

Johnstown, NY Seasonal Walks

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

Starting Point: Johnstown City Hall
41 E. Main St.
Johnstown, NY 12032

Phone: 518-736-4011 (City Clerk)

Website: www.cityofjohnstown.ny.gov

Due to COVID 19 restrictions the Johnstown City Hall is currently CLOSED to visitors. When City hall reopens for business, normal hours will be Monday through Friday 8 AM to 3 PM. Call City Clerk number listed above for recorded message about status of reopening City Hall for access to Restrooms.

****If City Hall (and Restrooms) is not available, make other arrangements before arriving.**

NOTE: a Stewarts Ice Cream Shop is just a half a block west on E. Main St.**

DIRECTIONS TO START POINT: Johnstown is located approximately 40 miles northwest of Albany. Parking is available at City Hall and on the street.

From Albany, South and the West: Take I-90 (NYS Thruway) to Exit 28 then take Rt. 30A north to Johnstown. At intersection with Rt. 29 West, turn left (E. Main St). After second traffic light, City Hall will be halfway down the block on the right.

From the North: Take I-87 (Adirondack Northway) south to Exit 15, Turn Right onto Rt. 29 (Washington St.) and travel west approx. 32 miles. At intersection with Rt. 30A South, turn left. At next traffic light (still Rt. 29W), turn right (East Main St). After second traffic light, City Hall will be halfway down the block on the right.

Course Description: The 10K trail passes beautiful homes and several historic sites including Colonial Era Johnson Hall, the birthplace of women's rights advocate Elizabeth Cady Stanton and the Knox Mansion.

The following map & directions may only be used in conjunction with a signed American Volkssport Association athletic waiver. All other uses are prohibited.

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Johnstown, NY 5K Walk

To begin, stand in front of the Police Station/City Hall facing East Main St.

1. **RIGHT** on East Main, walk to and cross South William. Note the Fulton County Courthouse.

The Fulton County Courthouse is the oldest operational courthouse in NYS.

2. **LEFT** to cross West Main and continue on South William to West Montgomery.

The house at 9 South William, built in 1798, is where both Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony lived.

3. **RIGHT** on West Montgomery to South Melcher.

4. **LEFT** at South Melcher to cross West Montgomery. Continue to West Madison.

5. **LEFT** on West Madison. Continue to and cross South William.

6. **LEFT** on South William. Proceed to and cross West Clinton.

Near West Montgomery Street look for the site of the first glove shop which began the Fulton County leather industry. Further down the road is James Burke's Inn.

7. **RIGHT** on West Clinton. Note the Johnstown Public Library on the corner of South Market and West Clinton.

The Johnstown Public Library is a Carnegie Library funded in 1902. It is one of the 2,509 libraries world-wide funded by Andrew Carnegie. Most are still in use as libraries and many of the other original buildings have been repurposed.

****Restrooms are available in the basement when the building is open. Ask the librarian for a key.****

8. **CONTINUE** on West Clinton to Glebe St. (no street sign). Look for Holy Trinity Catholic Church which is on the corner of Glebe St.

9. **RIGHT** on Glebe to East Montgomery.

10. **LEFT** on East Montgomery continue to the end.

11. **LEFT** on New Montgomery continue to Fon Clair (no street sign).

12. **LEFT** on Fon Clair to Cady.

13. **LEFT** on Cady to end, at Glebe.

14. **LEFT** on Glebe and continue to East Montgomery.

15. **RIGHT** on East Montgomery and walk to South Market St.

The former Fulton County Jail is now the new Fulton County Offices.

16. **RIGHT** on South Market and continue to West Clinton.

17. **RIGHT** on West Clinton to South Perry.

18. **LEFT** on South Perry and walk one block to Colonial Ct.

19. **LEFT** on Colonial Ct. to South Market.

Note the Colonial Little Theater, which has been in operation since 1946.

20. **RIGHT** on South Market to West Main.

21. **LEFT** on West Main and continue to North William.

22. **RIGHT** to cross West Main. Continue on North William to West Green.

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- 23. RIGHT** on West Green and continue to North Market.

The Colonial Cemetery, dating from the 1700s, contains graves of veterans of both the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812. Also buried here are sisters of author Washington Irving, writer of "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" and "Rip Van Winkle".

- 24. RIGHT** on North Market and walk up the hill to West Main.

Note the historic St. John's Episcopal Church and the grave of Sir William Johnson.

- 25. LEFT** on West Main. Walk two blocks to return to the Start Point at Johnstown City Hall and Police Station.

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Johnstown, NY 10K Walk

To begin, stand in front of the Police Station/City Hall facing East Main St.

1. **RIGHT** on East Main, walk to the first corner, North Perry.
2. **RIGHT** on North Perry. Pass St Patrick's Masonic Lodge, the Johnstown Cemetery and The Johnstown Fire Department.
St. Patrick's (Masonic) Lodge, started by Sir William Johnson in 1760. Sir William became a mason in Albany prior to moving here and wanted the fellowship to continue. It was originally in a room in Johnson Hall. During the American Revolution, the lodge ceased to exist and was reorganized around 1783.
Johnstown Cemetery was formed in the 1840s because the Colonial Cemetery was full. Elizabeth Cady Stanton's father, Judge Daniel Cady is buried here along with other notables.
3. **CONTINUE** on North Perry and look for the rail trail located at the corner of West Decker and Maplewood Streets. Walk on the rail trail to the first cross street, which is Townsend Ave (no street sign).
4. **LEFT** at Townsend Ave. Walk to and cross North Perry at the traffic light.
5. **RIGHT** on North Perry for one block to Elmwood Ave.
6. **LEFT** onto Elmwood Ave. Walk to and cross Pleasant Ave.
7. **LEFT** on Pleasant. Walk several blocks to West State St.
8. **RIGHT** onto West State St. (Route 29) and walk to Hall Ave.

9. **BEAR RIGHT** onto Hall Ave. Continue to Johnson Hall.

Johnson Hall is the only Baronial Estate in the United States. Now a New York State Historic Site, the land was given to Sir William Johnson by King George II as a reward for his service in the French and Indian War.

Sir William Johnson is the founder of the first free integrated school here to educate African-Americans, Native Americans and females. He was the first white man to bathe in the springs located in what is now known as Saratoga Springs.

You can stop for a tour. It is open Wed.-Sun. from 10-5. The entrance is in the back of the house.

10. **WHEN FINISHED** exploring, retrace your steps on Hall Ave and return to the traffic light on West State St.
11. **LEFT** at the light on West State (Route 29). Walk down the hill. The road becomes North William as it bends near the intersection with West Green.
On this corner is the Drum House, one of six cottages built by Sir. William Johnson. All were 1-1/2 stories high and all painted yellow. It is possible that it was once used as a schoolhouse or as the Rectory for the first St. John's Church. It was once owned by Judge Cady. It may have been moved from the corner of North Market and Main and may have been the birthplace of Elizabeth Cady Stanton.
12. **BEAR LEFT** onto West Green to view the Colonial Cemetery. When finished, return to and cross North William.

Colonial Cemetery was the churchyard for the first St. John's Church. Washington Irving's two sisters are buried here.

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13. LEFT on North William passing the Johnstown Historical Society. Walk to West Main St.

The Johnstown Historical Society was founded in 1892 before the city was incorporated. Here are located artifacts including Elizabeth Cady Stanton's piano and chair and an original Abraham Lincoln signature.

At the corner of N. William & W. Main is the Court House. (The Colonial Courthouse is the oldest continuous functioning courthouse in the U.S. It was built in 1773. Aaron Burr and Alexander Hamilton practiced here.

14. CROSS West Main and continue walking on South William for 3 blocks to West Madison.

*On the right, look for the historical marker in front of the house where Susan B. Anthony stayed with Elizabeth Cady Stanton while *The Woman's Bible* was written in the late 1890's.*

On your left, at 200 William St., is the James Burk's Inn, another of the cottages built by Sir. William Johnson. It was moved from the corner of South William and Main to this spot. It served as an Inn in the Colonial Days and now is currently owned by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

15. RIGHT onto West Madison St, walk one block to South Melcher.

16. LEFT on South Melcher. Climb the hill to West Second Ave.

17. LEFT on West Second Ave. for one block to South William (no street sign). On that block, note the large white mansion on the right.

Olde Knox Mansion. Knox Mansion was built in 1889 at a cost of \$1.2 million by Charles Knox for his wife, Rose. There are 42 rooms, an elevator, a grand staircase and a lava ash fireplace imported from a castle in Italy.

Founders of Knox Gelatin. Mrs. Knox ran the business after her husband's untimely death. She was one of the first women to run a business in the U.S. She gave the city the Athletic Complex of Knox Field, which is still one of the best fields for a public school in New York State.

18. RIGHT on South William (no street sign). Walk two blocks to West Fourth Ave.

19. LEFT on West Fourth and continue for two blocks to South Perry St. (Slight jog when crossing South Market St.)

20. LEFT on South Perry. Walk 3 blocks to West First Ave, passing Knox Field and Knox Junior High on the right.

21. LEFT on West First Ave and walk one block to South Market.

22. RIGHT on South Market to West Montgomery.

23. RIGHT on West Montgomery and continue for one block to South Perry St.

24. LEFT on South Perry. Walk to West Clinton.

Across the street is Colonial Jail which was built at the same time as the Court House. During the Revolutionary War, it was fortified to be used as Fort Johnson. La Fayette visited this location during the war and again in 1825.

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26. RIGHT on South Market to West Main. Cross West Main to a park.

In this area you will find St. John's Episcopal Church and Sir William Johnson's grave, as well as several historical markers. St. John's Episcopal Church was founded by Sir William Johnson. This is the third edifice. Inside are Sir William Johnson's Bible, Prayer Book and Silver Chalice. His grave was originally under the High Altar of the second church. After it burned down, the church was relocated on the lot facing East; the grave ended up outside and to the left of the present structure.

27. RIGHT when facing the church to cross North Market and continue to walk on West Main.

Look for the Berkshire Bank and note the marker for the Stanton Home.

28. CONTINUE on West/East Main walk for two blocks to the start point at Johnstown Police Station/City Hall.

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