



Walk Walk Walk

Remembering Phill Wilder our Kindfellow

Remembering Darrell Neily

New Year's Eve and New Year's Day Events

Freestate Happy Wanderers AVA-190

December 31, 2023 and January 1, 2024

Historic Savage, Maryland

Two 10-Km trails with 5-Km options

Two Events December 31, 2023-AT124195-2023 - AT124196-2023

Two Events January 1, 2024-AT1214197-2024 - AT 124198-2024

SPONSORED BY: Freestate Happy Wanderers Volksmarch Club, Inc. AVA-190

AVA: America's Walking Club

START/FINISH: Faith Ministry Bldg., 9032 Baltimore St. Savage, MD 20763. Located on the corner of Baltimore and Foundry Streets. (WHITE BLDG. ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE CHURCH.) See drive directions on back. Restrooms are available at the Start/Finish.

**TIMES: Start both days any time between 9 AM and 12 Noon, finish by 3:00 PM.
Correct change or checks appreciated**

TRAILS: Trails are rated either 1A or 2B. Four 5-km trail options are available. Trails are on sidewalks, paved paths and natural wooded areas in and near the Savage Mill Historic District. Many options are possible, including a trail suitable for strollers. In addition, the walk box for the Savage YRE is available in the Savage Mill at the Paymaster Office near the Start-Finish.

PROCEDURE: Each participant must register at the start and completely fill out a start card including signing the liability waiver. The start card is to be carried on the walk and presented at each checkpoint. Participants must turn in start cards at the Finish Table after completing the event. AVA SPECIAL PROGRAMS: A list of all qualifying AVA Special Programs will be available to participants at the Start/Finish table.

Walkers may earn six IVV Credit stamps at our two-day event. Two traditional events both days (5-km/10-km trails) and the Savage YRE stamps for 2023 & 2024.



ELIGIBILITY: This event is open to everyone. This event is sanctioned by the American Volkssport Association (AVA), member of the International Federation of Popular Sports. This event counts toward the acquisition of IVV Achievement Awards. With registration for these events the participants accept the guidelines for AVA Volkssport events and agree to observe the principles of good sportsmanship. Littering is prohibited. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. The sponsors are not liable for accidents, thefts and /or material damage. An AVA athletic waiver must be signed by those participating in any event. A parent or guardian must sign for children under 18. This event will take place regardless of weather conditions except if noted in the sanction. Please check the website before traveling to the event. Anything extraordinary will be noted there. There will be no refunds for pre-paid fees. The fee for IVV Credit or Non-IVV Credit is \$3. Children 12 and under (IVV-Credit included) walk for free courtesy of Freestate Happy Wanderers. The same trail may be walked for distance credit twice on the same start card on the same day with no extra charge. The AVA New Walker packet, which includes both IVV Books and 3 walk coupons, for sale at New Walker Table cost \$5.00

CONDITIONS: Howard County law requires that all pets be leashed and that owners clean up after their pets. The event will be held in all reasonable weather. Pets NOT permitted in the Start/Finish Building. If weather conditions are uncertain, and traveler advisories are in effect on the days of the events, please call contact person listed below to obtain up-to-date information on walk event status.

REFRESHMENTS: We are planning to sell food and drink in the Freestate tradition. Water and hard candy will be available both days. Correct change will be appreciated.

DISCLAIMER: Every reasonable effort will be made to conduct a safe, enjoyable, and memorable event. The Freestate Happy Wanderers and the United Methodist Church of Savage shall not be liable for any accidents, theft, or material damage.

SANCTION: The Maryland Volkssport Association (MVA) and the American Volkssport Association (AVA), a member of the International Federation of Popular Sports (IVV), sanctioned these events, AT124195, AT124196, AT1214197 and AT124198

INFORMATION: Call 410-437-2164 (H), 410-533-5805 (C) before 9:00 PM or via email at wahasse1798@verizon.net. Additional information is available on the AVA webpage, [My.ava.org](http://www.mdvolks.org/freestate/) or <http://www.mdvolks.org/freestate/>.

DRIVE DIRECTIONS: FROM RT. I-95 NORTH OR SOUTH -TAKE EXIT FOR Rt.32 EAST approx 1 mile to exit at US Rt.1 South toward Laurel for one block. *Turn Right at light on Howard St. which will become Baltimore St. Faith Ministry is on the corners of Baltimore & Foundry Streets.

FROM RT. 295 NORTH OR SOUTH BALTO/WASH PKWY, TAKE EXIT FOR RT. 32 WEST toward Columbia., TAKE EXIT RT 1 South for Historic Savage. *FOLLOW DIRECTIONS ABOVE:

NO PARKING IN THE CHURCH PARKING LOT ON SUNDAY. Parking Available on streets **PLEASE OBEY ALL SIGNS & RESTRICTIONS:**

REMEMBERING OUR FREESTATE MEMBERS

Phill Wilder - Vice President, Events Chair, Newsletter Editor, organized many events and activities moving our sport forward.

Darrell Neily - Website developer/manager, developed our four Savage New Years Trails, always helped our club and actively promoted our sport, MVA President and Treasurer

Charles "Chuck" Merkel - Lifetime Member of Freestate for many years and promoted our sport

Renate Sabulsky - Active in Virginia and supported Freestate for many years

