

**EAST TENNESSEE WANDERERS  
KNOXVILLE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE WALK  
7K/10K**

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## UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE

This walk uses sidewalks in the City of Knoxville and on the University of Tennessee campus. With on-going construction projects, please be prepared to take detours as necessary due to closed streets and sidewalks.

Knoxville was the Capital of Tennessee from 1796 to 1812 with the exception of one day in 1807 when the legislature met in Kingston. The state of Tennessee received the "Volunteer" name in the nineteenth century due to Tennesseans' willingness to serve their country in the military. References to the Tennessee Volunteers began during the War of 1812 when Tennesseans volunteered en masse in response to President Madison's call for service. Then during the Mexican War, when the secretary of state asked for 2,800 Tennessee volunteers, he got 30,000 which established the state's nickname as the Volunteer State. The Atlanta Constitution was the first to call UT athletes "Volunteers," after a Tennessee-Georgia Tech football game in 1902.

The University of Tennessee, founded in downtown Knoxville in 1794 as Blount College, moved to The Hill in 1828 and quickly grew around it. The distinctive orange color was inspired by a small cluster of orange and white daisies on The Hill in 1889. Now UT Orange is everywhere.

## STARTING POINT

The starting point for both distances is the Knoxville Visitor Center, 301 South Gay Street, Knoxville, TN 37902

**Directions:** From the east on I-40, take Exit 389 for Hall of Fame Drive toward US-441 N/Broadway. Keep left to continue on Exit 388A, follow signs for TN-158 W/US-441 S/James White Pky/Downtown/University of Tennessee. Continue on TN-158 W. Use the right lane to take the Summit Hill Drive exit. Follow E. Summit Hill Drive SE to S Gay St.

From the west on I-40, take Exit 388 for US-441 S/Henley St. toward downtown. Keep right, follow signs for TN-62/Western Ave/Summit Hill Dr. Follow TN-62 E/Western Ave and W. Summit Hill Dr SW to S Gay St.

**Parking:** While there are a few free parking places at the Visitor Center (get permit inside), they are time limited. One can at times find street parking, but at a cost (metered). Best parking is at the Market Square Garage, 402 Walnut St. You will be only 0.2 mile from the Visitor Center and there are restrooms in the parking garage. Parking is free on the weekends.

**Latitude 35.967047, Longitude -83.919549**

## GENERAL WALK INFORMATION

Walk during daylight hours. Restrooms are available in the Market Square Parking Garage, some shops on the route, and in the UT Student Center. While food may be available in the Student Center, there are numerous interesting places to eat in Market Square toward the end of your walk (or at the beginning if you make a slight detour).

## POINT OF CONTACT

Dan Lewis (president @easttennesseewanderers.org) 865-441-2429  
If you have questions, comments, or recommendations with respect to this event, please do not hesitate to make contact.

## SPECIAL PROGRAMS

The three Special Programs associate with this walk are A-Z (Knoxville, TN), 50 States (Tennessee), and Walking with America's Veterans.

## OSB REMINDERS

Be sure to log back into the OSB system to finish/complete your online registration. You can then print out your insert cards for this walk.

## OTHER EAST TENNESSEE WANDERERS EVENTS

While in the area, you might enjoy some of our other events.

Alcoa Greenway, Alcoa Bike, Alcoa/Maryville Extended Greenway, A.T. Through Tennessee, Clinton 12, Gatlinburg Trail, Gatlinburg Tourist, Elkmont Historic, Newfound Gap (A.T.), Knoxville (Music, Moonshine, and Art), Knoxville (North Knoxville – 4<sup>th</sup> & Gill), Seven Islands State Birding Park, Maryville, Oak Ridge, Townsend, and Fort Loudoun State Historic Park.



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1. **Exit** the Visitor Center.
2. **Turn right** to walk along Gay Street.
3. **Cross** Wall Ave., Union Ave., and Clinch Ave.
4. **Turn Right** on Clinch Ave.
5. **At Locust St., take the Skybridge to cross Henley St. [If the Skybridge is closed, carefully cross Henley Street at the light].**
6. **Exit the Skybridge** and continue to walk along Clinch Ave.
7. To your left is the SunSphere (266-foot tower topped by a 5-story gold globe) in the 70-acre World's Fair Park, which was the site of the 1982 World's Fair, officially known as the Knoxville International Energy Exposition. You will be coming back by the SunSphere so plan to take the elevator to the observation floor. The view and historic photos of the World's Fair are well worth the time.
8. **Continue on Clinch Ave.** crossing World's Fair Park Drive and 11<sup>th</sup> St.
9. **Turn Left on 12<sup>th</sup> St.**
10. **Walk** along 12<sup>th</sup>, crossing White Ave. to the Skybridge.
11. **Use the Skybridge** to cross over Cumberland Ave. onto the main campus of the University of Tennessee. Looking across the road and to the right you can see Ayres Hall at the top of the hill and to its right the Austin Peay Administration Building.
12. **Exit the Skybridge** to your **right** and follow Middle Drive (parallels Cumberland Ave) to merge with Circle Drive. [The area to your left is known as "The Hill" for obvious reasons].
13. **From Circle Drive,** walk out to Cumberland Ave.
14. Once at Cumberland Ave., **turn left** to walk along Cumberland Ave.
15. **At 16<sup>th</sup> St./Volunteer Blvd,** turn left onto Volunteer Blvd.
16. **As Volunteer Blvd curves to your right,** you will see the Torchbearer Statue. This statue depicts the Volunteer Creed: "One that beareth a torch shadoweth oneself to give light to others."
17. **Continue to walk along Volunteer Blvd.**
18. At Pat Head Summitt St make note of The Rock. This 98 ton Knox dolomite rock, unearthed in the 1960's, serves as a geological message board providing a communications hub and palette of expression for the UT community.
19. **Turn left to cross Volunteer Blvd**
20. **Turn Left** to continue walking along Volunteer Blvd. **Note the Starbucks and restrooms on your right.**
21. **Cross** Lake Loudoun Blvd.
22. **Turn right** on Lake Loudoun Blvd. **Turn left** on Philip Fulmer Way. Philip Fulmer was head coach of the Tennessee Volunteers from 1992 to 2008, compiling a 152-52 record and winning the first ever BCS National Championship Game in 1998.
23. Note Pat Summitt statue on your left. She was Head Coach of the 8-time champion Lady Vols basketball team from 1974-2012. As of this writing this is the third highest total all-time wins for a coach in NCAA Division 1 basketball history of either a men's or women's team)
24. **Continue** on Philip Fulmer Way with Thompson-Boling Arena on your right.
25. Thompson-Boling Arena on your right is the multi-purpose arena home to Tennessee Volunteers (men and women) basketball teams and the women's volleyball team. The basketball court is named "The Summitt" after basketball coach Pat Summitt. At one time this was the largest facility ever built specifically for basketball in the U.S. with seating capacity of 24,535 (current capacity of 21,678 for basketball and 25,000 as a concert venue).
26. The road will curve to your left passing Neyland Stadium, home to the University of Tennessee Volunteers. The stadium, enclosing Shields-Watkins Field with origins in 1919, was named for the man most responsible for the growth and development of Tennessee's proud football tradition, General Robert R. Neyland. One of the early expansions of Neyland Stadium was done in the 1930s by the Federal Works Projects Administration. **[Works Projects Administration (WPA)]** With a capacity of 102,455 it is (as of the time of this writing) the fifth largest NCAA stadium in the nation. Given the competition to have the biggest, it is interesting to note that in 1996, after 22 consecutive years of leading the nation in average home attendance, Michigan lost its claim as the largest college-owned football stadium in the country when Neyland Stadium's capacity was expanded to 104,455. It was reported that the Michigan Wolverines coach pushed for their stadium to be enlarged because he didn't want "those hillbillies in Tennessee" to have a bigger stadium. The plea was answered and the Wolverines' stadium is (at the moment) the largest in the nation holding 107,601 fans. For those who must know, Penn State (106,572), Ohio State (102,780) and Texas A&M (92,733) are the next in size.
27. **Cross** at crosswalk between gates 15A and 18 to see the statue of General Neyland just inside the stadium. Brigadier General Robert Neyland, a West Point graduate, served in France in World War I. After becoming head coach and athletic director at the University of Tennessee,

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28. **Continue on Phillip Fulmer Way** from the statue to **walk past Peyton Manning Pass** (hill). Look to your left for the checkerboard and T in the road. This is where the Vol Walk takes place at home football games. For the football challenged, Peyton Manning was beloved quarterback for the UT Volunteers and was one of the greatest of *pro* quarterbacks.
29. **Turn Right to walk along wide pedestrian walkway**
30. The next building on your left is the Student Union. **Restrooms, food, water, UT items available.**
31. Looking ahead and up The Hill, you can see the clock tower of Ayers Hall. This building was completed in 1921 and named for Brown Ayers, the University's 12<sup>th</sup> President.
32. As you reach the base of the steps that go up The Hill, **turn right to walk down to Middle Dr.**
33. At Middle Drive (unmarked), **turn left and follow Middle Drive** as it goes around The Hill.
34. **Watch to your right for two short brick pillars and one of the iconic Smokey statues.** Great place for a photo with the Sunshpere in the background. **Take the stairway** through the short brick pillars **down to Estabrook Rd** (unmarked).
35. **Cross** the road, and **turn left and continue to the steps on your right.**
36. **Turn right and take the steps down to cross over the creek.**
37. **Turn right** at the parking lot to **follow** the sidewalk.
38. When you reach the Greenway, **turn left** toward the Sunshpere.
39. **Turn right** off the Greenway at the railroad tracks.
40. **Turn left just past the railroad tracks and cross over Cumberland Ave.** toward the Sunshpere.
41. **Walk into World's Fair Park, following the path to your right.**

42. Note the fountains to your left and the representation of a river cascade on your right (may not be operational out of season).
43. Walk toward the Knoxville Convention Center and then walk to your left.
44. Take the steps up to the right of the Sunshpere. Now you have another opportunity to go up and enjoy the view.
45. **Walk past** the Sunshpere to Clinch Ave, **turn right** and **walk up the stairs** ahead and to your right to the **Skybridge** to ease crossing Henley St. [If the Skybridge is closed, carefully cross Clinch St, turn right, and then cross Henley Street at the light].
46. **Continue** up Clinch Street, **crossing** Locust, and Walnut.
47. **Turn Left onto** Market Street and cross Union into Market Square where there are a number of excellent places to eat. Market Square is part of the Moonshine, Music, and Art Walk which also starts at the Visitor Center.
48. **At the end of Market Square, carefully cross Wall Ave. and Turn Right.**
49. As you walk toward Gay St., note "mural alley" to your right.
50. **At Gay Street turn Left.**
51. **Walk along Gay Street back to the Visitor Center.**

**CONGRATULATIONS!** You have completed your 7 km walk!

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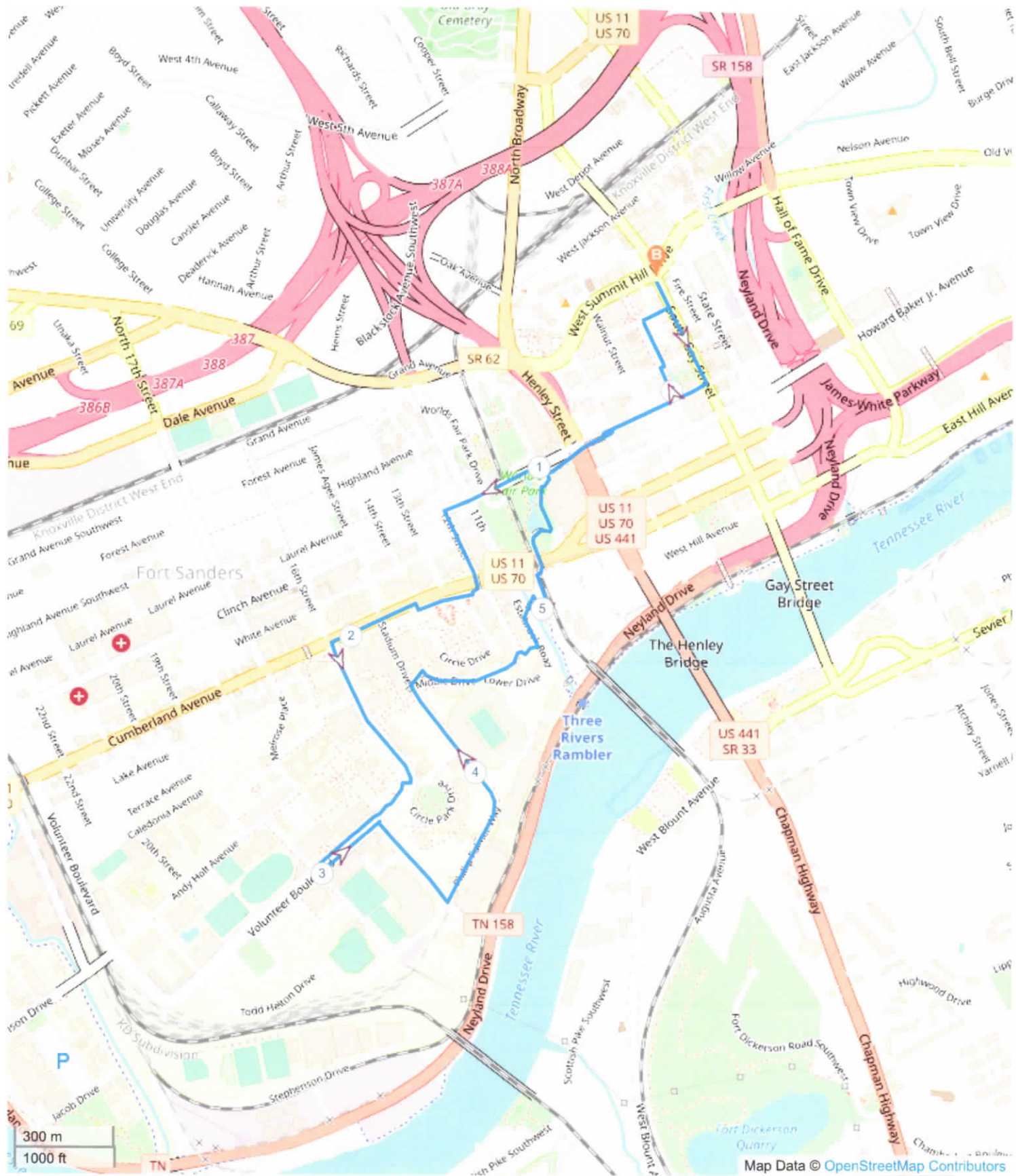


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# KNOXVILLE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE 7K WALK



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- 1. Exit** the Visitor Center.
- 2. Turn right** to walk along Gay Street.
- 3. Cross** Wall Ave., Union Ave., Clinch Ave., W. Church Ave., Cumberland Ave., and Main St..
- 4. Cross and Turn Right** on W. Hill Ave
- 5. Turn Left** on Walnut St. (**steep down hill**)
- 6. Just before the bottom of the hill, Turn left** to walk across Neyland Drive on the pedestrian overpass.
- 7. On the far side, turn right and go down the stairs..**
- 8. As you step out at the bottom, restrooms (if open) will be on your right and left. Turn Right on Neyland Greenway with the Tennessee River on your left.**
- 9.** As you walk along the greenway with the river on your left, this is the area where the Vol Navy docks during football season. UT is one of only two colleges that hosts their own "navy" with water access to their football stadium.
- 10. Continue** on the Greenway along the river through River Mountain Park, **under** the gray Henley Street Bridge, **past** the Three Rivers Rambler railroad cars (if parked), and **under** the railroad bridge.
- 11. Walk through** the two brick pillars, go **right**, and cross Neyland Drive at the light.
- 12.** Follow the greenway when it **turns left to take you back toward Neyland Drive.**
- 13. Turn right with** Neyland Drive on your left. Across the street is Wayne G. Basler Boathouse, home of the University of Tennessee rowing program.
- 14.** To your right is Neyland Stadium, home to the University of Tennessee Volunteers. The stadium, enclosing Shields-Watkins Field with origins in 1919, was named for the man most responsible for the growth and development of Tennessee's proud football tradition, General Robert R. Neyland. One of the early expansions of Neyland Stadium was done in the 1930s by the Federal Works Projects Administration. **[Works Projects Administration (WPA)]** With a capacity of 102,455 it is (as of the time of this writing) the fifth largest NCAA stadium in the nation. Given the competition to have the biggest, it is interesting to note that in 1996, after 22 consecutive years of leading the nation in average home attendance, Michigan lost its claim as the largest college-owned football stadium in the country when Neyland Stadium's capacity was expanded to 102,455. It was reported that the Michigan Wolverines coach pushed for their stadium to be enlarged because he didn't want "those hillbillies in Tennessee" to have a bigger stadium. The plea was answered and the Wolverines' stadium is (at the moment) the largest in the nation holding 107,601 fans. For those who must know, Penn State (106,572), Ohio State (102,780) and Texas A&M (102,733) are the next in size.
- 15.** Note the historic marker for the West Wing of the Federal Lines during the siege of Knoxville during the Civil War
- 16.** Thompson-Boling Arena on your right is the multi-purpose arena home to Tennessee Volunteers (men and women) basketball teams and the women's volleyball team. The basketball court is named "The Summitt" after basketball coach Pat Summitt. At one time this was the largest facility ever built specifically for basketball in the U.S. with seating capacity of 24,535 (current capacity of 21,678 for basketball and 25,000 as a concert venue).
- 17.** At the light at Lake Loudoun Blvd, **turn left to cross** Neyland Drive
- 18. Turn right** to continue to **follow** the Greenway as it turns to the left to circle around the water treatment plant. OK, here is a place for shallow breaths and long steps.
- 19. Continue** to follow the Greenway as it turns left back at Neyland Drive.
- 20.** After the Greenway goes **under** Neyland Drive, immediately **turn right to loop back up to** Neyland drive.
- 21. Continue** along Neyland Dr. crossing a bridge.
- 22. Go straight** as you walk down a small hill to follow gravel path to your right to go into the University of Tennessee Gardens.
- 23. Take the first left** (HGTV Home Showcase Garden)
- 24. Take the next left** just before the **Truck/Gas Pump**
- 25. Keeping the truck on your right, walk past** the Kitchen Garden also on your right
- 26. Go left** at the first 'T'. A gazebo will be on your right.
- 27. Go left** at the 'Y' toward the picnic pavilion.
- 28. At the Children's Garden sign on your left, go straight on the middle path to then cross** the wooden bridge and **go right** up the hill
- 29. Continue to your left** past the fence on your right (note the sign to the Veterinary Medical Center).
- 30. Cross** Jacob Dr. (no sign) and **go straight** on the sidewalk along the Service Drive, going past the Stop sign to Joe Johnson Dr.
- 31. Turn right on** Joe Johnson Drive and **cross** to your **left** at the crosswalk.
- 32. Turn right** on the sidewalk.
- 33. Cross** EJ Chapman at the light.
- 34. Walk up over** the overpass.

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35. **Cross** Volunteer Blvd at the light.
36. **Turn right and cross Joe Johnson Dr.** Note the Allan Jones Intercollegiate Aquatic Center on your left was completed in 2008 and is one of the nation's premier facilities for swimming and diving
37. **Walk along Volunteer Blvd as it curves left.**
38. **Pass LaPorte Stadium & Tom Black Track "Home of Champions"**
39. **Cross Pat Head Summitt St** to look at The Rock. This 98 ton Knox dolomite rock, unearthed in the 1960's, serves as a geological message board providing a communications hub and palette of expression for the UT community.
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50. At the end of Peyton Manning Pass, look ahead to the left to see the "Torchbearer Statue".
51. **Take the steps** up to the Torchbearer Statue. This statue depicts the Volunteer Creed: "One that beareth a torch shadoweth oneself to give light to others."
52. **Go back down** the steps and with your back to the Torchbearer Statue, **cross Payton Manning** toward the College of Nursing.
53. **Walk** down Volunteer Blvd with the College of Nursing on your right.
54. **Turn right at the stop light** onto the wide pedestrian walkway.
55. **Pass** the Haslam College of Business Building on your left.
56. The next building on your left is the Student Union. **Restrooms, food, water, UT items available.**
57. Looking ahead and up The Hill, you can see the clock tower of Ayers Hall. This building was completed in 1921 and named for Brown Ayers, the University's 12<sup>th</sup> President.
58. **As you reach the base of the steps that go up The Hill, turn right to walk down to Middle Drive.**
59. **At Middle Drive (unmarked), turn left and follow Middle Drive as it goes around The Hill.**
60. **Watch to your right for two short brick pillars and one of the iconic Smokey statues. Great place for a photo with the Sunshpere in the background. Take the stairway** through the short brick pillars **down** to Estabrook Rd (unmarked).
61. **Carefully cross** the road, **turn left, and continue to the steps on your right..**
62. **Take those steps down to cross** over the creek.
63. **Turn right** at the parking lot following the sidewalk to the Greenway.
64. At the Greenway, **turn left** toward the Sunsphere.
65. **Turn right** off the Greenway at the railroad tracks.
66. **Turn left just past the railroad tracks and cross over** Cumberland Ave. toward the Sunsphere.
67. **Walk into** World's Fair Park, **following the path to your right.**
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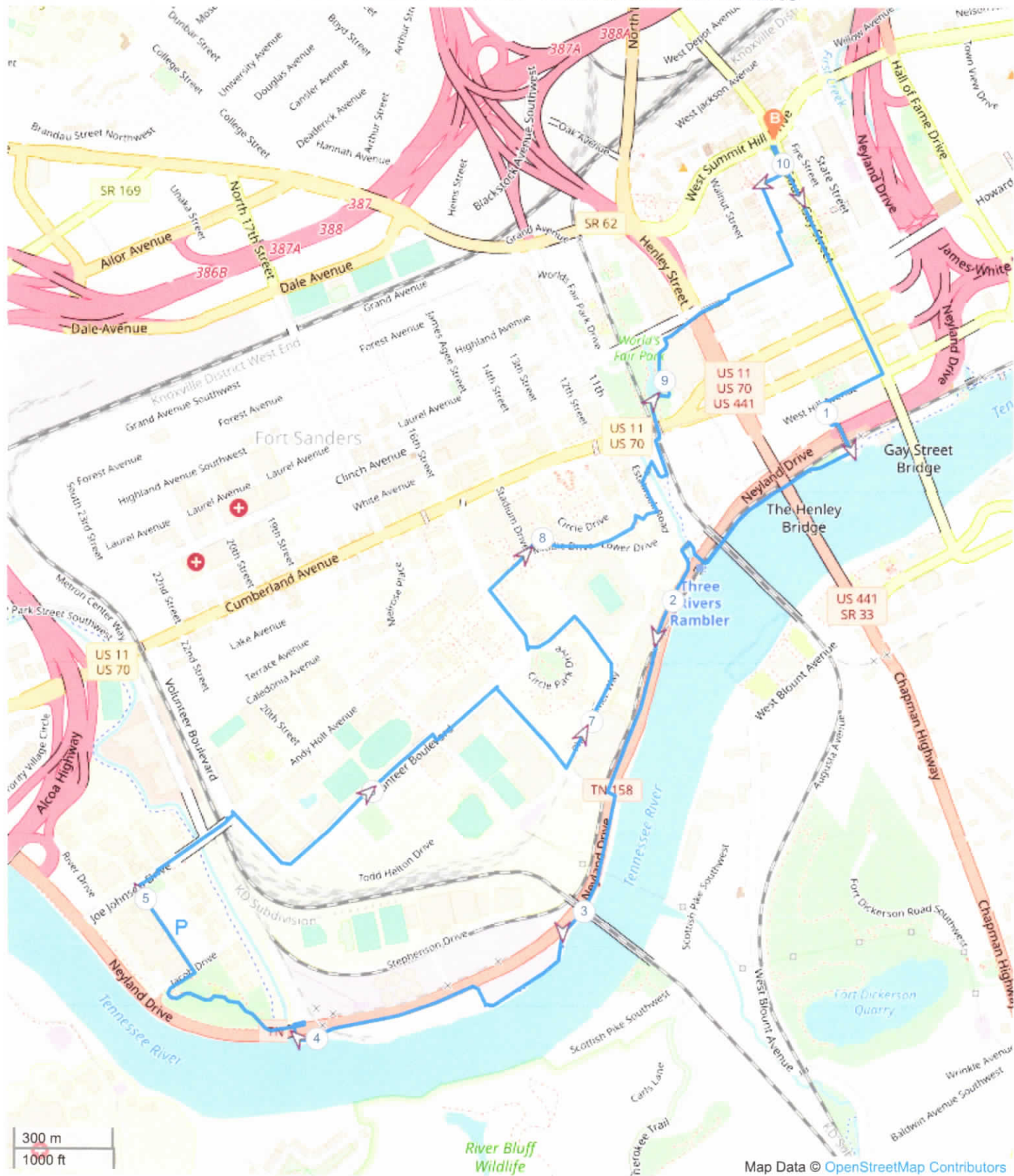


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