

Liberty Bell Wanderers

Welcome You to the Year Round Event of

Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia, PA (Philadelphia County)

Chestnut Hill is one of Philadelphia's most beautiful, affluent and historic neighborhoods. The historic district which dates back to the 1700's is listed on the National Register of Historic districts. Walk along cobble stoned Germantown Avenue, Chestnut Hill's main street, where trolleys once ran. There are many shops, restaurants, and galleries to explore. Walk through neighborhoods of stately historic mansions and Victorian townhouses. The walk also goes along the Wissahickon Creek on Forbidden Drive in Wissahickon Valley Park, a National Historic Landmark and part of Philadelphia's Fairmount Park System. Other attractions while in Chestnut Hill are the Morris Arboretum and Woodmere Art Museum, both require admission.

There are 3 distances to choose from – 11K, 7K and 5K. The 11K and 7K go along a portion of Forbidden Drive on a paved/gravel surface with many historical features. There is also a significant hill. These two distances are rated 2B. The 5K goes through residential neighborhoods and is basically flat on paved surfaces. The 5K is rated 1B.

Start Point: **The Fresh Market**, 8208 Germantown Ave., Philadelphia 19118

Directions: From the PA Turnpike (I-276), take Exit 333 toward Norristown. Go through the toll booth to Plymouth Rd. Turn right onto Plymouth Rd. Continue onto Flourtown Rd. for 2.3 miles. Turn right onto Stenton Ave. for 1.8 miles. Keep to the right to stay on Stenton Ave. then continue straight onto Bethlehem Pike for 0.6 miles. Turn left onto Germantown Ave. Continue 4 blocks to The Fresh Market on the right. Park in the rear of the parking lot.

Walk Registration: Registration takes place online using the AVA Online Start Box, on my.ava.org. Follow the instructions provided to create a user account and sign the AVA waiver (one time). Instructions for payments are also included. Download the directions and print as needed. **The POC does not provide event directions or accept alternate payment methods.**

Walk Completion and Walk Credit: Once you have physically completed the walk, login to your Online Start Box account and click on the "My Start Box" tab, then the "Finish Table" tab, then click on "Go to Finish Table" button for the event you have completed. 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 choose to print out.

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Chestnut Hill YRE – 11K WALK (Philadelphia County)

This walk is **rated a 2B**. Highlight of this walk is the portion along Forbidden Drive in Wissahickon Valley Park. The surface is paved/gravel, with minor inclines. There is a significant hill along Germantown Ave. after exiting Forbidden Drive. The trail also goes through some residential areas on paved surfaces. Be aware of broken and uneven sidewalks.

Restrooms are available at the Start Point and on Forbidden Drive.

Emergency Numbers:

	In case of Emergency, Dial 911.
	For event related assistance:
	Jennifer Quinn: 215-836-7061

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Start Point: The Fresh Market, 8208 Germantown Ave.

1. Exit the Start Point and turn **RIGHT** on Germantown Ave. Continue 4 blocks to Springfield Ave.
There are several historic buildings along Germantown Ave. At 8130 is the Stagecrafters Theater. An 18th century house and blacksmith shop which became a workshop for a local theater group in 1932. In 1936, the two buildings were joined to provide space for a theater.
2. **RIGHT** on Springfield Ave.
3. **RIGHT** on Crefeld St. at the stop sign.
4. **LEFT** on Willow Grove Ave.
5. **LEFT** on Lincoln Dr. (Cross to the right side of Lincoln Dr.)
6. **RIGHT** on Springfield Ave. Continue 2 blocks to St. Martins Lane.
7. **LEFT** on St. Martins Lane.
8. **RIGHT** on Moreland Ave. Continue 2 blocks to Huron St.
Note the tree carving on the corner of Moreland & Huron.
9. **RIGHT** on Huron St.
10. **LEFT** on Springfield Ave. at the stop sign.
11. Slight **RIGHT** turn on Valley Green Rd. Follow signs to the Valley Green Inn. Cross a stone bridge.
12. Sharp **RIGHT** turn onto the Forbidden Drive just before reaching Valley Green Inn.
Public restrooms are available near the Inn. Located behind a stable-like structure.
13. Continue on Forbidden Drive to the end at Northwestern Ave. (approx. 4K).
Forbidden Drive is a gravel road/trail that follows the Wissahickon Creek. It was originally a turnpike when it was completed in 1853. It became Wissahickon Drive in 1874 when the Fairmount Park Commission bought the surrounding land. Auto owners wanted to use it when they came along, but in 1920 the Philadelphia Riders and Drivers (of carriages) won and cars became forbidden on the drive. Since then it has been referred to as Forbidden Drive.
After passing a stone bridge that leads to Rex Ave., look up the hill to the right to view the statue of Chief Tedyuscung. He is 15 feet tall carved in full headdress with his right hand shading his eyes.

Sculpted in 1902 and placed on the bluff where it's believed that Lenape Indians held their pow-wows. There is a historical marker on the trail pointing to the statue. It will be difficult to spot the statue when the trees are in bloom.

Further down the trail is the Thomas Mill Covered Bridge. It was built in 1855, refurbished in 1939 and again in 2000. It is one of only 5 remaining Howe-truss bridges still standing in Pennsylvania and the last remaining covered bridge in Philadelphia.

14. At the end of Forbidden Drive, turn **RIGHT** on Northwestern Ave. and walk through the parking lot to Germantown Ave. **(7K)**
15. **RIGHT** on Germantown Ave. Continue back to the Start Point at The Fresh Market. The campus of Chestnut Hill College is on the left. Germantown Ave. goes uphill until passing the hospital then it starts to level out. Cross Rex Ave. and enter the commercial district with its many shops, restaurants, and galleries. Continue on Germantown Ave. to return the Start Point at The Fresh Market.
Historic Sites along Germantown Ave. (building numbers are listed):

8711 - Library. The Christian Hall Library was the first library on this site in 1871. In 1896 it merged with Philadelphia's Free Library. The current building dates back to 1909 and was donated by Andrew Carnegie.

8501 – Cress's Hotel. Now home to Robertson's Florist, this building was originally built as a stage coach route hotel by Henry Cross around 1790. Many Philadelphians sought refuge at this inn during the yellow fever epidemic.

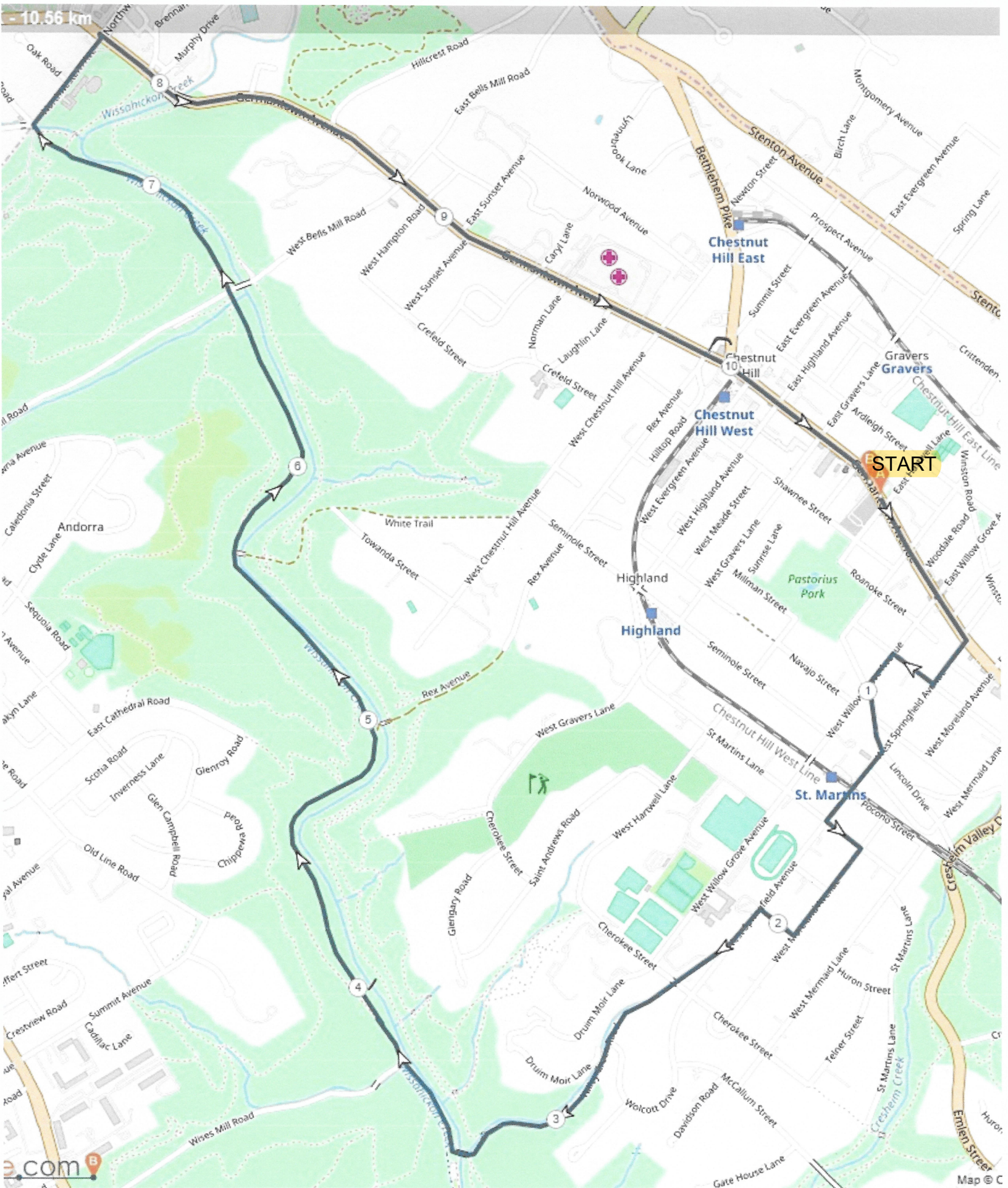
8419 – Community Center. The local branch of the National League for Women's Service met here during World War I to make socks and bandages for the troops. After the war, it became the Community Center.

8217 – VFW Building. This building was originally home to the Hiram Lodge and later to several other fraternal organizations.

8220 – Detwiler House. Oldest building in Chestnut Hill, built in 1744. British and American troops from the Battle of Germantown marched past this farmhouse in 1777. Later the Liberty Bell passed by on its way to Allentown for storage when the British occupied Philadelphia.

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Chestnut Hill 11K




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Chestnut Hill YRE – 7K WALK

(Philadelphia County)

This walk is **rated a 2B**. Highlights of this walk include a portion along Forbidden Drive in Wissahickon Valley Park on a paved/gravel surface, and residential neighborhoods featuring stately older homes and Victorian style townhouses. There is a significant hill on this walk. Be aware of broken and uneven sidewalks.

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Start Point: The Fresh Market, 8208 Germantown Ave.

- Exit the Start Point and turn **RIGHT** on Germantown Ave. Continue to 4 blocks to Springfield Ave.
There are several historic buildings along Germantown Ave. At 8130 the Stagecrafters Theater. An 18th century house and blacksmith shop which became a workshop for a local theater group in 1932. In 1936, the two buildings were joined to provide space for a theater.
- RIGHT** on Springfield Ave.
- RIGHT** on Crefeld St. at the stop sign.
- LEFT** on Willow Grove Ave.
- LEFT** on Lincoln Dr. (Cross to the right side of Lincoln Dr.)
- RIGHT** on Springfield Ave. Continue 2 blocks to St. Martins Lane.
- LEFT** on St. Martins Lane.
- RIGHT** on Moreland Ave. Continue 2 blocks to Huron St.
- RIGHT** on Huron St.
Note the tree carving on the corner of Moreland & Huron.
- LEFT** on Springfield Ave. at the stop sign.
- Slight **RIGHT** on Valley Green Rd. Follow signs to the Valley Green Inn. Cross a stone bridge.
- Sharp **RIGHT** turn onto the Forbidden Drive just before reaching Valley Green Inn.
Public restrooms are available near the Inn. Located behind a stable-like structure.
- Continue on Forbidden Drive until reaching a small stone building (Help Locator 150). Just past the stone building is a large stone bridge on the right. Turn **RIGHT** and cross the bridge. *Forbidden Drive is a gravel road/trail that follows the Wissahickon Creek. It was originally a turnpike when it was completed in 1853. It became Wissahickon Drive in 1874 when the Fairmount Park Commission bought the surrounding land. Auto owners wanted to use it when they came along, but in 1920 the Philadelphia Riders and Drivers (of carriages) won and cars became forbidden on the drive. Since then it has been referred to as Forbidden Drive.*
- Option:** One of the historic sites along Forbidden Drive is the statue of Chief Tedyuscung. He is 15 feet tall carved in full headdress with his right hand shading his eyes. Sculpted in 1902 and placed on the bluff where it's believed that Lenape Indians held their pow-wows. There is a trail leading to the

statue. After crossing the stone bridge, take the 2nd trail on the left (there will be a trail marker indicating Tedyuscung statue). This trail is a wide switchback that goes directly to the statue. There will be directional posts at each trail junction.

15. After crossing the bridge, continue straight ahead as the trail goes uphill and ends at Rex Ave. Continue on Rex Ave. to Shawnee St. *As you walk along Rex Ave., look at the home at No. 233 on the left just after passing Millman Pl. On the second story of the home there is fire insurance plaque. There are also other homes along this street with the same type of plaque. Back in Ben Franklin's time folks paid firefighting companies in advance for fire protection and in exchange received a fire mark or plaque to attach to their home or building. The payments for the fire marks supported the fire companies.*

16. **RIGHT** on Shawnee St.

17. **LEFT** on Hilltop Rd. Follow Hilltop as it curves left and returns to Rex Ave. *There is a Little Free Library located along Hilltop Rd.*

18. **RIGHT** on Rex Ave.

19. **RIGHT** on Germantown Ave. Continue back to the Start Point at The Fresh Market.

Historic Sites along Germantown Ave. (building numbers are listed):

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Chestnut Hill YRE – 5K WALK

This walk is **rated a 1B** and is mainly through the residential neighborhoods of Chestnut Hill. Walk by older stately homes and Victorian style townhouses. There are some minor inclines. Be aware of the broken and uneven sidewalks on many of the streets.

Restrooms are available at the Start Point only.

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At 8130 is the Stagecrafters Theater. An 18th century house and blacksmith shop which became a workshop for a local theater group in 1932. In 1936, the two buildings were joined to provide space for a theater.
2. **RIGHT** on Moreland Ave. at McDonalds.
3. Pass Roanoke St. and turn **LEFT** on Crefeld St.
4. **RIGHT** on Mermaid Ln.
5. **RIGHT** on Navajo St. at the stop sign.
6. **RIGHT** on Moreland Ave.
7. **LEFT** on Crefeld St. Continue 2 blocks to Willow Grove Ave.
8. **LEFT** on Willow Grove Ave.
9. **LEFT** on Lincoln Dr. (Cross to the right side of Lincoln Dr.)
10. **RIGHT** on Springfield Ave. Continue 2 blocks to St. Martins Lane.
11. **LEFT** on St. Martins Lane.
12. **RIGHT** on Moreland Ave. Continue 2 blocks to Huron St.
13. **RIGHT** on Huron St.
Note the tree carving on the corner of Moreland & Huron.
14. **RIGHT** on Springfield Ave. at the stop sign Continue to St. Martins Ln.
On Springfield Ave. is the Springhouse Chestnut Hill Academy which was once the Wissahickon Inn, a 250 room inn built in 1884 as a summer resort hotel.
15. **LEFT** on St. Martins Ln.
16. **RIGHT** on Willow Grove Ave. Continue to Lincoln Dr.
17. **LEFT** on Lincoln Dr. at the stop sign.
18. **RIGHT** on Abington Ave. Pass Pastorious Park on the left.
19. **LEFT** on Roanoke St.
20. **RIGHT** on Hartwell Ln.
21. **LEFT** on Shawnee St. Continue to Gravers Ln.
Two Little Free Libraries at 8250 Shawnee St.
22. **RIGHT** on Gravers Ln. to Germantown Ave.
23. **RIGHT** on Germantown Ave. and return to the Start Point at Fresh Market.

2020 KSVa Special Challenges and AVA Special and National Programs

WALK NAME: _____ CHESTNUT HILL _____					
NUMBER: _____ 114559 2020/Y0302 _____					
KSVa SPECIAL CHALLENGES					
67 Counties (no end date)			Philadelphia		
AT Thru Hike (2017 -2020)			N/A		
AVA SPECIAL PROGRAMS					
Program Name	Years	11K	7K	5K	Information
Airports – Celebrating American Flight	(2020 - 2022)				
Animal Safari	(2015 – 1017)	X	X	X	Blue bear bench on corner of Germantown Ave. & Southampton St. Longhorn steer carving on Moreland Ave. & Huron St. (7K and 11K only)
Boardwalks	(2015 - 2017)				
Border Crossing	(2014 - 2023)				
Bridges – Spanning the USA	(2016 - 2018)	X	X		Hwy. bridge over Wissahickon Creek(11K) Ped. bridge over Wissahickon Creek (8K)
Carousels Across America	(2019 – 2021)				
Food for Thought	(2015 - 2017)	X	X	X	Chestnut Hill
Ice Cream Parlors	(2017 -2019)	X	X	X	Trolley Ice Cream Parlor Bredenback’s Ice Cream Parlor
Little Free Libraries	(2019 - 2021)		X	X	On Hilltop Ave. (7K) On Shawnee St. (5K)
Make A Wish – Water Fountains	(2016 – 2018)	X	X	X	Susan Ann Detscher Pizzano Fountain in front of Top of Hill Plaza on Germantown Ave.
Mayflower – 400 th Anniversary Walk	(2020 – 2022)	X	X	X	Statue of Chief Tedyuscung on Forbidden Drive. (11K & 7K) Shawnee St. (5K)
National Parks Centennial	(2016 - 2018)				
Points of Reference	(2016 - 2018)	X	X	X	Chestnut Hill
Rockin’ Around the Clock	(2020 – 2022)				
State Street Sashay	(2016 - 2018)				
Take A Walk in a City Park	(2016 - 2018)	X	X	X	Buckley Park – Germantown Ave. & Hartwell Ln. Pastorious Park (5K only)
Treasure Hunt	(2016 - 2018)	X	X	X	Keystone
Underground Railroad	(2017 – 2020)				
United States Post Office	(2016 - 2018)	X	X	X	8227 Germantown Ave.
Vice Presidential Walks	(2016 - 2018)				
Walking America’s Ports of Call	(2016 - 2018)				
Walking the Path of Inventions	(2016 - 2018)				
Walk the USA – Street by Street	(2016 - 2018)	X	X	X	Germantown Ave. – CT, IL, OH Springfield Ave. – AL, CO, GA
AVA NATIONAL PROGRAMS					
Program Name	Years	11K	7K	5K	Information
50 States / 51 Capitals	(no end date)	X	X	X	Pennsylvania
Walk the USA (A To Z)	(no end date)	X	X	X	C