

Olde Towne Gaithersburg /Washington Grove

10km (6.2 miles) walk with two 5km (3.1 miles) options, AVA 131720

April 18, 2026

Gaithersburg, Maryland 20877

Credit only event, AVA trail rating 1A

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

Sanctioned by: The Maryland Volkssport Association and The American Volkssport Association, a member of the International Federation of Popular Sports (IVV).

Start/Finish: Java Junction, Gaithersburg MARC train station, 5 S. Summit Ave., Gaithersburg, MD 20877. Start point is located at the open area in the back of the coffee shop, away from the train tracks. Java Junction opens at 8am on Saturday though service may be available earlier.

Registration: 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Finish walk by 2:00 pm.

Trail: The Olde Towne trail is on paved surfaces mostly on city sidewalks. The walk is through several historic neighborhoods with houses from the 1900 era; there is one street (Walker) on which 5 Gaithersburg mayors once lived that was also the first street to receive street lights. The Washington Grove trail is through a tiny town within a forest and an oasis of tranquility. It began in 1873 as a permanent place for Methodist camp meetings (religious retreats.) There are narrow Carpenter Gothic cottages with steeply pitched roofs, lacy gingerbread trim and gravel walkways with few streets for car traffic. It is a view of living in the past. Both trails are suitable for strollers but not wheelchairs.

Eligibility: Everyone is welcome to walk with us but all must register and sign a waiver of liability. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Parents of minor children must sign a waiver of liability for the children.

Fee: New Club Policy: ALL Walkers over 12 years pay \$3.00. Children under 12 may earn IVV credit for no charge at all events sponsored by the Seneca Valley Sugarloafers. Record books will be for sale.

Walk info: Tony Laing at laingat@gmail.com or 301-980-8932); Gary Jeffers gary.jeffers@verizon.net or 301-468-3346.

Conditions: Restrooms available at the start point. Pets are allowed, but must be leashed at all times during the walk. Pets are not allowed in the start point. This walk will be held regardless of the weather, unless conditions cause the sponsors to close the trails for safety reasons. Water and candy will be available at the start point. Masks and social distancing will be required.

Disclaimer: Neither the Seneca Valley Sugarloafers Volksmarch Club, Inc.; nor the City of Gaithersburg; nor the Town of Washington Grove; nor the Java Junction 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 Volksmarch Club is open to everyone interested in walking. For membership information contact Darla Fera, dmfera@rcn.com, or check our club website: www.sugarloafers.org. For more Volksmarch information: www.ava.org and www.mdvolks.org.

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DIRECTIONS TO START POINT

FROM I-270 GOING NORTH, local lanes: EXIT 8 Shady Grove Rd. RIGHT on Shady Gove Rd (East, Gaithersburg). LEFT on Rt.355 Frederick Ave for about 1.3 miles. RIGHT on Summit Ave. Stay in left lane for 2 blocks. Left on Olde Towne Ave. LEFT into open city lot or take first RIGHT into alley before Subway for garage parking. **At street level**, return to Summit. Cross Summit and turn left on Summit. Cross train tracks. Java Junction is on the right.

FROM I-270 GOING SOUTH, local lanes: EXIT 11 Montgomery Village Ave/Rt. 124. LEFT on Rt. 124 North. RIGHT on Rt. 355 Frederick Ave for about 1.3 miles. LEFT on Summit Ave. Stay in left lane for 2 blocks. LEFT on Olde Towne Ave. LEFT into open city lot or take first right into alley before Subway for garage parking. **At street level**, return to Summit. Cross Summit and turn left on Summit. Cross train tracks. Java Junction is on the right.



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