

Virginia Volkssport Association  
Year Round Walk  
**Staunton**  
**5/10 KM Trail Directions**

**START POINT:** Staunton Visitor Center, 35 S New St  
GPS N 38° 8.9346' W 79° 4.2883'  
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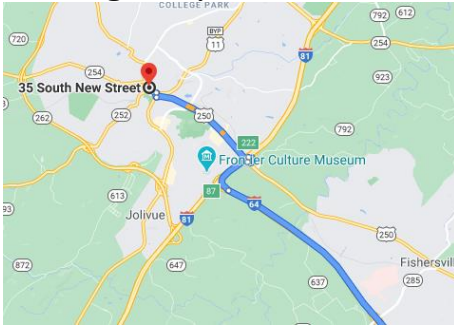
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**Driving Directions:**

1. From I-81, take Exit 222 onto US 250 W toward Staunton for about 2.7 miles.
2. Use the left lane to turn RIGHT onto Greenville Ave.
3. Turn LEFT to stay on Greenville Ave.
4. Turn RIGHT onto S New St.

The Visitor Center is on the corner of Greenville and New St. There is two-hour parking on the street or use the parking garage for \$1.25 per hour. Visit the Visitor Center for **restrooms** and to stamp your parking ticket for a free hour in the parking garage.

## Driving Map:



## Special Programs:

- Little Free Libraries: #35 (10 KM only)
- Rockin' Around the Clock: #13, #18B, 37
- Virginia Independent Cities: Staunton
- Walking the USA A-Z: "S" for Staunton

*Staunton is one of the oldest cities west of the Blue Ridge Mountains. It was first settled in 1732 by John Lewis and family. In 1736, William Beverley, a wealthy planter and merchant from Essex County, was granted over 118,00 acres by the Crown in what would become Augusta County. Surveyor Thomas Lewis laid out the first town plat in Beverley in 1746 of what was originally called Beverley's Mill Place. Founded in 1747, it was renamed in honor of Lady Rebecca Staunton, wife to Royal Lieutenant-Governor Sir William Gooch. Because the town was located at the geographical center of the colony (which then included West Virginia), Staunton served between 1738 and 1771 as regional capital for what was known as the Northwest Territory, with the westernmost courthouse in British North America prior to the Revolution. By 1760, Staunton was one of the major "remote trading centers in the backcountry" which coordinated the transportation of the vast amounts of grain and tobacco then being produced in response to the change of Britain from a net exporter of produce to an importer. Staunton thus played a crucial role in the mid-18<sup>th</sup> century expansion of the economies of the American Colonies, which, in turn, contributed to the success of the American Revolution. It served as a capital of Virginia in June 1782, when state legislators fled Richmond and then Charlottesville to avoid capture by the British.*

*Staunton remained largely unscathed during the Civil War, so it retains one of Virginia's finest collections of authentic 19<sup>th</sup> century architecture.*

## Walking Directions:

1. From the Visitor Center, turn LEFT on New St and continue a half block to the traffic signal at Greenville Ave (sign on right has E Johnson).

2. Turn LEFT on Greenville Ave and continue two blocks to State St. (CITGO Station across the street)

3. Turn LEFT on State St and continue one block to the STOP sign at Coalter St (no sign).

4. Turn LEFT on Coalter St and continue past the Woodrow Wilson Library/Museum to E Frederick St.

*Woodrow Wilson was born here on December 28, 1856. This 12-room Greek Revival-style house was built by the First Presbyterian Church as their manse or minister's home.*

5. Cross and turn LEFT on E Frederick St and continue past Mary Baldwin University to the third traffic signal at N Augusta St. **(1 KM at N New St)**

*Mary Baldwin University was founded in 1842 by Rufus William Bailey as Augusta Female Seminary. Among the first students was Mary Julia Baldwin. In 1863, Baldwin was named principal and headed the school through the Civil War, although most schools in the area had closed due to the war and economic hardship. The school was renamed Mary Baldwin Seminary in 1895.*

6. Cross and turn RIGHT and continue uphill to Pump St (City of Staunton Fire Station on the corner).

*The City of Staunton Fire Station contains the Antique Fire Engine Museum. "Jumbo" is a model 191 Robinson Chemical Fire Engine, the only surviving fire truck of its kind in existence. The fire department itself is one of the oldest in the Commonwealth, organized in 1790.*

7. Cross and turn LEFT on Pump St and continue two blocks to the end of the street at N Lewis St.

8. Cross and turn RIGHT on N Lewis St and continue two blocks to the traffic signal at Churchville Ave.

9. Turn LEFT on Churchville Ave and continue to the end of the street at Thornrose Ave.

10. Use the crosswalks to cross several parts of Thornrose Ave to the Augusta Art Museum.

11. Bear RIGHT and follow the sidewalk to the LEFT through the red and white pillars into Gypsy Hill Park. Keep the flagpoles to your right.

*Gypsy Hill Park is a sprawling 214-acre park that includes a public golf course, football and baseball fields, a gymnasium, lake, the Gypsy Express Mini-Train, Duck Pond, bandstand, and many more facilities.*

12. Bear LEFT on the park road (Constitution Dr) and continue to the Trolley Stop (small shelter with a bench).

### **Trail Split**

**10 KM Walkers:** Continue with Direction #13 next column.

**5 KM Walkers:**  
Go to Direction #16.

13. Continue on the park road to the next intersection near the top of the hill. The Stonewall Brigade Bandstand and the park will be on your right. **(3 KM at the red brick building near the intersection)**

*Near the train tracks is a small clock tower (Rockin' Around the Clock).*

*The Stonewall Brigade Band is the oldest continuous community band in the nation. It performs free concerts every Wednesday during June through August in the park.*

14. Turn RIGHT on the park road (not toward the golf course) and continue around the ball fields, a Gypsy Hill Park sign, the train depot, duck pond, and back to where you entered the park. **(4 KM just before the swimming pool on the right)**

15. Bear RIGHT and continue to the Trolley Stop (small shelter with a bench).

16. Turn LEFT to exit the park and continue a very short distance to Thornrose St (no sign).

17. Turn RIGHT and continue on the sidewalk to the crosswalk at 116<sup>th</sup> Regimental Road.

18. Turn LEFT to cross Thornrose Ave and immediately turn RIGHT to continue on Thornrose Ave to Circle Dr, the first street on the right. **(5 KM at 419 Thornrose St on the left)**

### Trail Split

**10 KM Walkers:** Continue with Direction #19 next column.

#### **5 KM Walkers:**

A. Bear LEFT to stay on Thornrose Ave and continue three blocks to the traffic signal at W Beverley St.

(Cont. next column)

B. Turn LEFT on W Beverley St and continue over kilometer to the fifth traffic signal at S New St.

*Rockin' Around the Clock—  
clocktower at 27 W Beverley St  
at Clocktower Restaurant and  
clock shop at 25 W Beverley St  
(Once Upon a Time).*

C. Turn RIGHT on S New St and return to the Visitor Center and your vehicle.

19. Turn RIGHT on Circle Dr and continue to the end of the street at Park Blvd.

20. Turn LEFT on Park Blvd and continue to Second St.

21. Turn LEFT on Second St and continue uphill for two blocks to Thornrose Ave.

22. CAREFULLY cross Thornrose Ave, turn RIGHT, and continue half a block to the Thornrose Cemetery entrance on the left. **(6 KM at the entrance)**

23. Turn LEFT into Thornrose Cemetery and continue a short distance to the T-intersection. (See last map for route)

24. Turn RIGHT and continue around the curve to the next intersection.

25. Bear RIGHT and continue to the intersection near the big cemetery entrance.

26. Continue STRAIGHT to the Y-intersection, passing a stone structure with Board of Trustees plaques and the Staunton Fire Department Memorial, both on the left.

27. At the Y-intersection, bear RIGHT past the crypts on the perimeter road and passing a small gate on the left and a maintenance building on the right to the T-intersection.

28. Bear RIGHT up the hill and continue to the second intersection.

29. Turn RIGHT and continue around to the next intersection.

30. Bear LEFT and continue past two intersections on the left to the next intersection.

31. Bear LEFT and continue STRAIGHT down the hill toward the big entrance, passing several intersections.

32. EXIT through the cemetery entrance to W Beverley St (no sign).

33. Turn LEFT on W Beverley St and continue two blocks to the traffic signal at Jefferson St.

34. Cross and turn LEFT on Jefferson St and continue one block to W Frederick St.

35. Turn RIGHT on W Frederick St and continue to the third traffic signal at N Augusta St.

*Little Free Library at 406 W Frederick St (# 20374)*

36. Turn RIGHT on N Augusta St and continue one block to Beverley St.

*NOTE: There are many architectural places of interest along the next few streets.*

37. Turn RIGHT on Beverley St and continue two blocks to Lewis St.

*Rockin' Around the Clock—clocktower at 27 W Beverley St at Clocktower Restaurant and clock shop at 25 W Beverley St (Once Upon a Time).*

38. Cross and turn LEFT and immediately turn RIGHT to continue on Beverley St one more block to Church St.

39. Turn LEFT on Church St and continue to the STOP sign at the end of the street at Middlebrook Ave.

40. Turn LEFT on Middlebrook Ave and continue past Lewis Ave to the next crosswalk.

*You are entering the Wharf Area Historic District. It is a warehouse and commercial district characterized by rows of late-19<sup>th</sup> century and early-20<sup>th</sup> century storefronts and an elongated plaza framed by small warehouses. Notable buildings include the Railroad Water Tower, American Hotel, John Burns Building, Erskine Building, and Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Station.*

41. Cross Middlebrook Ave and walk up a staircase to the Depot Grille.

42. Turn LEFT in the parking lot and continue past several restaurants and shops to the end of Middlebrook Ave at S Augusta St.

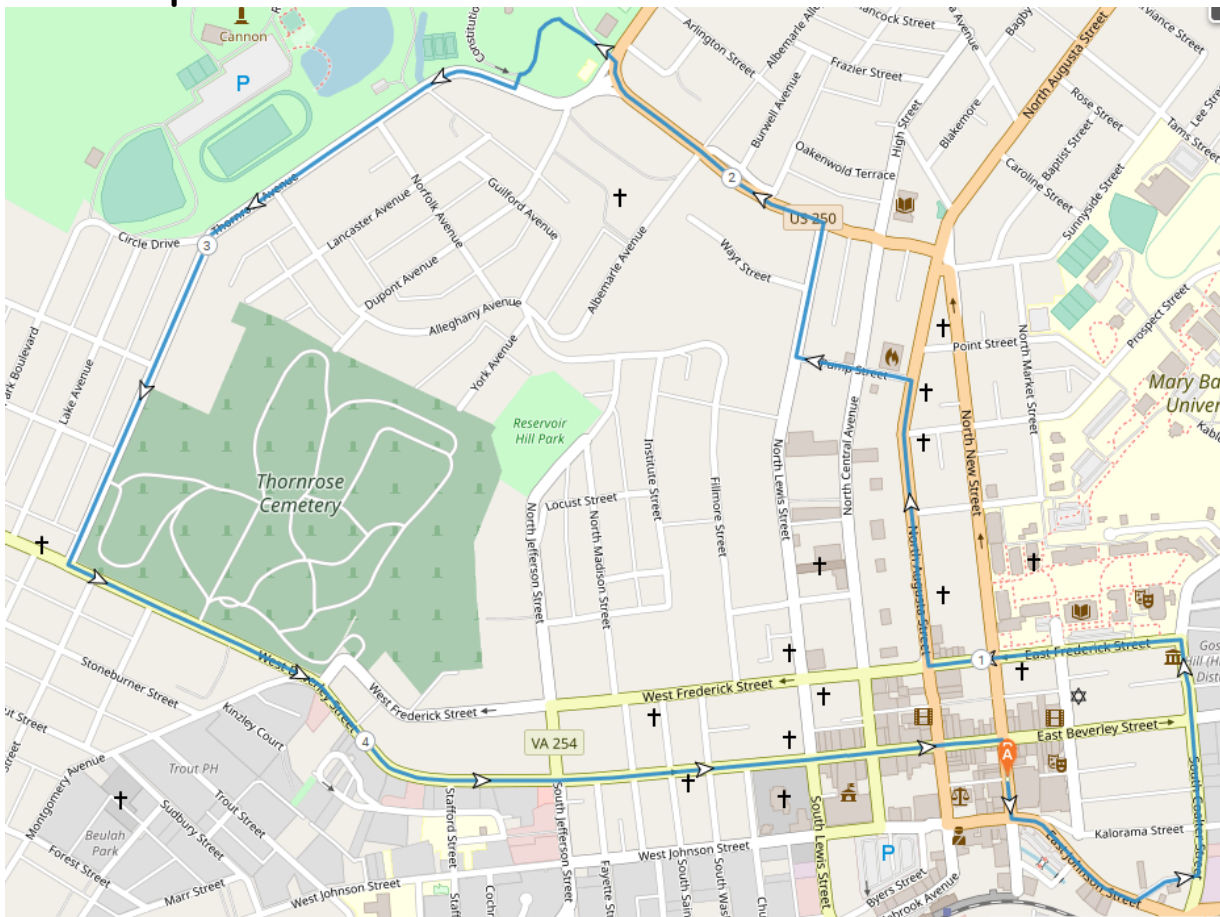
43. Turn LEFT on S Augusta and continue one block to W Johnson St.

44. Turn RIGHT on W Johnson St and continue to S New St.

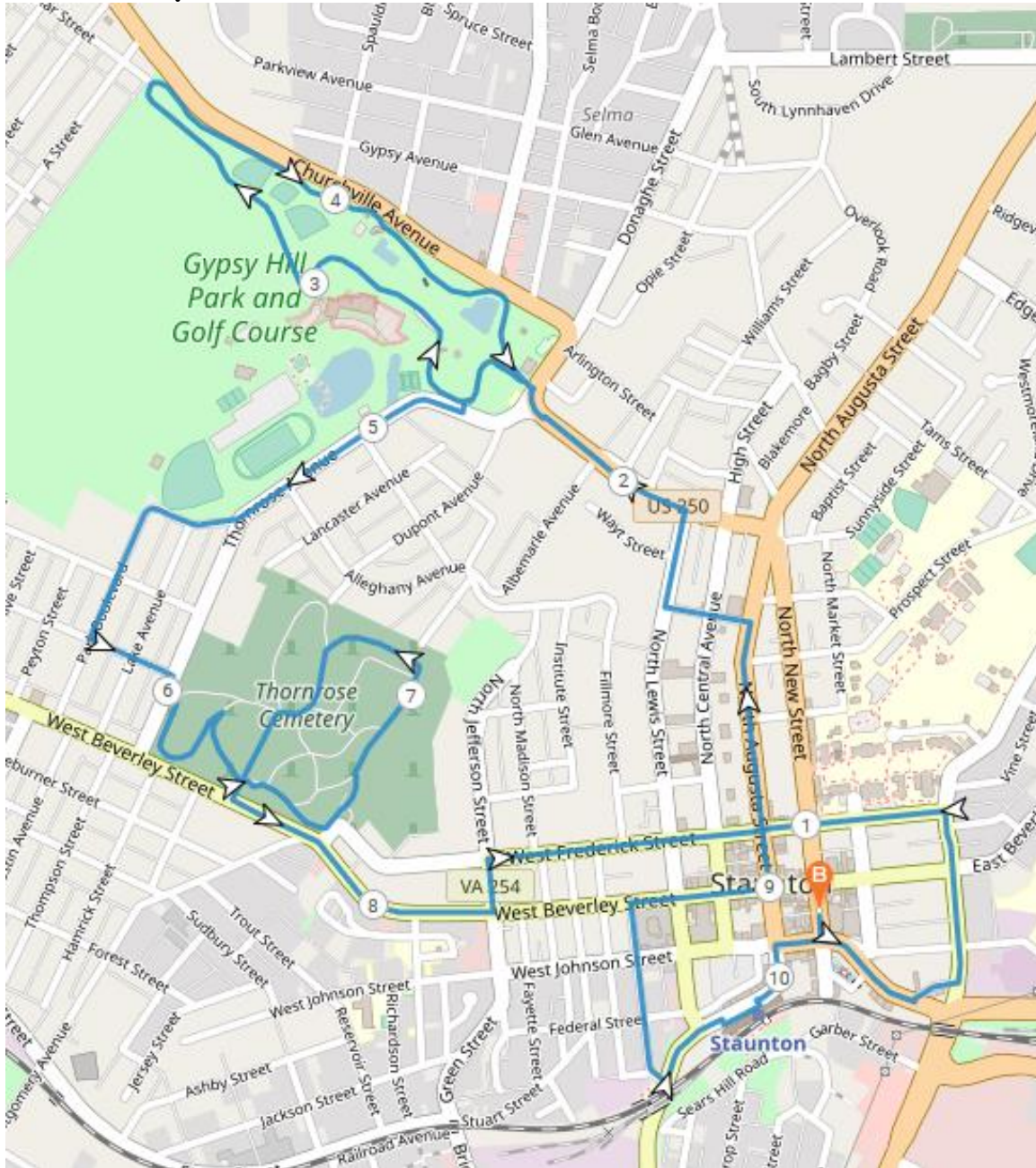
45. Cross and turn LEFT on S New St and continue back to your vehicle.

Be sure to log back into the OSB system to finish/complete your online registration after doing the event. The OSB system does not deduct any event fee from a participant's Event Bank until they have submitted event completion info including the date the event was walked, the distance walked, and the selection of applicable special programs that person is participating in. Nevertheless, a fee of \$2 for a downloaded PDF is deducted from the user's Event Bank when the PDF is downloaded. Later, any PDF fees are credited back to a user's Event Bank when he/she submits the event completion info as a paying for credit participant. Note, however, the \$2 coupon for the downloaded PDF will expire in 60 days.

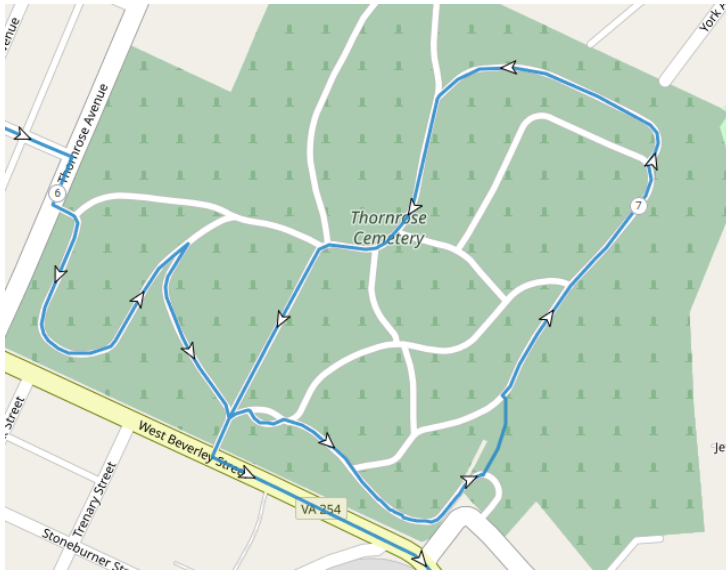
### 5 KM Map:



## 10 KM Maps:



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## Thornrose Cemetery