

INFORMATION:

For general information about this walk event, contact Charles Frisinger at 574-268-9787 or Bob Buzolich at sonofbuzz@prodigy.net

Or write:

Hoosier Hikers
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For more information about Volkssporting events or clubs in your area, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to:

Indiana Volkssport Association
Attention: Susan Budd, President
2510 North Anthony Boulevard
Fort Wayne, Indiana 46805

Or visit the websites:

<https://my.ava.org>

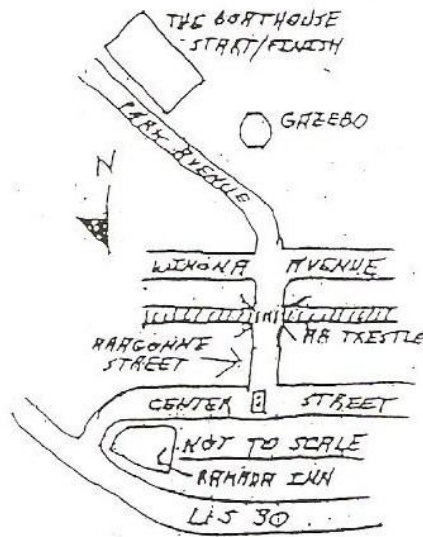
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The Winona Mercantile
700 Park Avenue
Winona Lake, IN 46590

(574) 269-3232



DIRECTIONS:

From the intersection of US 30 and Center Street turn West onto Center Street to head into Warsaw. At the intersection of Center Street and Argonne Road (second stoplight), turn left and follow the signs to Winona Lake. After passing under the rail trestle continue straight on Park Avenue. As you go into Winona Lake, you will see The Boathouse on your right. The Winona Mercantile is located in The Boathouse. Park in the parking area for The Boathouse.

Hours of Operation (ALL EST or EDT): Sundays, noon to 4 pm; Mondays 10 am to 2 pm; Tuesdays through Thursdays, 10 am to 7 pm; Fridays and Saturdays, 10 am 8 pm.



THE HOOSIER HIKERS

PRESENT

A YEAR-ROUND WALK

January 2, 2025, to December 31, 2025

This is the twentieth year for this event.

TRAIL RATING 2-A
5, 10 & 12 KM (3.2, 6.2 & 7.5 MI)

GRACE COLLEGE &
WINONA LAKE, INDIANA

THIS IS A CREDIT ONLY EVENT

2025

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ATTENTION: COSTS SHOWN IN THIS FLYER REFLECT THE COST INCREASE THAT TOOK EFFECT ON JANUARY 1, 2024, AND ELIMINATION OF THE "FREE WALKER" CATEGORY.



WELCOME:

This is the twentieth year to sponsor a year-round walk in the Winona Lake area, which includes Grace College. The walk incorporates the streets and sidewalks of historic Village of Winona Lake, which was made famous by Billy Sunday. Not only will the walk route take you past a few museums and homes related to Billy Sunday, it will also take you through the campus of Grace College.

WHAT IS A VOLKSMARCH?

A Volksmarch is a non-competitive walking event, which is open to the public. Because this is not a contest of speed or endurance, each participant may walk at a pace that is comfortable and enjoyable. Family participation is encouraged. Walk events are generally ten kilometers or 6.2 miles in length. The purpose of all Volkssports is to encourage physical fitness, promote camaraderie and to enjoy the outdoors.

START/FINISH HOSTING

This event is hosted through both a Physical Start Box and an Online Start Box. The information in this brochure pertains to the Physical Start Box. For information on the Online Start Box please visit <https://my.ava.org>

START/FINISH:

The start/finish point is at the Winona Mercantile, 700 Park Avenue, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590. This year-round event is open January 2, 2025, to December 31, 2025, during daylight hours. It will be closed Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Event and distance record books are not available at the start/finish point. However, insert pages are.

FEES:

Everyone is welcome to participate in this event upon completing registration. The registration fee is \$4.00. You may walk the trail two times on the same day for one paid fee and receive both distance and event credit for both. **NO REFUNDS GIVEN.**

PROCEDURE:

This 2025 year-round event is a self-registration event. At the Winona Mercantile, which serves as the start/finish point, go to the register, and ask for the Volksmarch (Walk) Box. Follow the instructions in the box to register for and participate in the event. Bus groups are welcome. However, bus groups are asked to contact the POC 30 days prior to arrival to ensure your group may be accommodated.

AWARD:

For 2025 there is NO A-Award for this event. B-Awards, which are awards from prior years for this event, will be available, but not on site. All awards will be mailed. The cost of the B-Award is \$5.00. To receive the B-Award, please read the instructions, and return your start card with payment as indicated in the instructions.

TRAIL DESCRIPTION:

The walk includes paved roadways and sidewalks that can be uneven in spots. The course is rated 2-A, based upon the current AVA trail rating scheme. The trail may be difficult, but not impossible, for strollers, and is not recommended for wheelchairs. **CAUTION:** There may be construction in progress on campus. Please be extra cautious in and around those areas of the campus.

REFRESHMENTS:

There are no staffed checkpoints along this walk route. Restrooms and water are available at the Start/Finish. Restrooms and water may also be available at the Billy Sunday Museum, Westminster Hall, and the library, when open, and at parks along the route, when open. Check the comment section of the registration book to determine if not available and to leave messages for future walkers.

DISCLAIMER:

The Hoosier Hikers, the Winona Mercantile, the Village of Winona Lake, Grace College, the Indiana Volkssport Association, American Volkssport Association and Internationaler Volkssport Verband are not liable for accidents, theft, or material damage. Every reasonable effort has been made to create a safe and enjoyable event. Children under twelve must be accompanied by an adult. Owners are responsible for their pets, to include the clean-up of their pet's waste).

SPONSORS:

The Hoosier Hikers walking Club is based in South Bend, Indiana, and is the sole host for this event.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

For the most current listing of special events associated with this event, please check the event listing at <http://www.ava.org>