

Cowboy Boots & Ruby-red Shoes

That is what you might find this spring in southwest Kansas and the panhandle of Oklahoma. Three South Central Regional clubs, Wandergruppe of OKC, Tulsa Walking Club, & the Sunflower Sod Stompers of Topeka, are working together to provide volkssporters **seven seasonal walks & 6 seasonal swims. These events will only be available for the second quarter, April 1 - June 30 of this year.**

The clubs tried to provide the best walking weather months for participants in this part of the United States.

Three Kansas walks have been sanctioned in the county-seat towns of Liberal, Hugoton, and Elkhart. In Liberal is where you might spot those ruby-red shoes in Dorothy's House and Land of Oz Museum. Hugoton is home to the largest natural gas fields in America. Elkhart which sits just north of the Oklahoma border is home to 2 medal-winning Olympians. This community of 2000 will definitely qualify as a "Border Crossing" program event.

Two seasonal swims will be available in Hugoton & in Liberal at the Best Western motels which are the registration areas for the walks. Two more swims are available in Guymon, Oklahoma at the Holiday Inn Express. Please try to patronize our hosts of our registration boxes if at all possible, along with our "business" check points.

Besides the Kansas events, the Wandergruppe Walking Club have established 2 seasonal walks in Boise City & Guymon, Oklahoma. Tulsa's club has sanctioned walking events in both Beaver & Buffalo for this time period. These events have been arranged for those volkssporters who are trying to walk counties in different states but, of course, all walkers are invited to take part & enjoy the small-town communities in the center of the U. S. All of walks will qualify for some of the AVA Special Program books.

Although our walking communities are not big towns, all of them have some interesting sites & history for all participants to enjoy. The three sponsoring clubs would appreciate your support for their efforts.



Places you might want to rest up:



Liberal Hotel and Suites
620-624-9700

Stevens County Inn
620-544-7766



Guymon, Oklahoma 580-338-4208



Hillcrest Motel
Beaver, Oklahoma
580-625-4561



El Rancho Motel
Elkhart, Kansas
620-697-2117

Wanted:

Walkers & Swimmers

To look for

Cowboy Boots & Ruby-Red Shoes

On

The High Plains of Kansas & the Oklahoma Panhandle



April 1 – June 30

Mini-Seasonal Events

7 Walks 7 Counties 6 Swims

Elkhart, Hugoton, and Liberal, Kansas

**Beaver, Boise City, Buffalo, & Guymon,
Oklahoma**



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SANCTIONED EVENT
Eligible for credit towards IVV Achievement Awards



★ THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ★

★ **Walking Events:** These walking events will be map guided. Participants will be given directions with written descriptions and a map.

★ **Swims:** Water walk or swim at your pace. You may rest at the ends of the pool but cannot leave the pool area during the swim events. Only motel guests will have access to the pool area. If there is a problem with pool usage, community pools are available or other nearby motels pools. Limited dressing facilities. Appropriate swim attire. The pools will be shared with the motel guests.

★ **Registration:** IVV Credit will be \$3.00 per event. Signing the AVA liability waiver is required of all participants. No free walkers.

★ **Trails:** Most of the walking trails will lead through residential areas as well as the business area of the towns. Trail surfaces will be a variety of city sidewalks, streets, paved /gravel roads and recreational walkways. Routes will be on fairly flat terrain. Elkhart, Kansas & Beaver, Oklahoma will have some inclines.

★ **Event Comments:** Restroom availability will be limited in these towns. Although many streets are tree-lined, **be prepared for walking in full sun.** Please take water with you. Pets are welcomed to take part with their masters but please consider the heat & the environment.

★ **Weather:** Weather conditions can quickly change in this part of the U.S. **Be aware of the county that you are in** as weather warnings are issued by counties.

Walk & swim events are **CANCELLED** if there is severe weather and/or dangerous conditions in the area. Return to the start/finish area ASAP. Event credit may be stamped into your IVV Record Books. **Stay safe!**

★ **Times:** Dawn to dusk if walks start/finish at motels. Check the event info areas if starting at other locations. Pool hours are posted by each motel.

★ **Special Programs:** Events will qualify for some AVA Special Programs. A listing should be available at Registration but feel free to stamp your book if you find a qualifier.

★ **Disclaimer:** The American Volkssport Association, Sunflower Sod Stompers, Tulsa Walking Club, and Wandergruppe Walking Club of OKC, and their officers, members, and agents shall not be liable or responsible for, and shall be saved and held harmless for and against any and all claims and damages of every kind, for injury to or death of any person or persons and for damage to or loss of property arising out of or attributable to the operators or events conducted by the AVA.

EVENT INFORMATION ★

Liberal, Kansas Seward County SC-115912

Seasonal Walk Distance: 5km/10km

Location: Best Western Plus Liberal 1550 Lincoln Avenue

At the intersection of US 54 (Pancake Boulevard) and Kansas Avenue, turn north on Kansas Avenue for 1.5 miles. Turn left on West 15th Street (Walgreens on corner of West 15th and Kansas Avenue) 450 feet then turn right on North Lincoln Avenue 250 feet behind Vargas Restaurant Bar & Grill.

Liberal, Kansas SC-115913, 115914

2 Seasonal Swims Distance: 300 meters @

Location: Best Western Plus Liberal Hotel Same as for the walk.



Hugoton, Kansas Stevens County SC-115937

Seasonal Walk Distance: 5km/10km

Location: Best Western Plus Stevens County 1004 East 1th Street

The Best Western Plus is located 1.4 miles east of town on Ks 51 (East 11th Street). Hugoton lies at the intersection of US 56 & Ks 51. The walk will actually start 1.5 miles from the Best Western at the First Christian Church parking area. Please park away from the church entrances if there are services/functions.



Hugoton, Kansas SC-115938, 115939

2 Seasonal Swims Distance: 300 meters @

Location: Best Western Plus Stevens County Same as for the walk.



Elkhart, Kansas Morton County SC-115940

Seasonal Walk Distance: 5km/10km

Location: Moore's Food Pride 445 Colorado Street

Elkhart is located just 8 miles from the Colorado border on US 56; just south of US 56 & Ks 27 intersection. The southern edge of the city borders the Oklahoma border. From US 56 turn north on Morton Street for 0.5 mile. Turn right on Sid Street for 1 block, and the store will be on the right side. Park away from front doors. Box is at customer service.



Boise City, Oklahoma Cimarron County SC-115987

Seasonal Walk Distance: 5km/10km

Location: Cimarron Heritage Center 1300 North Cimarron Avenue

Upon arriving on Main Street (Hwy 412), continue to city center at the Cimarron County Court House. Exit north from the traffic circle onto Cimarron Avenue and continue to the north end of town. The Cimarron Heritage Center will be on your left, across from the County Fairground

Start/Finish: Open 10am -4pm; **CLOSED SUNDAYS**



Guymon, Oklahoma Texas County SC-115984

Seasonal Walk Distance: 5km/10km

Location: Guymon Mun. Airport Centerline Aviation -100 County 31

Upon arriving on Main Street (Hwy 412), turn west on NW 5th Street. Follow NW 5th St. west, it turns into Co Hwy 31 without notification. You will arrive at Guymon Municipal Airport and find the FBO (Centerline Aviation). The Start Book will be inside on one of the bookshelves either in front of or behind the counters.

Start/Finish: Open 8am – 5 pm daily



Guymon, Oklahoma SC-115938, 115939

2 Seasonal Swims Distance: 300 meters @

Location: Holiday Inn Express & Suites 701 SE.Okla. Hwy 3

The Holiday Inn Express is located 1 block southeast of US 54 (stoplight) on US 412/Okla. 3.



Beaver, Oklahoma Beaver County SC-116002

Seasonal Walk Distance: 5km/10km

Location: Hillcrest Motel 1122 Douglas Avenue (US 270)

Beaver is about 80 miles NW of Woodward. From Woodward go west on US 412 to the intersection of US 412 and US 270/Okla. 23; Right (North) on US 270/Okla. 23 and proceed to Beaver. Highway becomes Douglas Avenue in Beaver. Motel is on south side of town – east side of highway.



Buffalo, Oklahoma Harper County SC-116003

Seasonal Walk Distance: 5km/10km

Location: Harper County Community Hospital -- 610 North Hoy St.

Buffalo is about 35 miles NW from Woodward. From Woodward, travel west on US 412/183. Go right (north) on US 183 and continue to Buffalo. US 183 becomes Hoy Street. The hospital is located on the north edge of town, & entrance will be on your right -- on a curve to the east.

Start/Finish: Open 7am – 9pm; ER entrance is 24/7. Walk Box should be located near front door.



Please remember to thank our “walk box” hosts for their cooperation and for supporting our events!