

Directions to Start/Finish: Patuxent Wildlife Visitor Center
10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop, Laurel, MD 20708
GPS: (39.0264435', W 76.79899490000002')

Visitor Center Web Site: [Patuxent Visitor Center | U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service \(fws.gov\)](https://www.fws.gov/patuxent)

From BW Parkway N from 495/95: take Powder Mill Road exit turn right onto Powder Mill Road. Turn Right on Scarlet Tanager Loop Road at Patuxent Research Refuge Sign and National Wildlife Visitor Center Sign. Proceed to parking lot.

From BW Parkway S from Baltimore take Powder Mill Road exit turn left onto Power Mill Road. Turn Right on Scarlet Tanager Loop Road at Patuxent Research Refuge Sign and National Wildlife Visitor Center Sign. Proceed to parking lot.

Greenbelt Volksmarchers invite you to join us for:

YRE's

Maryland:

Greenbelt City 5k/10k walks and **Greenbelt Park** 10k, **Swim**, all starting at the Greenbelt Aquatic Center 101 Centerway, Greenbelt, MD 20770

College Park Walk 5k/10k and **Bike** 13/25/50+k both starting at Pilots Lounge College Park Airport, Operations Building 1909 Corporal Frank Scott Drive College Park, MD 20740.

National Harbor & Woodrow Wilson Bridge OSB 6/10/20k trails starting at Oxen Hill Part & Ride

Blockhouse Point Park, Potomac MD OSB 5/10k

Washington, DC

Aquatic Garden & Anacostia River Trail OSB 5/10k walks starting at the National Aquatic Gardens

National Mall Walk 7/11/17k and **Iwo Jima Memorial Walk** 10/12k Columbia Plaza Apartments 2400 Virginia Ave, NW, Washington DC 20037

US Capitol and DC Highlights OSB 5/10k.

East Potomac Park OSB 5/6/10k

West Virginia:

North Bend Rail Trail Walk and Bike OSB the whole trail is sanctioned. Trail is between Clarksburg and Parkersburg not far from Route 50.

Patuxent Research Refuge Wildlife Holiday Bazaar Walk Patuxent Wildlife Visitor Center



Saturday November 1, 2025
Great Greenbelt Volksmarchers (AVA 481)
5K or 10K Walk rated 1C
Event AT24/128787



**AMERICA'S
WALKING CLUB**
— ESTABLISHED 1976 —



DATE: Saturday November 1, 2025

START LOCATION: Patuxent Wildlife Visitor Center
10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop, Laurel, MD 20708. We will have a table inside the Visitor's Center. Doors won't open until 9 am.

START/FINISH: 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM finish by 3:30 PM. (Visitor Center with restrooms does not open until 9:00 AM)

TRAIL DESCRIPTION: There are 2 5K loops. Loop One follows mostly paved paths and dirt roads, making it ideal for strollers, walkers, and those seeking an easygoing route. Loop Two ventures into the woods, where natural terrain and occasional fallen trees may pose challenges for strollers and are not suitable for wheelchairs.

Along the way, participants will pass through a meadow management area, a mitigation wetland, tranquil woodland trails, and a scenic woodland valley. The outer trails weave through pine and hardwood forests, offering beautiful views of Cash Lake, its resident waterfowl, and even a beaver lodge—complete with signs of their industrious activity.

TRAIL RATING:

1 - Very small hills or very little stair climbing

C - A significant part of the route is on somewhat difficult terrain (rocky/rooted paths or soft sand.).

AMENITIES: Water, candy and restrooms available at the Start/Finish and midpoint. Please carry water. A food truck is scheduled to be available with the bazaar.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS: MD Counties: Prince Georges

SANCTION: The Maryland Volkssport Association and the American Volkssport Association (AVA), a member of the International Federation of Popular Sports. This event counts towards the acquisition of IVV Achievement Awards.

PROCEDURE: AVA policy requires that every participant, fee or non-fee, sign the insurance waiver and obtain a numbered start card. At the finish, the validated card is turned in and IVV books are stamped for official credit, if the credit fee has been paid. The trail may be walked a second time on the same day using the same start card at no additional cost.

ELIGIBILITY: Everyone is welcome to participate. Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Walk at your own pace and speed.

REGISTRATION: Each walker must register at the start by filling out a start card to be carried throughout the event.

FEES: Our walk is free. IVV credit is \$4.00. Children under 12 may earn IVV credit for no charge. Event sponsored by the Great Greenbelt Volksmarch Club. New Walker Packets and IVV Record Books will be available for purchase. Net proceeds will be donated to Friends of Patuxent.

CONDITIONS: The event will be held in all reasonable weather conditions. Pets are allowed on trails except in the visitor center, the ponds, or lakes. Pets must be kept on a leash no longer than 10' at all times, pet owners must pick up after pets. There will be no littering. Trash and recycling containers are available at the start.

PARKING: There is free parking at the start. See driving directions.

DISCLAIMER: The American Volkssport Association and its subsidiary clubs are not responsible for theft or loss of personal belongings or property. Reasonable efforts will be made by the sponsors to make this a safe, enjoyable and memorable event.

SPONSOR: Great Greenbelt Volksmarchers AVA 481

Information: For more information, contact Yvonne Pennington 301-431-6668, GreenbeltMVA@gmail.com, [Event Information](#)

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

FRIENDS WILDLIFE HOLIDAY BAZAAR will be going on in the visitor center 9 to 3. Shop for wild and not-so-wild treasures. Find unique gifts from local crafters and at the same time support the Patuxent Research Refuge. Attractions include Live Animals, Door Prizes, a food truck and much more. For more information <https://www.fws.gov/event/friends-patuxents-wildlife-holiday-bazaar>