start Pointfrom I-270 (GPS Coord. 39.14412,-77.24922)

From the South: Take I-270 NORTH to Exit 10, Rt. 117, Clopper Rd. At light turn RIGHT onto Rt. 117 WEST, Clopper Rd. Follow Clopper Rd. to Seneca Creek State Park entrance on LEFT. Enter park and turn RIGHT to Park Offices, our start point.

From the North: Take I-270 SOUTH to Exit 11, Rt. 124, Quince Orchard Rd. Turn RIGHT at light onto Rt. 124 SOUTH, Quince Orchard Rd. Follow Quince Orchard Rd. to Rt. 117, Clopper Rd. WEST. Turn right on Clopper Rd. and proceed to Seneca Creek State Park entrance on LEFT. Enter park and turn RIGHT to Park Offices, our start point. (GPS Coord. 39.14412,-77.24922)