

Lake George, Seasonal Walks

A 5K and 10K walk are available and they are both **rated 2A**.

Starting Point: Fort William Henry Resort Hotel and Conference Center
48 Canada Street website: www.fortwilliamhenry.com
Lake George, NY 12845 Phone: (800) 234-0267 or (518) 668-3081

Parking and rest rooms are available at the Resort and it is usually open dawn to dusk but please contact the Resort for hours if walking in April or September through November as their hours may change. Parking at the Resort is available throughout the season and if restrooms are not available at the Resort there are a number of businesses on Canada St. (Route 9N/US9) that may have restrooms.

DIRECTIONS TO START POINT: Lake George is located approximately 60 miles north of Albany NY off of the Adirondack Northway, I-87.

From the South: Take (Adirondack Northway) I-87 North. Take EXIT 21 (Route 9N) N toward Lake George. Route 9 will become Canada St. Fort William Henry Resort Hotel will be on your RIGHT as you enter the Village of Lake George.

From the North: Take I-87(Adirondack Northway) South. Take EXIT 22 toward Route 9N/US9/Lake George Village, turn LEFT take the US9 ramp toward Lake George Village. Turn RIGHT on US9/Canada St. Fort William Henry Resort Hotel will be on your LEFT.

From Vermont: Take Route 149 to Route 9 and proceed NORTH (RIGHT turn). Route 9 will become Canada St. Fort William Henry Resort Hotel will be on your RIGHT as you enter the Village of Lake George.

Course Description: This trail follows village streets; treks through the Lake George Battlefield Park and some grassy fields; passing Adirondack gift shops, monuments, and historic Fort William Henry, with a panoramic view of Lake George and the Adirondack Mountains.

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Lake George, NY Seasonal Walk 5K

In the lobby and adjacent public hallways of the Fort William Henry Hotel and Conference Center are many beautiful large photos of Lake George. In addition, the view of Lake George (the "Queen of American Lakes"), from the rear patio is outstanding.

EXIT Fort William Henry Conference Center

1. **LEFT** towards Fort William Henry. Pass the blockhouse and cannon.
2. **LEFT** following the path that goes alongside the entrance to Fort William Henry, keeping the fort on the right. Walk down the stairs. At the bottom of the stairs walk straight through the parking lot to the sidewalk.
3. **RIGHT** at the sidewalk. You are walking along Beach Road, no sign, but it is parallel to the lake. Walk past the old Railroad Depot, which is now a gift shop. Continue to the corner where there is a miniature golf business. This corner (may not be a sign) is West Brook Road (aka County Route 69).
4. **CROSS** the street and keep walking straight. There is a very large field on the right. When looking towards the right you will see a statue in the distance before the woods.
5. **RIGHT** on any of the paths. Make your way on your chosen path or over the grass to the statue of Father Jogues. On the back of the monument you can read about Father Jogues. Turn around so that you are facing the lake.
6. **RIGHT** and make your way to the road on the right using the paths or over the grass. No sign, but this is Fort George Road. There are double yellow lines in the middle of the road.
7. **RIGHT** onto Fort George Road. Walk to the first driveway which is the entrance leading into a picnic area. There is a kiosk.
8. **LEFT** into the road leading into Lake George Battlefield Park. Walk past the kiosk at the entrance and follow the curving road past the remains of Fort George which looks like a big rock wall. There are informational signs near the opening. Continue to a mostly open area. Look for a monument depicting a Mohawk Indian and Sir William Johnson.
9. **WALK** to and look at the monument. When you are finished looking, stand in front of the monument, **FACE THE ROAD** and look to the right where there is a sidewalk going down a short hill.
10. **RIGHT** and proceed on this sidewalk as it curves to the right heading in the direction of the lake. At Beach Rd, cross using the crosswalk.
Note the popular Glens Falls - Queensbury - Lake George Bike Path.
11. **RIGHT** on Beach Rd and follow the sidewalk past the beach and building. Use the crosswalk at the end of the sidewalk to cross the boat launching area.
This is Lake George Beach State Park or Million Dollar Beach. When the building is open, there are several interesting historic photos of this area on display.
12. Immediately **BEAR LEFT** and pass a bench. **WALK** to the circular porch-like turnaround, there is a double chain link barrier.
Enjoy the lovely view of Lake George, the village and the Adirondacks!
13. **TURN AROUND** and **RETRACE** your steps on the sidewalk. Continue along the sidewalk past the beach, Military Dock Historical Marker and steamboat docks, keeping the lake to your right. You will arrive at a ticket office that is a replica of the Colchester Reef Light House built on Lake Champlain in 1871 and is now on display at the Shelbourne Museum in Vermont.

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14. RIGHT into the parking and boat boarding area and carefully make your way to the boardwalk along the shoreline. Step onto the boardwalk and walk to the other end.

There is a sign on the little boardwalk that notes the historical and famous people who have enjoyed Lake George. From the dates it looks like the rich and famous no longer come to Lake George!

15. When finished, **RETURN** to the sidewalk in front of the lighthouse ticket office.

16. RIGHT on the sidewalk, keep the lake to the right. The sidewalk will eventually curve to the right (restrooms are in the Visitor Center at this corner and there is a perennial garden to explore in season).

17. CONTINUE to follow the shoreline. Pass the Village Mall and a bandstand on the left as well as Shepard Beach on the right. (Restrooms are open during beach season.) *There is a monument to the Ethan Allen Boat tragedy on October 2, 2005.* Go to the end of the walkway at a dead-end road. This is Lower Amherst St (no sign).

18. LEFT onto Lower Amherst St and up the hill to the front corner of the building at your left.

19. LEFT on the path directly in front of this building, the old Warren County Courthouse - presently the home of the Lake George Historical Association. *If the building is open, go inside to take a few minutes to view the historical artifacts.*

20. CONTINUE through the black gate, continue down 3 steps and pass the Veterans' Memorial on the left. Continue along the path through Shepard Park. Pass through the pair of stone pillars at the end of the path.

21. LEFT to walk on Canada St (Route 9). There are shops and restaurants on both sides of Canada Street. Cross Beach Rd by the Visitor Center, there is a traffic light.

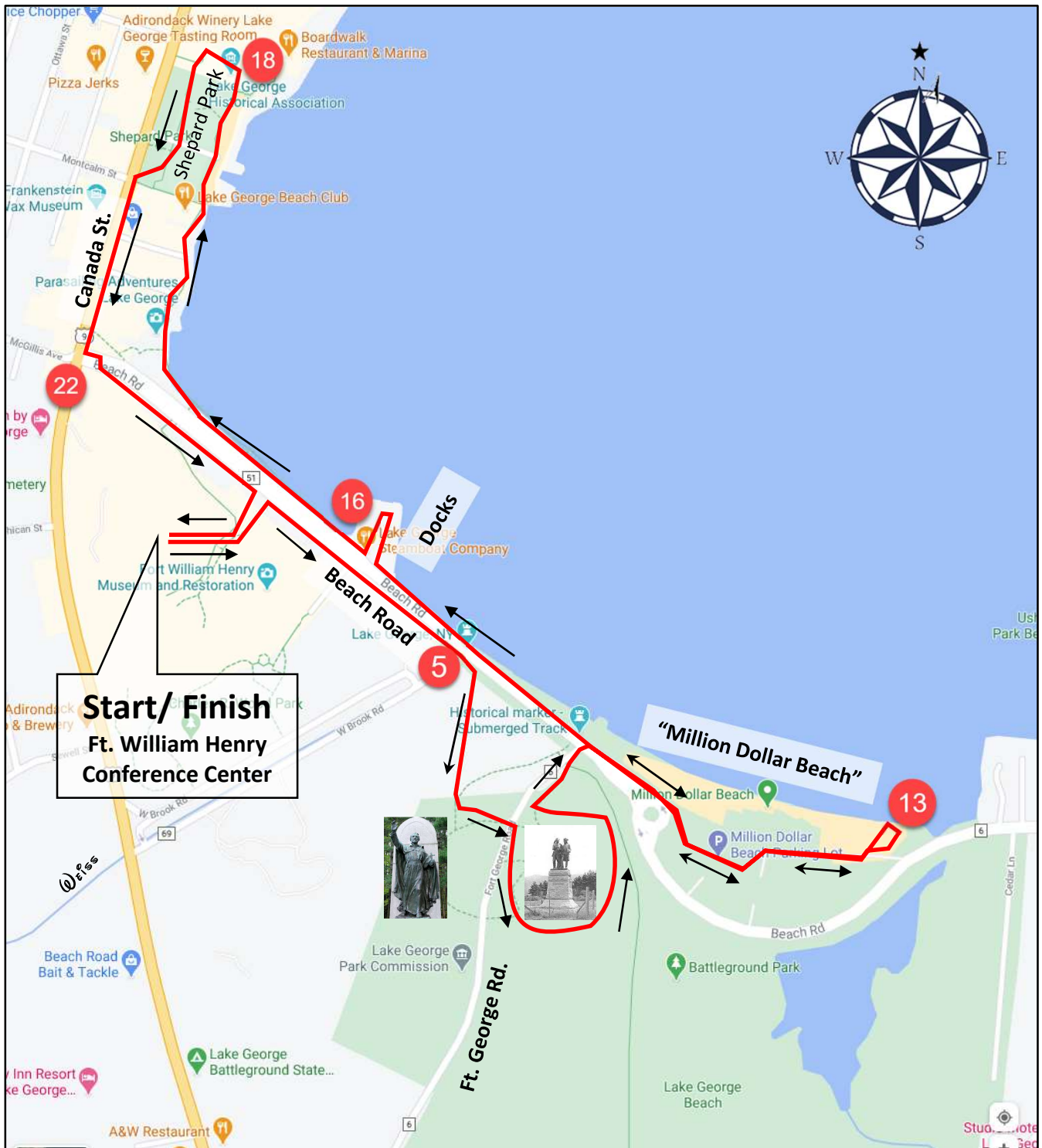
22. LEFT onto Beach Rd. Follow Beach Road past more shops including the Lookout Café and Shops. Partway along the parking lot, look on the right for an archway noting Fort William Henry.

23. RIGHT to walk through the archway, climb the steps, walk past the entrance to Fort William Henry on the left and return to the start point at the Hotel and Convention Center.

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LAKE GEORGE SEASONAL 5K WALK



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- 1. WALK** straight through the parking lot to Route 9/9N, also known as Canada St.
- 2. RIGHT** at the sidewalk. After a short distance, look for the crosswalk
- 3. LEFT** at the crosswalk and cross Canada St/Route 9. After crossing, take a very short jog to the left to Mohican St.
- 4. RIGHT** on Mohican St. Walk to Cooper St. *You will pass both the Caldwell Cemetery and the Sacred Heart Church on the right.*
- 5. RIGHT** on Cooper, pass Caldwell, Chestnut, and McGillis to Montcalm. Across from Montcalm is the start of the Prospect Mountain Footpath.
- 6. LEFT** onto the footpath. *Look for an informational sign about access to the top of Prospect Mountain in past times. This is the beginning of the hiking trail to the top of Prospect Mountain.*
- 7. WALK UP THE PATH** through the woods to the road which is Smith St (no sign). *(Is it too snowy or muddy? Continue on Cooper and go to direction 9.)*
- 8. RIGHT** onto Smith St (no sign here at the end of the path).
(If you were continuing to the top of Prospect Mountain, you would go left to the staircase down the road on the right side. It’s the way to the bridge over the Northway. No need to go there, now.)
- 9. RIGHT** on West St. Pass Cooper and Schuyler. (Only pass Schuyler if you stayed on Cooper to detour for snow and mud)

10. LEFT at Helen and continue around the curve as the street becomes Amherst St. Walk to and cross Ottawa St, the firehouse will be on the right.

11. LEFT on Ottawa to Mountain Dr.

12. LEFT on Mountain Dr at the stop sign. Walk past Holly Dr to Joques Farm Rd.

13. RIGHT onto Joques Farm Rd to Old Post Rd. At the corner of Joques Farm Road and Old Post Road, look to your left.

The town and village government buildings are slightly up the road to the left, rest rooms available during the week. Before the Northway was built, this well-built structure was the 19th hole of a golf course. The construction of the Northway in the 1960's resulted in the closure of the golf course.

14. RIGHT onto Old Post Rd and continue along Old Post Rd down the hill. Cross Mountain Dr.

15. LEFT onto Mountain Dr to Canada St.

16. RIGHT onto Canada St and walk for several blocks.

You'll walk past Lake George High School, alma mater of Rachael Ray, class of 1986. Note the many businesses on this side of Canada St.

17. LEFT at the intersection of McGillis/Canada St, use the crosswalk to walk to the other side.

18. LEFT on this side of Canada St passing more businesses. *The Visitor Center is the first building on the right, there are restrooms when it is open.* Look for Shepard Park and two stone pillars.

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19. RIGHT at Shepard Park, walk between the stone pillars. Continue on this "upper" path within the park that is parallel to the lake. At the end of the path, walk up 3 steps.

Just beyond the fence after the Veterans' Memorials is the old Warren County Courthouse, now the home of the Lake George Historical Association. If the building is open, go inside for a few minutes to view the historical artifacts.

20. RIGHT immediately after the Courthouse onto Lower Amherst St. Walk down the hill towards the lake, the Boardwalk Restaurant is to your left.

21. RIGHT at the sidewalk next to the lake. Follow this sidewalk keeping Lake George on your left.

You will pass a monument to the Ethan Allen boat tragedy on October 2, 2005, Shepard Beach (restrooms on right in season), a structure (bandstand), Village Mall, boat rental and cruise concessions.

22. AS the sidewalk CURVES to the left at the "end" of the lake there is a perennial garden on the right. Take a few minutes to enjoy the plantings in season. Return to the sidewalk. While keeping Lake George on the left, walk following the curve, passing docks.

23. CONTINUE walking to the docks where excursion ships begin their cruises. Find the ticket office that looks like a very small lighthouse (*it's a replica of the original Colchester Reef Light House built on Lake Champlain in 1871 and is now on display at the Shelbourne Museum in Vermont*).

24. LEFT into the parking lot by the lighthouse ticket office. Carefully make your way to the little fenced boardwalk area at the lakeside. Walk from one end of the boardwalk to the other to enjoy the view!

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25. RETURN to the lighthouse ticket office. In front of the ticket office is a crosswalk, cross the street here.

26. LEFT on the other side of the street, *passing the old RR Station which is now a gift shop*. Walk past the miniature golf park.

27. RIGHT at the corner by the miniature golf and walk on the right side of West Brook Rd (aka County Route 69), keeping the miniature golf course on your right. Walk to Route 9/Canada St.

You will pass on the right, Woods Park, a venue for community events and recreation. This replaced the former Gaslight Village.

28. LEFT to walk on the sidewalk at Route 9/Canada St. Continue past the Glens Falls National Bank and the Tiki Resort. Walk to the campground.

29. LEFT into the campground, even if the gate is closed. Walk mostly straight along the road past the Restrooms, which are available during camping season. (No snow or ice blocking your path? Continue to direction **30**. If there is snow, follow these directions in parentheses:

*(If snow blocks your path into the campground, turn around, retrace your steps down the hill past Tiki, crossing and then turning right on West Brook Rd back to the miniature golf business. Cross and turn right at Beach Road. Continue with direction **38**, where you turn right and follow the sidewalk).*

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- 30. LOOK** for site 50. Next to site 50 is a short path leading through a wooded area, walk on this short dirt/gravel path. At the other end of the woods there is a paved path.
- 31. LEFT** on this paved path. Make your way on the path or over the grass to the statue of Father Jogues, a very short distance on your left atop a small hill.
- On the back of the monument you can read about Father Jogues.*
- 32.** When you are finished looking at the statue, **FACE THE LAKE.**
- 33. WALK to the RIGHT** to the road using the path or over the grass. No sign, but this is Fort George Road. There are double yellow lines in the middle of the road. Cross the road.
- 34. RIGHT** on Fort George Road. After a short walk on the road is the entrance leading into the picnic area (you will see a kiosk)
- 35. LEFT** into the road leading into Lake George Battlefield Park. Walk past the kiosk at the entrance and follow the curving road past the remains of a replica of Fort George, it looks like a big rock wall. There are informational signs near the opening. **CONTINUE** on the road to a more open area.
- 36.** Look across the open area and to see a monument depicting a Mohawk Indian and Sir William Johnson. **WALK** over to and look at the monument. When you are finished looking at the monument, stand in front of the monument and **FACE THE ROAD.** Look for a paved path on the right.
- 37. RIGHT** to walk on the path going down a small hill heading in the direction of the lake and ending at Beach Road. Use the crosswalk to cross Beach Road.
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- 39.** Immediately **BEAR LEFT** and pass a bench. **WALK** to the circular porch-like turnaround, there is a double chain link barrier.
- Enjoy the lovely view of Lake George, the village and the Adirondacks!*
- 40. RETRACE** your steps and continue along keeping the lake to your right. Look again for the ticket office that looks like a little lighthouse with a crosswalk in front.
- 41. LEFT** at the crosswalk to cross Beach Rd.
- 42. RIGHT** on the sidewalk (do not go up the stairs to enter the Fort William Henry Complex). **CONTINUE** to the corner of Beach Rd and Route 9/Canada St where there is a traffic light.
- You will pass businesses including the Lookout Café and Shops.*
- 43. LEFT** onto Route 9/Canada St and look for steps on the left.
- 44. LEFT** to climb up the steps and take the path a short way back to the start point.

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