

5 km/11 km PETERBOROUGH NH SEASONAL WALK

EVENT ID: 2019/Y0528

TRAIL DESCRIPTION:

This walk explores Peterborough, a historic and attractive town in southern NH. "Our Town" by Thornton Wilder was modeled on this town. The Moses Cheney House was a station on the Underground RR. There are many historic buildings in town, and a nice collection of shops and restaurants.

TRAIL RATING:

The 5 km trail is rated 1A, while the 11 km trail is rated 2A. Footing is almost entirely on sidewalks or quiet roads, while both routes have brief sections on grassy paths through a park.

REGISTRATION & FEES:

This is an IVV Credit Only event with online registration (www.cva4u.org). The online system does not allow Free walkers; a minimal charge is incurred for directions.

AMENITIES:

Peterborough has a good mix of shops and eateries. Most eateries are in the Depot Square area, which both walks pass through both early in the walk, and later near the end. Restrooms are available at the Visitor Center on Rte. 101 when open, the town library when open, and numerous shops and businesses. Near the start point, Dunkin Donuts, at 213 Concord St., is open at all hours. The Peterborough Chamber of Commerce Center at 10 Wilton Road, also near the start point and on the walk route, is open between 9 and 4 on weekdays and has local information and restrooms.

The walk uses part of the 6.5-mile long Common Path. Built in stages over the past year, it now extends to Noone Falls, about a mile south of Peterborough, to the Hancock town line.

AVA SPECIAL PROGRAMS

- Ice Cream Parlors
- Little Free Libraries
- Underground Railroad
- Walking the United States A through Z

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

Coming from either the east or west, take NH 101 to the junction of Grove St. Look for a big shopping plaza at and the NH Liquor & Wine Outlet at 19 Wilton Rd. Turn into the plaza, and go to the left side of the parking lot. Look for the Common Path, a paved bike

path descending from the parking lot and leading to an underpass which will cross under the busy NH 101. This is where you should begin your walk.

WALK COMPLETION AND 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” insert cards that you may later choose to print out.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS:

In case of Emergency: Dial 911

Event related assistance: Cynthia Gray (802) 498-8668, crwgray@comcast.net

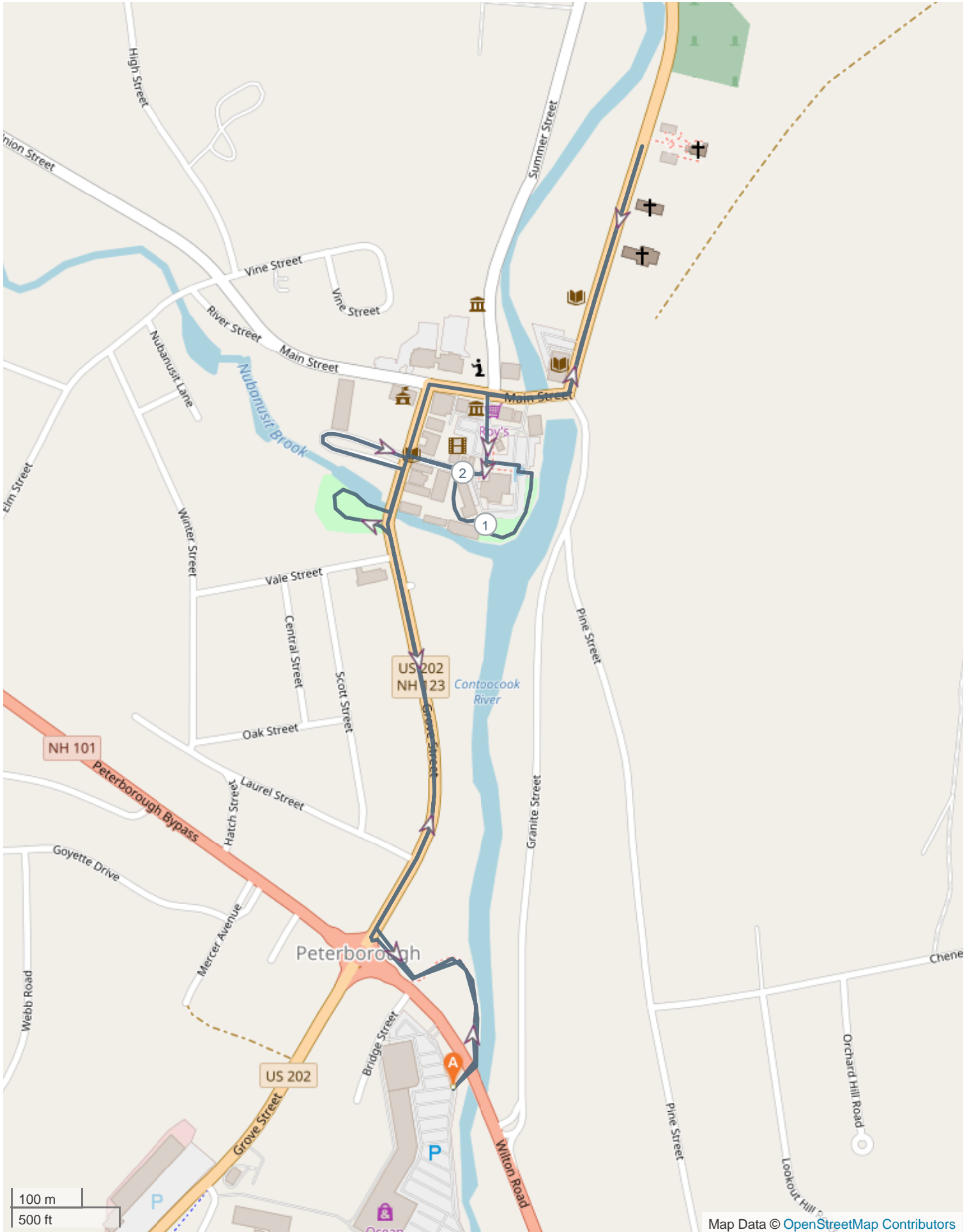
PETERBOROUGH, NH 5 & 11 KM SEASONAL WALK DIRECTIONS

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

1. From Peterborough Plaza, facing Rte. 101, go to the right edge of the pavement and look for the beginning of the Common Path. This will cross under Rte. 101.
2. Continue towards the Chamber of Commerce visitor center. Restrooms and local information available when open.
3. Continue a short distance to a busy 4-way intersection with Rte. 101 and Grove St. RIGHT on Grove St., headed into town. Pass the Greek Revival G.A.R. hall on your right, noting the statue of the Civil War soldier and the cannons. On your left, at Vale St., is Ava Marie's. Stop in for ice cream and chocolate treats.
4. Cross the street, RIGHT on sidewalk to continue to Putnam Park on your left. The grove of trees here gave Grove Street its name. LEFT into park and follow the path to loop around the lawn clockwise, ignoring side paths which go up the nearby hill.
5. At Grove Street, LEFT on sidewalk, crossing the Nubanusit River. Pass the U.S. Post Office (*Georgian Revival, built 1936.*)
6. LEFT on Phoenix Mill Lane, an alley which runs along the river. Continue up a short hill to the dam. Look upstream to see the waterfall. (*This was the site of the Phoenix Mill, which produced cotton cloth and operated until 1922.*)
7. Turn around and walk down the left side of the alley between two buildings.
8. With Harlow's Pub on the corner, cross Grove St. and head straight ahead on School St.
9. At Twelve Pine, RIGHT on the alley, keeping Twelve Pine on your left. Bear left at the end of the building and continue into Depot Park. With the river on your right, follow the path through the park until you come to a gazebo.
10. LEFT at the gazebo to walk through a parking lot with the Toadstool Bookshop on your left and the Peterborough Diner on your right.
11. At School St., left, returning past Cooper's Hill Public House to Grove St.
12. RIGHT on Grove Street. The Monadnock Center at 20 Grove St is on your left. (*Visitor's info is inside the door. The museum is open Wednesday through Saturday.*)
13. Return to Grove Street and continue LEFT. Pass the Town Hall. At Main Street, notice the horsehead water fountain.
For 5K, RIGHT on Main, cross to left hand side when you reach crosswalk at Depot St and jump to instruction #21. For 10K, LEFT on Main.
14. Continue uphill, passing Our Town Inn on left. Pass Elm Street on left. Continue through this residential area for a little over a mile. Pass the Adams Playground on right and the Peterborough Recreation facility on your left. A Little Free Library is on your left, at the recreation facility

15. At 277 Union Street, just beyond a small bridge over a brook, look on your right for the Deacon Moses Cheney house. (*Moses Cheney lived in one half of this double brick house, and operated an underground railway station here. Runaway slaves would stay for the night on their way to the next stop in Hancock.*)
16. Pass Windy Row on right and continue a short distance to Teixeira Park. Follow the path which circles the park, then head towards the stonework in the center of the park. (*The "Ruin Garden" was designed by Ron Higgins, a local landscaper.*) Note the plaque at the entrance to the garden.
17. Leaving the park, cross Union Street at the crosswalk, towards the Masonic Hall. RIGHT through the parking area, then LEFT on Windy Row. THE NEXT SECTION OF THIS WALK IS ON QUIET ROADS, BUT WITHOUT SIDEWALKS. PLEASE WALK IN SINGLE FILE ON THE LEFT SIDE.
18. RIGHT on MacDowell Road. Enjoy this rural section of town. Pass several private driveways leading to properties on the MacDowell Colony. (*This was originally a farm owned by composer Edward MacDowell. The colony provides a community for artists to reside and work for the summer.*)
19. At High Street, RIGHT. (*To the left are the MacDowell family graves, and a little farther is the headquarters for the MacDowell Colony. Allow yourself an extra km if you check them out.*)
20. Continue downhill on High Street, passing Vine Street on left. LEFT on Main St.
21. **5K continues here:**
Pass the People's United Bank, the Unitarian Church (1825), and cross Summer Street. Cross over the Contoocook River.
22. At Concord St, with the library on corner, LEFT, passing the library. (*Established in 1833, this was the first tax supported library in the U.S.*) Continue along the sidewalk to pass the Union Congregational Church (1839), the United Methodist Church (1840), and the All Saints Episcopal Church (1923).
23. At the Episcopal Church, turn around and retrace your steps back to the library.
24. At the library, RIGHT on Main St, crossing the river.
25. At Depot St., LEFT on crosswalk to cross Main St., then continue straight ahead on Depot St, with Roy's on your left and the Mariposa Museum on your right. (*The museum promotes the diversity of world cultures with its exhibits and educational programs.*) Pass the Peterborough Community Theater on the right and the Peterborough Diner, a Worcester Company Lunch Car, on your left.
26. Curve right with the road after the theater, soon returning to Grove St.
27. LEFT on Grove St., leaving the center of town.
28. Just before the 4-way intersection with Rte. 101, LEFT towards the visitor center. Continue towards the Shell station, then enter the Common Path to cross underneath Rte. 101 and return to your car.

Peterborough 5k



Peterborough 11k

