

## INFORMATION:

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Or write:

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South Bend, IN 46617-1826

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

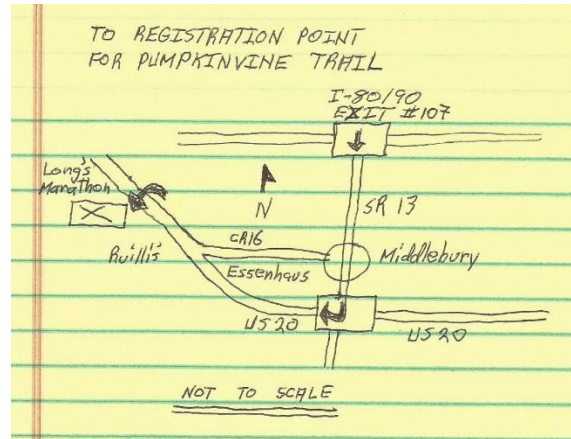
Indiana Volkssport Association  
Attention: Susan Budd, President  
2510 North Anthony Boulevard  
Fort Wayne, Indiana 46805

Or visit the websites:

<http://avaclubs.org/inva>

<http://www.ava.org>

## DIRECTIONS:



From I-80/90 (Indiana Toll Road) Exit 107 turn right onto State Road 13, and travel South on SR 13. Proceed through downtown Middlebury, and at the intersection of SR 13 and US 20 turn right onto US 20. Proceed along US 20 past Das Essenhaus. As you pass Ruilliz's restaurant on your left, you will also see Long's Convenience Store and Marathon Station, which serves as the Registration, on the left.

## THE HOOSIER HIKERS

### PRESENT

## A SEASONAL BIKE EVENT

April 1, 2024, to October 31, 2024

This is the tenth year for this event.

### TRAIL RATING 1-A

TEN & 30 KM (6.2 & 18.75 MI)

MIDDLEBURY & SHIPSHEWANA,  
INDIANA

### THIS IS A CREDIT ONLY EVENT

2025

INVA # 915

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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.**

## FUEL UP THE BODY AND TANK AT

Long's Convenience  
& Marathon

995 US 20  
Middlebury, IN 46540

(574) 825-9601



## **WELCOME:**

This is the tenth year to sponsor a seasonal biking event in North Central Indiana. This biking event incorporates the Pumpkinvine Trail, a rail-to-trails project. The route makes use of the former right-of-way for the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway. Highlights along the route include the Krider Gardens and numerous Amish farms.

## **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. The same standards, conditions and goals apply to this biking event. Biking events are generally twenty-five kilometers or 15.5 miles in length. The purpose of all Volkssports is to encourage physical fitness, promote camaraderie and to enjoy the outdoors.

## **START/FINISH:**

The registration point is at Long's Convenience Store and Marathon, 995 US 20, Middlebury, Indiana 46540. This seasonal bike event is open from April 1, 2025, to October 31, 2025, during daylight hours. The registration point is open Monday through Saturday from 4 am to 10 pm, and Sunday from 6 am to 9 pm (ALL times in Eastern time zone). The registration point is not the same as the Start/Finish Point. When you complete the event registration, you will receive directions to the Start/Finish Point. Event and distance record books are not available at the registration point or start/finish point. However, insert pages are.

## **FEES:**

Everyone is welcome to participate upon completing registration. The registration fee is \$4.00. You may bike 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 seasonal bike event is a self-registration event. At Long's Convenience Store, which serves as the registration point, go to the customer service area and ask for the Volksmarch (Bike) 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:**

**There are no awards for this event.**

## **TRAIL DESCRIPTION:**

This bike event incorporates an improved multi-use trail, known as the Pumpkvin Trail, a rails-to-trail project encompassing the route taken by the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway between Goshen and Shipshewana. The course is rated 1-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.

## **REFRESHMENTS:**

There are no staffed checkpoints along this bike route. Restrooms and water are NOT available at the Start/Finish. Restrooms and water are available at the Registration Point, 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 bikers.

## **DISCLAIMER:**

The Hoosier Hikers, Long's Convenience and Marathon, the Cities of Middlebury and Shipshewana, their Parks and Recreations Departments, Elkhart County Parks and Recreation Department, Friends of the Pumpkinvine Trail, 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>