



The Wood and Dale Wanderers Volksmarch Club
Welcomes You to
The 2021 Find the Love in Historic Manassas Walk
An AVA Sanctioned Year Round Event (Credit only)



This walk is composed of a 5 km loop with optional 5 km extension to make a 10 km walk. The initial 5 km loop visits sights in Old Town Manassas. The second 5 km loop strolls through neighborhoods.

The entire trail is rated 1A. The walk start/finish point is in the parking of the Manassas Visitor Center (old train station). **Restrooms** are available inside the train station waiting area, though you may need to enter on the track side. The Manassas Visitor Center is open 9-5 for a visit.

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 payment 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, please login to your Online Start Box account 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" insert cards that you may choose to print out.

Special Programs:

AVA:

Little Free Libraries (2019-2022). There are six total, five on the 5 km loop alone.

Rockin' Around the Clock (2020-2023). There are three clocks within the first 5 km and a fourth on the 10 km route.

Walking with America's Veterans (2021-2023). Two qualifiers at/near museum.

50 States / 51 Capitals (no end date): Virginia

Walking the USA A-Z (no end date): Manassas

Virginia:

Virginia Find the LOVE signs. There are two signs in the first 5 km.

Virginia Counties and Independent Cities: Manassas

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Driving Directions and Walk Info

Starting Point Location:

Parking lot of the Manassas Visitor Center, 9431 West St., Manassas, VA. GPS: 38.750113, -77.472818

From I-66, exit Rt 28 (Centreville) to Manassas and go several miles on Centreville Rd (Rt. 28), changes to Church St. in Manassas, becomes one-way street. Left on Main St, cross Center St. and railroad tracks. Right on Prince William St. Visitor Center/train station parking lot is on the right past the parking garage.

From I-95, Rt 234 (Exit 152) W to Manassas (10-11 miles) to Dumfries Rd. Right on Dumfries Rd, becomes Grant Ave in Manassas, to Prince William St (before railroad overpass). Right on Prince William St. Manassas Visitor Center/train station is located on left.

Parking: Note four-hour parking limit in train station parking lot. There is street parking along Prince William Street and a parking garage across Battle St. Pay attention to parking restrictions.

Restrooms:

Inside train station waiting area, but you may have to enter on the track side.

COVID Info:

- Wear a mask inside buildings and when distance cannot be maintained on the trail.
- Bring your own hand sanitizer and water.

Note:

This event also has a Physical Start Box. Please use either the Online Start Box (OSB) or Physical Start Box (PSB) to register and complete the event. Do NOT mix and match, for example, by registering using the OSB then completing your event using the PSB nor signing the PSB log sheet. The sponsoring club only receives credit for an OSB participation when an OSB registration has been completed online by entering your participation date, distances, and any special programs using the OSB.

Emergency Numbers:



In case of Emergency: Dial 911

Event related assistance:

Celia Miner: 571-212-0329

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

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Walk Directions (LFL = Little Free Library):

1. Before you set out, note **LFL #80744** beside the train station on the parking garage side. With the visitor center/train station behind you, turn → **RIGHT** to West St. At West St, turn → **RIGHT**, carefully cross the railroad tracks, and proceed to Center St. Turn ← **LEFT** on Center St. Note **LOVE** sign next to tracks at Harris Pavilion and the **Clock** on the corner. Carefully cross Grant Ave (high traffic intersection) and continue on the left side of Center St.

2. Pass the Manassas Cemetery. Stop for a visit if you like. The large statue to the rear of the cemetery is within a Confederate burial section.

3. Continue on Center St. (1K just past Harley Davidson shop) to Stonewall Rd. At Stonewall Rd, turn → **RIGHT** to cross Center St. and walk on the right side of Stonewall, passing Pennington Traditional School (**LFLs #110248 in front, #68547 at playground**). Continue on Stonewall, crossing Nelson Ln and Beauregard Ave to Stuart Ave (2K).

4. Cross Stuart Ave and turn → **RIGHT** to walk on the left side of Stuart to Grant Ave. **Carefully** cross Grant to Nelson Park. (Nelson Park is a favorite for weddings. Note historical sign for Manassas, which became an independent city in 1975. Per the law in Virginia, Manassas then separated from surrounding Prince William County.)

5. Continue on Stuart Ave as it bends right and becomes West St. Continue on West St, passing Taylor St, to Beauregard Ave, (3K) and turn → **RIGHT** on Beauregard.

6. Continue on Beauregard Ave. to Grant Ave. Carefully cross Grant Ave and turn ← **LEFT** to walk on the right side of Grant, passing Bennett Dr and Mosby St. You will pass many old homes and a **Clock** at the old courthouse before reaching Church St.

7. At the intersection of Grant Ave and Church St, turn ← **LEFT** to cross Grant Ave with the light and continue on Church St to West St.

(4K). Behind the old post office at 9325 West St. is **LFL #51701**. Continue on Church St. (If you go behind the post office to the LFL, continue past the Episcopal Church and turn right to get back to Church St.)

8. Turn → **RIGHT** onto Main St. As you pass the Bull Run Unitarian Universalist Church, note **LFLs** in the courtyard (one English, one Spanish, two different charter numbers. If you need a break, try the coffee shop just past the U.U. church. Good coffee, snacks, and restrooms.) Continue on Main St to Center St.

DECISION POINT:

5K: Cross Center St (note Clock on building across Main) and continue on Main St., carefully crossing railroad tracks and Prince William St. Continue on S. Main St. Go to instruction # 15.

10K: Continue with next instruction.

9. **10K:** Cross Center St. Note **Clock** on building at corner of Main and Center. Turn ← **LEFT** to walk on the right side of Center St for several blocks (**Clock** before Fairview Ave). Cross Fairview Ave and turn → **RIGHT** on Fairview, carefully crossing the railroad tracks.

10. Turn ← **LEFT** on Tudor Lane, then turn → **RIGHT** on Windsor Ave. Turn ← **LEFT** on Signal Hill Rd (6K past Mayfield Ct) and continue to Richmond Ave (stop sign).

11. At Richmond Ave, turn → **RIGHT** to cross Signal Hill Rd and continue on Richmond to Oakenshaw Dr.

12. At Oakenshaw Dr, turn ← **LEFT** (7K at Yohr Ct). In a short distance at Yoder St., look left to see **LFL #42393** (temporarily closed, but number still active). After Nagle St., use the crosswalk to cross to the right side of Oakenshaw and continue on Oakenshaw in the same direction. In about 20 meters, turn → **RIGHT** on the paved path and follow it as it bends left behind the houses until it reaches the street (Wellington Rd.) (8K)

13. Turn → **RIGHT** on Wellington Rd. until you reach the sidewalk before the light at Fairview

Ave. Bear → **RIGHT** on the sidewalk to walk on the right side of Fairview Ave. At the light for Signal Hill Rd, turn ← **LEFT** to cross Fairview, then turn → **RIGHT** to walk on the left side of Fairview Ave.

14. Turn ← **LEFT** on Tudor Ln., which will curve right (9K) then left, becoming Prince William St. Cross Main St. and turn ← **LEFT** on the right side of S. Main.

15. Continue on S. Main, passing steps on your right, to the sidewalk with the low brick wall. Bear → **RIGHT** on the sidewalk to the Manassas Veterans Memorial (*Walking with America's Veterans*).

16. From the Veterans Memorial, retrace path back to the steps you passed and turn ← **LEFT** up the steps into the drive and turn ← **LEFT** to follow the drive to the circle to see the Blue Star Memorial (*Veterans*).

17 Turn around and walk around to the other side of the museum to see the **LOVE sign**. With your back to the museum, walk on the sidewalk toward Prince William St. and cross to the finish (4.9K / 9.9K).

Thank you for walking with us. Please check out our other YREs at Leesylvania State Park, Prince William Forest Park, Dumfries/Montclair, the Quantico Marine Corps Museum, Dale City, Manassas Battlefield Park, and Potomac Mills Mall.

