

# Ocean Springs, MS Year-Round Walk – 5 KM

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**START/FINISH POINT:** Rail Depot, 1000 Washington Ave., Ocean Springs, MS 39564

From I-10, take exit 50 for MS-609 S toward Ocean Springs for 3.1 miles then cross US 90 W (Beinville Blvd.) and the railroad tracks and immediately turn left into the rail depot lot.

**AVA Special Programs:** *Take a Walk in a City Park; Walking the USA A – Z(O).*



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- 1. START** at the transit stop by the railroad depot on the corner of Washington Ave. and Robinson St. Walk **south** on Washington Ave. (away from the railroad tracks.)
- 2. TURN RIGHT** on Porter Ave. to Rayburn Ave.
- 3. TURN LEFT** on Rayburn Ave. to Cleveland Ave.
- 4. TURN RIGHT** on Cleveland Ave. and walk a short distance to Ruskin Ave.
- 5. TURN LEFT** on Ruskin Ave. and walk until reaching the “Ruskin Oak” located towards the end of the street between two posts. *Sadly, the metal plaque about the tree is currently missing.*

**CHECKPOINT:** What color are the two posts?

- 6. REVERSE** direction and return to Cleveland Ave.
- 7. TURN LEFT** on Cleveland Ave. and continue walking west until it ends at Porter Ave.
- 8. TURN LEFT** on Porter Ave. and continue until it ends at Front Beach Dr.
- 9. TURN LEFT** on Front Beach Drive and follow this road (alongside water) all the way back to Washington Ave. *On your left side is the Fort Maurepas City Park and Nature Preserve [QUALIFER: Take a Walk in a City Park]*
- 10. TURN LEFT** on Washington Ave.
- 11. Walk STRAIGHT** on Washington Ave. back to **the finish** at the transit stop!

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## RUSKIN OAK

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*There were many tales about the tree and its name. In 1958, a Chicago journalist and some local people decided upon the most plausible tale. It seems that a young southern boy frequented the tree to quietly read Ruskin's poems. He and a carpet-bagger's daughter secretly met there, and they fell in love. Against his will, he was sent off to fight in the Civil War. She and her family moved north shortly thereafter. After the war, the young man found her in a northern town, and they went “off to the far west and started a family.”*

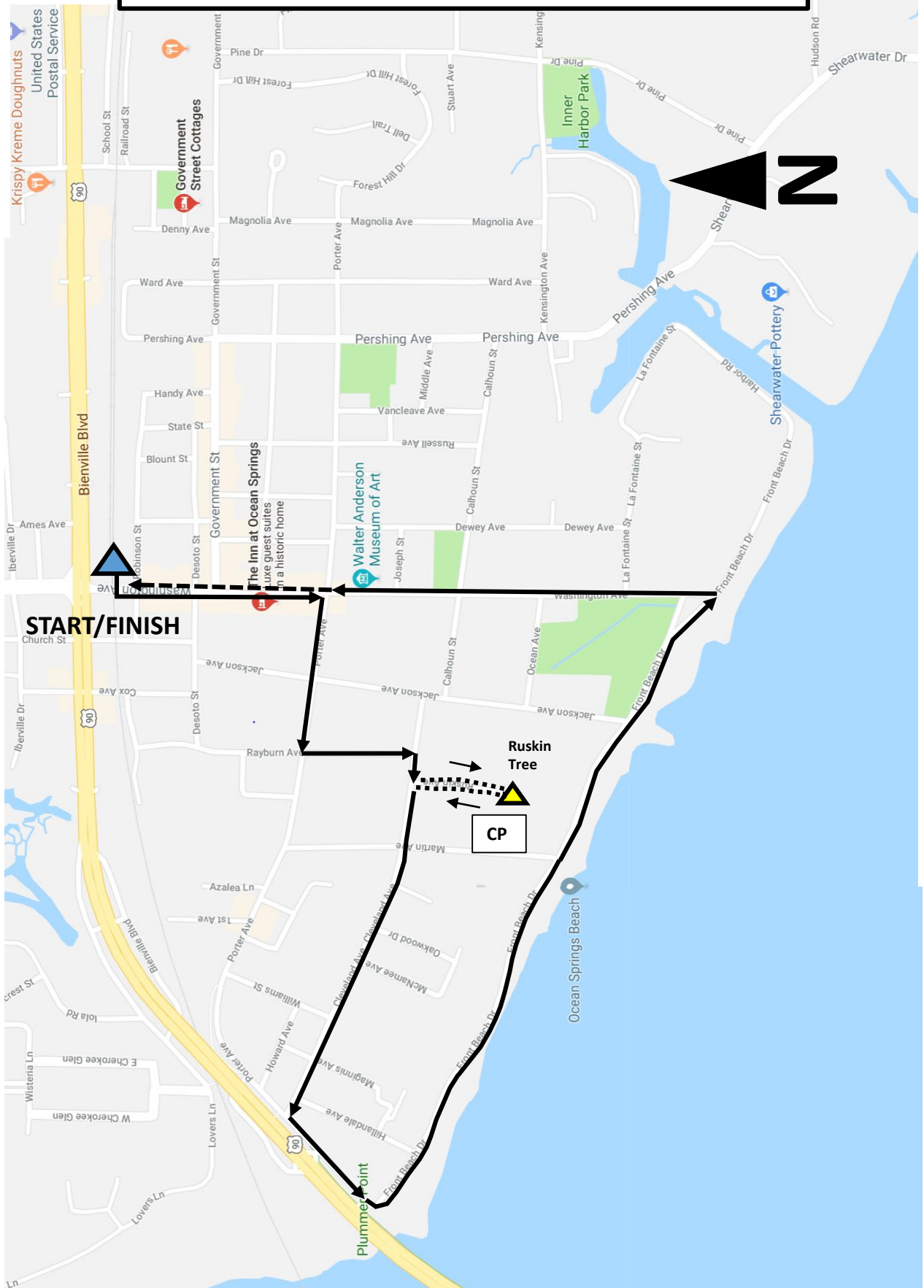
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# Ocean Springs, MS Downtown – 5 KM

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# Ocean Springs, MS Year-Round Walk – 10 KM

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**1. START** at the transit stop by the railroad depot on the corner of Washington Ave. and Robinson St. Walk **south** on Washington Ave. (away from the railroad tracks.)

**2. TURN RIGHT** on Ocean Ave. to Jackson Ave.

**3. TURN RIGHT** on Jackson Ave. to Porter Ave.

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**8. REVERSE** direction and return to Cleveland Ave.

**9. TURN LEFT** on Cleveland Ave. and continue walking west until it ends at Porter Ave.

**8. TURN LEFT** on Porter Ave. and continue until it ends at Front Beach Dr.

**9. TURN LEFT** on Front Beach Drive and follow this road alongside water. *On your left side is the Fort Maurepas City Park and Nature Preserve [QUALIFER: Take a Walk in a City Park]*

**10. CONTINUE STRAIGHT** until reaching Inner Harbor Rd.

**11. TURN LEFT** on Inner Harbor, to La Fontaine.

**12. TURN LEFT** on La Fontaine and follow through bend to Dewey Ave.

**13. TURN RIGHT** on Dewey Ave., to Calhoun Ave.

**14. TURN RIGHT** on Calhoun Ave. to General Pershing Ave.

**15. TURN RIGHT** on General Pershing Ave. which then becomes Shearwater Dr. after the bridge. *[QUALIFER: Bridges: Spanning the USA]*

**16. CROSS** the harbor bridge on Shearwater Dr. and **TURN RIGHT** at Shearwater Pottery – an unpaved road just past the harbor bridge.

**17.** Walk to the Sherwater Pottery showroom, visit when open!

**18. REVERSE** back to Shearwater Dr.

**19. TURN RIGHT** on Shearwater Dr. to Pine Dr.

**20. TURN LEFT** on Pine Dr. At Inner Harbor Park, take the 1<sup>st</sup> path on the left, and follow the path to Kensington St.

**CHECKPOINT #2:** *How many tennis courts are there in Inner Harbor Park?*

**21. TURN LEFT** on Kensington Ave., to Ward Ave.

**22. TURN RIGHT** on Ward Ave. to Government St.

**23. TURN LEFT** on Government St. back to Washington Ave.

**24. TURN RIGHT** on Washington Ave. and walk back to **the finish** at the transit stop!

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