

INFORMATION:

For general information about the walking event, contact Bob Buzolich at sonofbuzz@prodigy.net

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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:

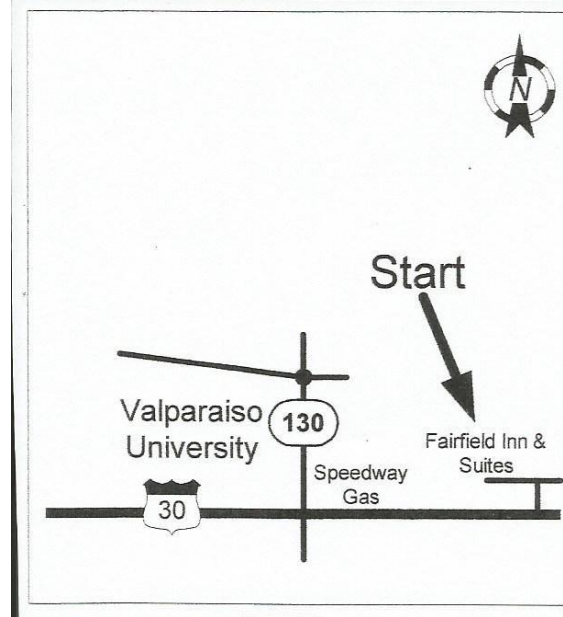
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**For a great night's sleep
After your Walk**

Fairfield Inn & Suites
2101 East Morthland Drive
Valparaiso, IN 46383

(219) 465-6225



DIRECTIONS:

Take US 30 on the East side of Valparaiso to its intersection SR 130. The Start/Finish Point, which is the Fairfield Inn & Suites, is about ¼ mile to the East of this intersection on the North side of US 30.



THE HOOSIER HIKERS

PRESENT

A YEAR-ROUND WALK

January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025

This is the fourteenth year for this event since first hosted by the Indiana Volkssport Association

TRAIL RATING 2-A
SEVEN & 11 KM (4.4 & 6.8 MI)

VALPARAISO, 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 eleventh year for the Hoosier Hikers to host a year-round walk in Valparaiso, which was previously hosted by the Indiana Volkssport Association as part of the Lincoln Highway Centennial. By continuing this event we (the Hoosier Hikers) seek to offer you the historical thrills to be experienced along Indiana's back roads and in Indiana hometowns.

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:

The start/finish point is the Fairfield Inn & Suites, 2101 East Morthland Drive, Valparaiso, Indiana 46383. This year-round event is open January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025, during daylight hours. 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 Fairfield Inn & Suites, which serves as the start/finish point, go to the customer service area, 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 gravel roadways, gravel paths 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 along the routes. Please be extra cautious in and around those areas.

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 in public buildings along the routes, 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, Fairfield Inn & Suites, the City of Valparaiso, the Valparaiso Parks & Recreation Department, Valparaiso University, 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 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>