

The Volkssport Club at West Point  
Welcomes You to  
**The Roebling Aqueduct Walk**  
An AVA Sanctioned Walking Event  
that crosses the state border between  
New York and Pennsylvania  
qualifying for the AVA "Border Crossings" Special Program

This walk is composed of a 5km loop with optional 5km extension (out and back extension) to make a 10 km walk. The initial 5km loop includes a portion of the old canal tow path then crosses the Delaware River via the Roebling Aqueduct from New York into Pennsylvania and back. While in Pennsylvania, the 5km walk passes the Zane Grey Museum, crosses the Lackawaxen river, and passes the Lackawaxen, PA US Post Office, The 5km extension is an "out and back" walk on a quiet country road next to the Lackawaxen River in PA.

Both 5km loop and 5km extension are rated 1B. The walk start/end point is in the parking lot next to Roebling bridge entrance on the NY side. There is no restroom on the NY side of the bridge but there are permanent pit toilet building on the PA side of the bridge.

The Zane Grey Museum may be toured during or after your walk. The Museum season and hours are:  
Memorial Day - Labor Day - Daily: 10:00 am- 5:00 pm; September 1 - September 30 - 10:00 am - 5:00 pm;  
October - Saturday and Sunday 3 & 4, 10 & 11, 17 & 18 - 10:00 am - 5:00 pm.

You are also strongly encouraged to visit/drive to the Minisink Battlefield Park that is located in NY on York Hill Rd (County 168) less than 0.5 miles uphill from bridge. The town park contains a number of short, easy, woodland walking paths that visit sites of historical interest for this Revolutionary War battlefield. Bathrooms and picnic tables are available in the park.

### Walk Registration:

Please use the online start box provided by the California Volkssport Association website ([www.cva4u.org](http://www.cva4u.org)). Follow the left side link, 'Online Start Box', and the instructions provided to sign a waiver and register for this event. Payments for event credit and directions use Paypal. The directions and insert cards are PDFs that you can download and print as needed. The POC does not provide event directions or accept alternate payment methods. The entire online process should take less than 10 minutes for a first time user. The POC does not provide event directions or accept alternate payment methods.

### Walk Completion and Walk Credit:

Once you have physically completed the walk, please login to your Online Start Box account and select the "Maps / Finish" tab. Use the displayed entry form to submit the date and distance of your walk as well as select applicable AVA Special Programs to generate stamped "virtual" start cards that you may later choose to print out.

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## 10km and 6km Walking Directions for the Roebling Aqueduct Walk

*the extended bridge piers on the right designed to break up ice flows (that can be as much as 6 feet thick) and prevent damage to the bridge*

### Starting Point Location:

From Port Jervis, NY: Proceed North on scenic NY 97 with the Delaware River on your left for about 23 miles, watch for Roebling bridge and parking lot on left.

From Hancock, NY: Proceed South on NY 97 for 47 miles, watch for the parking lot and Roebling bridge on your right.

The parking lot street address is 4223 HWY 97, Barryville, NY. (Lat: 41.483459, Lng: -74.983685)

### Restrooms:

There is no restroom on the NY side of the bridge but there are permanent pit toilet building on the PA side of the bridge.

### Emergency Numbers:



### Walking Instructions:

Abbreviations used:

ns - No Sign. There is no street sign.

C&P - Cross and/or Pass. Usage - {C&P: 1<sup>st</sup> St and 2<sup>nd</sup> St.}

These walk directions and maps may only be used in conjunction with a signed American Volkssport Association athletic waiver. All other uses are prohibited.

### Walk Directions:

1) Proceed to the concrete sidewalk next to parking lot (on the NY side of the Roebling Bridge). With your back to the Delaware River turn LEFT (away from the bridge) and proceed to the Tow Path Trail entrance at the end of the parking lot.

2) Follow the Tow Path Trail as it goes down towards the river and loops back to the left and goes under the Roebling Bridge.

*Enjoy the view of the bottom of the Bridge. Later in the walk there will be numerous informational signs describing the history of the bridge. Although today it is configured as a single lane highway bridge, the most recent restoration preserved those structures that once made the bridge serve as an Aqueduct to carry Canal boats across the river. Notice*

3) Continue (about 1 km) on the gravel Tow Path Trail next to the abandoned canal ditch, with the Delaware River on your right, to the large boulders marking the trail's end next to a gravel parking area adjacent to Rte 97.

4) TURNAROUND and retrace your steps back on the Tow Path Trail, with the Delaware River on left, under the Roebling Bridge looping up to the paved parking lot.

5) Proceed through the paved parking lot and onto the concrete sidewalk turning RIGHT at the first fork to the wooden pedestrian walk on the north-side of the Roebling Bridge proceeding to the middle of the bridge.

**WARNING! Do NOT touch or slide your hand on the wooden "hand" rails as you walk cross the bridge to avoid getting wood splinters.**

6) The border between NY and PA is the middle of the Delaware River. Participants in the AVA "Border Crossings" special program may want to take a picture at this location.

7) Continue on the wooden pedestrian walk to the concrete sidewalk then on the sidewalk to the first intersection, Scenic Dr (ns).

*At the corner on the Scenic Dr is The Eagle Institute's Field Office which is open to the public on weekends from January through April with information on eagle viewing and guided tours.*

8) RIGHT on Scenic Dr then continue on this paved road as it turns right then left keeping the Delaware River on your right to the entrance road of the Zane Grey Museum parking lot. (2.2km)

*Zane Grey is buried in the Lackawaxen and Union Cemetery that you pass on the left.*

9) Continue past the parking lot entrance walking on the left side of the road and following the road as it curves to the left {C&P: Under the railroad bridge and the Two River Junction shops} to the stop sign at Rte 590 (aka, Hamlin Highway).

10) CROSS and immediately turn RIGHT onto Rte 590 crossing the Zane Grey Bridge over the Lackawaxen River to the end of the bridge.

11) Turn RIGHT to cross Rte 590 and then immediately RIGHT walking on the other side of the bridge back to Scenic Dr / LCPL Jacob Beisel Rd. (3km)

12) 5 KM WALKERS ONLY: LEFT onto Scenic Drive then Skip to Instruction 17).

13) 10 KM WALKERS ONLY: RIGHT crossing Rte 590 onto LCPL Jacob Beisel Rd (that is also known as Beisel Beck Rd)

*About  $\frac{1}{2}$  km from Rte 590 intersection, where the Beisel road starts to get closer to the Lackawaxen River, look to the right across the river to see the remains of the stone work foundation for an Aqueduct that carried canal boats over the Lackawaxen River.*

14) Continue for 2.5 km walking with the river on your right {C&P: railroad tracks, small bridge over Lords Creek (ns), Johanson Lane} to the end Beisel Beck Rd indicated by the sign, "Do not enter, Private Rd, No Trespassing".

15) TURNAROUND and RETRACE your steps on Beisel Beck Rd back to Rte 590 walking with the river on your left to Rte 590.

16) Cross Rte 590 onto Scenic Drive.

17) 5 KM and 10 KM WALKERS continue on Scenic Dr retracing your steps {C&P: The Two River Junction shops and under the railroad bridge} to the entrance of the Zane Grey Museum parking lot. (3 / 8 km)

18) Continue past the parking lot entrance on Scenic Dr to the next intersection.

19) RIGHT staying on Scenic Dr (ns) as it turns left to the Roebling Bridge entrance road. (4 / 9 km)

20) Carefully CROSS the Roebling Bridge entrance road (don't turn towards the bridge yet) and continue straight {C&P: Lackawaxen Post Office} to the Lackawaxen Inn parking area on the right side of the road to the Railroad tracks.

21) TURNAROUND at the Railroad tracks {C&P: Lackawaxen Inn on the right and the Post Office} and go back to the Roebling Bridge entrance.

22) RIGHT and immediately RIGHT again following the sidewalk passing Public Restrooms (pit toilets) on the right to a view of the Roebling Bridge and the historical information signs at the end of the parking lot.

*Take a moment to read the historical information sign that shows a cut-a-way view of the bridge illustrating the water level inside the bridge when it served as an aqueduct to carry canal boats across the Delaware River.*

23) At the end of the parking lot (facing the River) turn LEFT and follow the sidewalk as it turns LEFT passing more historical information signs and a large Wooden Frame,

illustrating one of the key structural elements of the bridge.

*This large wooden frame is a repetitive structural element of the bridge. Notice the 2 metal loops that are used to hang the frame from the bridge's suspension cables.*

*The suspension cables follow a catenary shape between the support towers. The lengths of metal loops for each frame are chosen so as to compliment this shape and keep the frames horizontally aligned across the full length of the bridge.*

24) Keeping the Wooden Frame on your right follow the sidewalk as it loops back next to the bridge entrance road walking past the Wooden Frame again onto the wooden pedestrian walk (where the mules would pull canal boats across the bridge) on the south-side of the Roebling Bridge to the middle of the bridge.

**!WARNING! Do NOT touch or slide your hand on the wooden "hand" rails as you walk cross the bridge to avoid getting wood splinters.**

25) The border between PA and NY is the middle of the Delaware River. Participants in the AVA "Border Crossings" special program may want to take a picture at this location.

26) Continue on the wooden pedestrian walk into New York to concrete sidewalk.

*On this end of the bridge, clear plastic panels have been installed permitting you to see the individual wires of the suspension cable. These are the original suspension wires installed in 1847 when the bridge was built. The wooden frames of the bridge were most recently restored in 1995 and at that time the suspension wires were found to be amazingly corrosion free.*

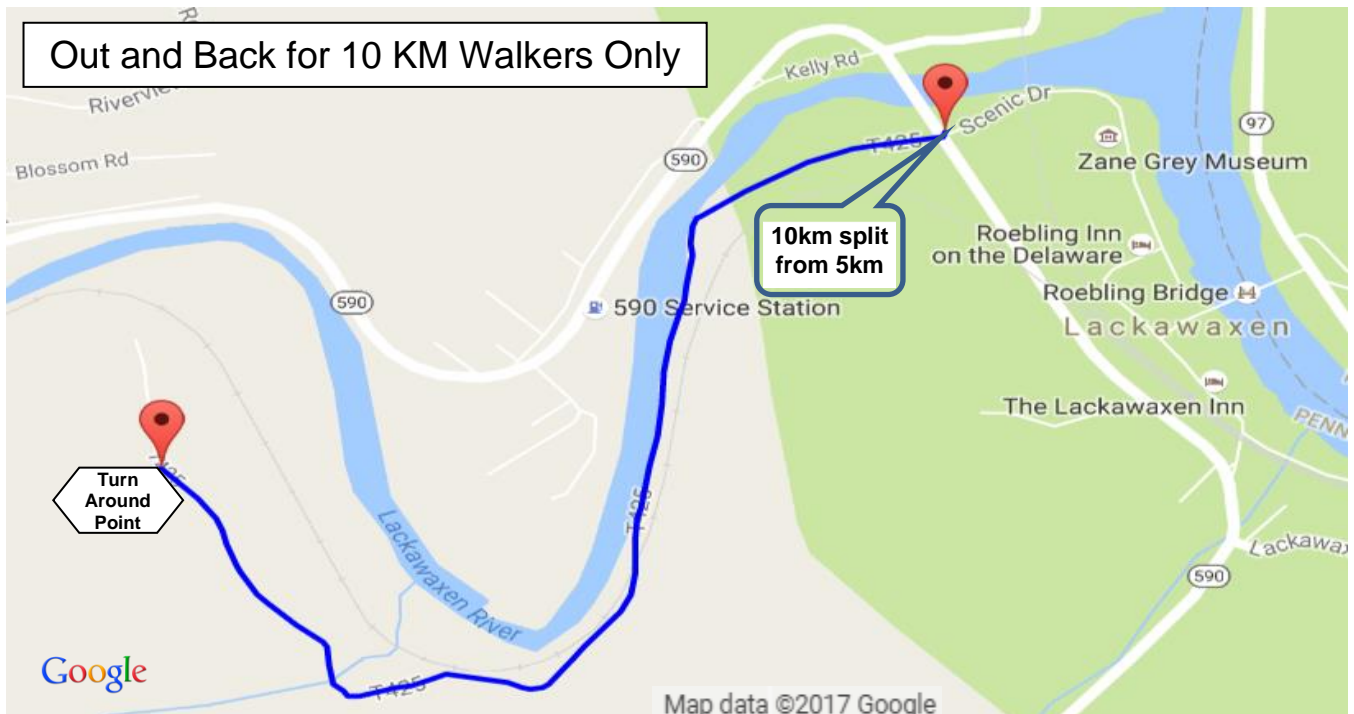
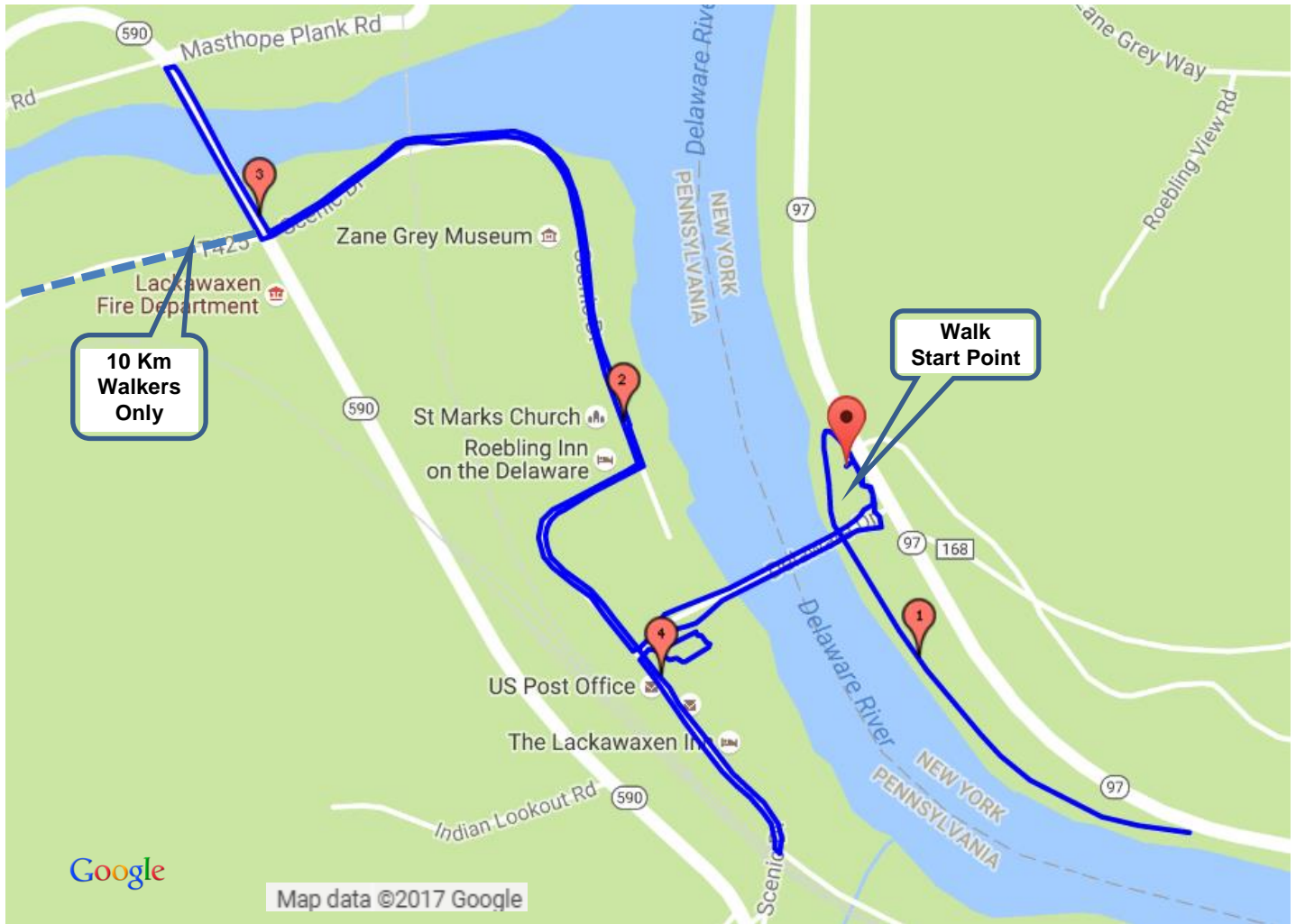
*If open, be sure to step inside the Toll House to see photographs from the canal boat period as well as a small room illustrating the living quarters aboard a canal boat.*

27) After the Toll house, follow the concrete sidewalk downhill as it turns left to the Roebling Bridge entrance road.

28) Carefully CROSS the bridge entrance road and follow the sidewalk to the parking lot next to the highway (Rte 97) where the walk started.

**We hope you enjoyed your walk. If you have not already done so, please login to the Online Start Box at [www.cva4u.org](http://www.cva4u.org) to "complete" your walk.**

# Roebling Aqueduct 5 & 10 km Walk



# The Volkssport Club at West Point

## 2017 Special Programs

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# Roebling Aqueduct Walk

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#### Special Program

Border Crossings  
Bridges - Spanning the USA  
Honoring Our Flag  
Walking the Path of Inventions  
  
National Parks Centennial  
  
National Register Historic Places  
Points of Reference  
United States Post Offices  
You'll Never Walk Alone

#### Qualifying Feature

PA - NY via the Roebling Bridge  
Roebling Bridge  
In front of the Zane Grey Museum  
Roebling held a number of patents for the materials, design, and manufacture of wire rope.  
Roebling Aqueduct and Zane Grey Museum are operated by the NPS  
Zane Grey Museum  
VCWP  
18435, 178 Scenic Dr  
Zane Grey Museum

## Our club welcomes all walkers!

The Volkssport Club at West Point offers thirteen (two new in 2017!) non-competitive walking events. All walkers are welcome to join and/or participate. Military affiliation is **not** required! These events can be walked on your own using our trail guides or as part of our club's group walks, held on both weekends and weekdays. For most walks, a short (approximately 5k) and long version (approximately 10k) are offered; however not all sights described in the walks in this brochure are on the short versions.

Our Hudson Valley walks are located from 20 miles to 80 miles north of midtown New York City. In addition, we have two walks available at the Delaware Water Gap area (Barryville) and on Long Island (Southampton). A short description of each of our Year Round Events (YREs) is contained in this brochure.

Besides offering these YREs, the club also organizes yearly Traditional Events (TEs).

We also participate in group walks of other volkssport club's events.

Additionally, we hold quarterly club business meetings, open to all.

Finally, we have social activities, such as scenic Hudson River boat rides, a December holiday brunch, occasional club breakfasts.

**See our webpage for all other details, as well as our Calendar of Events**

## Our six Hudson River west side trails:

**Cornwall-on-Hudson, NY (Y0252)**: The trails go through the village of Cornwall-on-Hudson and residential neighborhoods. You'll see spectacular views of the Hudson River. The longer 10k trail has a steep hill and passes a golf course and the *Hudson Highland Nature Museum*.

**Goshen, NY (Y0811)**: The walk route passes numerous places in historic Goshen, including the famed *Goshen Historic Track*, the world's oldest (1838) harness track, and the adjacent *Harness Racing Museum and Hall of Fame*.

**Highland Falls, NY (Y1145)**: The trails pass through the village and around Roe Lake. The longer 11k trail passes through the grounds of West Point, passing historic officer's quarters and the main academic area.

**New Paltz, NY (Y1497)**: Walk through the village of New Paltz, including "the oldest street in America", settled by French Huguenots with six original stone houses, then through the SUNY New Paltz campus and a portion of the Walkkill Valley Rail Trail. The walk includes views of the Shawangunk Mountains.

**Nyack, NY (Y1152)**: Stroll Nyack village's tree-lined streets and admire the Victorian architectural treasures around every corner, unique shops and galleries, as well as many fine restaurants. The walk features views of the Hudson River and the Tappan Zee Bridge.

**West Point, NY (Y0037)**: You'll pass West Point's residential areas, the main academic area, Trophy Point, Kosciuszko's Monument, the Jefferson Library, Cadet Chapel, parade grounds, and athletic facilities. The 10k trail passes through the West Point Cemetery containing the gravesites of Generals George Custer, Norman Schwarzkopf, and others.

## Our two electronic-registration trails outside of the Hudson Valley

These two trails, both new for 2017, utilize the AVA online Start Box registration system. This is provided for us by the California Volkssport Association website (<http://www.cva4u.org>). For further information and detailed instructions as to how to electronically register, see our club's website.

**Barryville, NY (Y0067)**: This walk features crossing the Delaware River via the Roebling Aqueduct (Bridge) from NY to PA and back. The 1847 bridge, designed by and built under the supervision of John A. Roebling (future engineer of the Brooklyn Bridge), is the oldest suspension bridge in the United States and originally served as an aqueduct to transport canal boats on the Delaware River. The bridge has been recently fully restored, with numerous historical signs showing its use as an aqueduct. The walk also passes the Zane Grey Museum (free) in Lackawaxen, PA.

**Southampton (Long Island), NY (Y1863)**: This walk is composed of two 5k walks, both starting/finishing from the same location. The first 5k walk passes by numerous Southampton residences to the nearby ocean beach. After a short section (about 0.5k) along the beach, the route continues past the Agawam Lake. The second 5k walk passes downtown shops and restaurants, the Southampton town hall, and numerous Southampton residences.

## Our five Hudson River east side trails:

**Beacon, NY (Y1150):** Scenic views of the Hudson River. You'll walk by many historic buildings, antique shops, restaurants, specialty stores, and Beacon's riverfront on the Hudson. The route passes Beacon Falls and the trailhead at the base of Mount Beacon.

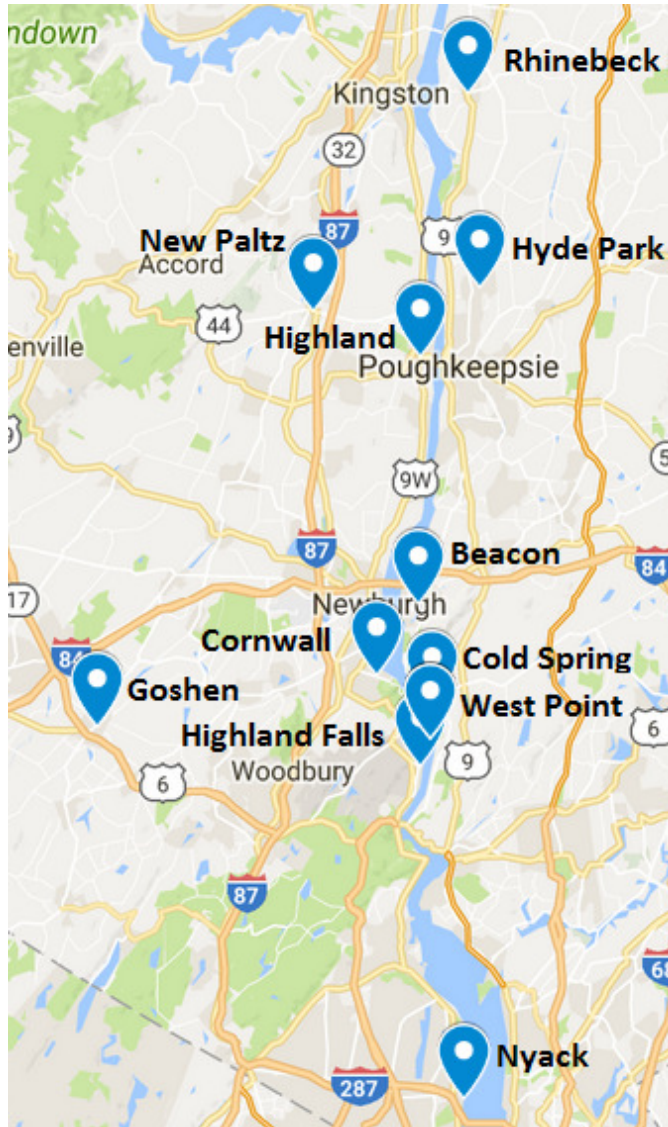
**Cold Spring, NY (Y1633):** The trails go by many 19th century historic buildings, antique shops, and boutiques with spectacular views of the Hudson River. The trail goes through both the villages of Cold Spring and Nelsonville. The longer trail visits Scenic Hudson's historic West Point Foundry Preserve.

**Highland, NY - Walkway over The Hudson and other Rail Trails (Y0797):** The New York State "Walkway Over the Hudson" bridge is the longest, highest elevated pedestrian bridge in the world. The Hudson Valley Rail Trail extends to the west and the Dutchess Rail Trail extends to the east. A variety of trails ranging from 5k to 25k are offered along any or all of these three trails. The 12k trail also travels through the historic section of the City of Poughkeepsie and returns over the FDR Mid-Hudson Bridge to the starting point. All others are out-and-backs.

**Hyde Park, NY (Y1108):** The trails go past the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Home, Presidential Library, and Visitors Center, as well as the railway station used by the King and Queen of England and the Vanderbilt Mansion. Both the home of FDR and the Vanderbilt Mansion are National Historic Sites. There are wonderful views of the Hudson River.

**Rhinebeck, NY (Y1094):** The trail transverse the picturesque village of Rhinebeck. As you tour the village you will see a collection of varying architectural styles from late 18th through the early 20th century.

Our trails in the Hudson Valley running as far north as Rhinebeck down to Nyack in the south. Additionally, we have trails in Barryville, NY to the west, and Southampton on Long Island to the east.



# The Volkssport Club at West Point 2017

An "American Volkssport Association: America's Walking Club" affiliated club

Our walks are open to all!

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