

WELCOME: The Indiana Volkssport Association (INVA) and the Indy 'G' Walkers invite and welcome you to the 2026 Spring Fling Fest, which highlights the historic, geologic and cultural aspects of walking along the majestic Ohio River in southern Indiana. This walking weekend is comprised of two walking events hosted by INVA and the Indy 'G' Walkers



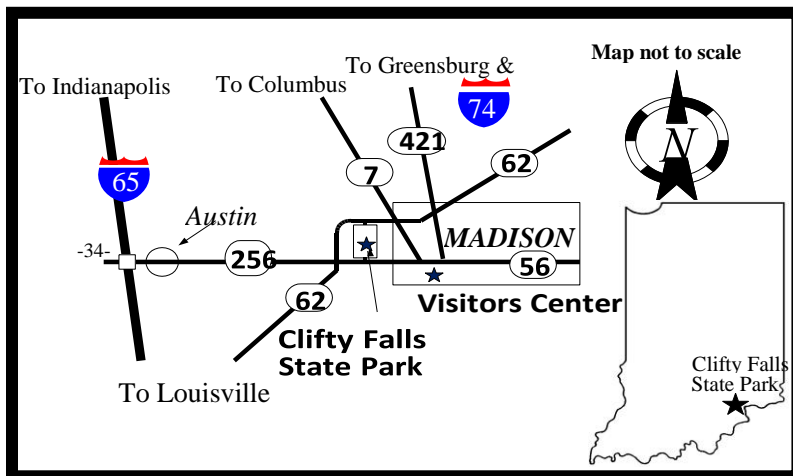
WHAT ARE VOLKSSPORTS? A Volksmarch is a non-competitive walking event. The walk is generally ten kilometers or 6.2 miles in length. Other Volkssporting events include swimming, biking, and skiing. These events are hosted by clubs in more than forty nations worldwide. The purpose of Volkssporting events is to encourage physical fitness, promote fellowship, and to enjoy the outdoors. Because these events are not contests of speed or endurance, you may participate at a pace that is safe, comfortable, and enjoyable.

DISCLAIMER: The Indiana Volkssport Association, Indy 'G' Walkers, the City of Madison and its Department of Parks & Recreation, State of Indiana and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources are not liable for accidents, theft, or material damage. Every reasonable effort will be made to make the events safe and enjoyable. Children under the age of twelve must be accompanied by an adult who will need to execute a waiver for the child. Pets, where allowed, must be kept on a leash. The pet's owner is responsible for the removal of any waste produced by his or her pet. All Indiana State Parks practice pack-in/pack-out (no trash containers for public use).

LODGING: For the Spring Fling Fest, there is no central point of operation, or preferred lodging location. You are free to arrange your own lodging. For recommendations, please use the following link local tourism information
<https://visitmadison.org>

UPDATES: The Mid-America Region of the AVA maintain a Facebook page, which will be used to update and disseminate information pertaining to the 2026 Spring Fling Fest and other activities in the Mid-America Region and in the State of Indiana. Please check it out by using the following link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2304519116421172>

**THE INDIANA VOLKSSPORT ASSOCIATION AND
 THE INDY 'G' WALKERS
 INVITES YOU TO
 A FANTASTIC SPRING FLING FEST
 ALONG THE BANKS AND BLUFFS
 OF THE MAJESTIC OHIO RIVER
 FROM MAY 2 -3, 2026**



ALL TIMES CITED IN THIS BROCHURE ARE
 EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME (EDT)



Historic Madison Indiana TGW MA26/131833 INVA # 937
 Clifty Falls State Park GW MA26/131832 INVA # 936

EVENT # 1
SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2026
HISTORIC MADISON, INDIANA
AVA Sanction: MA26/131833

This event is open to everyone. Registration is required. The event is a Guided Walk through the historic town of Madison, Indiana. The overall trail rating is 1-B, which is described below. Average walkers may complete a 10-kilometer route in about two hours. This event is hosted by the Indy G Walkers of Indianapolis, Indiana who are celebrating 45 years of service. For detailed information on this event that is published on the AVA website, please use the following link:

<https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?sn=131833>

START/FINISH POINT: Madison Visitors Center. 601 W 1st St, Madison, IN 47250-3731

DISTANCE: 5 Km (3.1 miles) or 10 Km (6.2 miles)

FEES: The registration fee for this event is \$4.00.

TRAIL RATINGS: 1-B (Scale of 1 to 5 references elevation gain with 5 being the most difficult. Scale A to E references type of trail with E being the most difficult)

TRAIL DESCRIPTION: The walk will include many historic sites in Madison. It's home to the nation's largest contiguous National Historic Landmark district. The route passes through the Georgetown neighborhood, home to numerous Underground Railroad sites. Other highlights include the riverwalk along Vaughn Drive, the beautiful Broadway Fountain, Madison's railroad station, the 1844 Greek revival Lanier Mansion, the 1875 Fair Play firehouse (still in use), and the 1817 Federal-style Schofield House.

RESTROOMS: Will be available on site at Start/Finish.

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DIRECTIONS: From Indianapolis, take I-65 to IN 256 (exit 34) Take IN 256 east to IN 56 and turn left. Follow IN 56 (Main Street) into town to Vine Street. Turn right on Vine St. for 2 blocks to 1st Street. Turn right on 1st Street to the Visitors Center (on the left side of the street). From Louisville and south, take I-65 North crossing into Indiana to I-265 E (exit 6A) then merge onto IN 62 east. Follow IN 62 east for about 30 miles to IN 56 and bear right. Follow IN 56 (Main Street) into town to Vine Street and follow the above directions to the Visitors Center.

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EVENT # 2
SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026
CLIFTY FALLS STATE PARK, INDIANA
AVA Sanction: MA26/131832

This event is open to everyone. Registration and a gate fee to enter an Indiana State Park is required. The event is a Map Guided Walk with minimal signage along the following Clifty Creek, as it meanders down to its confluence with the Ohio River. The overall trail rating is 3-B, which is described below. Average walkers may complete an 10- kilometer route rated 3-B in about two and one half hours to three hours. This event is hosted by INVA. For detailed information on this event that is published on the AVA website, please use the following link:

<https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?sn=1292832>

START/FINISH POINT: The Nature Center at Clifty Falls State Park at 2221 Clifty Drive, Madison, IN 47250.

DISTANCE: 5 Km (3.1 miles) or 10 Km (6.2 miles).

FEES: The registration fee for this event is \$4.00. There is a gate fee for entry to Clifty Falls State Park. The gate fee is \$7 for Indiana plated vehicles and \$15 for out-of-state plated vehicles.

AWARD: We offer an optional award for events at Indiana Department of Natural Resources state parks and properties as depicted on the front page. The cost is \$17 for a header, identifying bar and registration, or \$9 for just the identifying bar and registration.

TRAIL RATINGS: 3-B (Scale of 1 to 5 references elevation gain with 5 being the most difficult. Scale A to E references type of trail with E being the most difficult.

TRAIL DESCRIPTION: Enjoy the deep canyons and beautiful waterfalls in early spring's full glory. The falls include roaring plunges, bridal-veil mists, and gleaming frozen titans. All routes incorporate existing trails on properties administered by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. Dogs are permitted but must be leashed and under the control of the owner, who is also responsible for cleaning up after their pet.

RESTROOMS: Will be available on site at Start/Finish.

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DIRECTIONS: The major west to east route leading into Madison is Indiana State Route 56. From Madison, go west and follow SR 56 (Main Street) out of town. When you reach the bottom of the bluff, you will encounter the entrance to Clifty Falls State Park on the right. Turn right to enter the Park and follow the signage to the Nature Center where you will encounter an IVV banner and signage.

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