



Heart of Ohio Hikers
Welcomes You to
Columbus Capital Walk including German Village - 6k and 10k
An AVA Sanctioned Year Round Event
that tours German Village and also a loop
around the State Capitol Building



This walk is mainly in historic German Village with a side trip around the State Capitol building. Highlights include Planks Bier Garten, Hausfrau Haven, Golden Hobby Shop, The Book Loft, King Gambrinus in the Brewery District, "Soldiers' Wall of Letters", Schmidt's Sausage Haus, Schiller Park and many lovely German residences. The 10km trail includes all special programs including Walk Ohio 88 Counties Program and Walking the United States (50 States) The 6km trail is exclusively in German Village and includes same 10K special programs, (except for the Underground RR and the Carousel) and does not go by the Capitol building.

Both 6k and 10km are rated 1A. The walk start/end point is in the parking lot of Krogers located at 150 W. St, Columbus Ohio. Restrooms are available in Krogers. Walk during daylight hours.

Walk Registration:

Registration takes place online using that AVA Online Start Box, at my.ava.org. Follow the instructions provided to create a user account and sign the AVA waiver (one time). Instructions for payment are also included. Download the directions and print as needed. The POC does not provide event directions or accept alternate payment methods.

Walk Completion and Walk Credit:

Once you have physically completed the walk, please login to your Online Start Box account click on the "My Start Box" tab, then the "Finish Table" tab, then click on "Go to Finish Table" button for the event you have completed. 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 choose to print out.

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6km Walking Directions for the Columbus Capital Walk including German Village

Starting Point Location:

From the North I-71 exit 108A-Main St. left on Main St., left on S. Washington Ave, right on Mound St., left on High St, right on W. Sycamore St & right into Kroger parking lot. From the West I-70, Exit 100A, right on S. Front St, right on W. Front St, right on Sycamore St into the Kroger Parking lot.

The street address of the Kroger store is 150 W. Sycamore St., Columbus, Ohio

Restrooms:

There are restrooms in Krogers.

Emergency Numbers:

In case of emergency call 911.

Event related assistance:

Mary Gustafson 614-313-2113 (text or call)

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Walk Directions for the 6k:

1. From the Kroger store (150 W. Sycamore), and turn **RIGHT**.
2. Carefully **CROSS** parking lot and turn **LEFT** on the first street which is **W. Sycamore St.** and stay on the **LEFT**. Then continue on **Sycamore St.**, crossing **Bank St.**, **S. Front St.** and **S. Wall St.** to **S. High St.**
3. Carefully **CROSS S. High St.** at traffic light and turn **RIGHT**.
4. Turn **LEFT** on **Sycamore St.**, crossing **S. Pearl St.** and **City Park Ave.** to **S. 3rd St.**
5. Turn **LEFT** on **S. 3rd St.** to first crosswalk at **Sycamore St.** Look up to the base of the spire of St. Mary's Church at 684 S. 3rd St to see the clock (*Special Program: Rockin' Round the Clock*).
6. Turn **RIGHT** in crosswalk crossing **S. 3rd St.** 630 South Third Street is the Golden Hobby Shop - Senior Citizens Crafts. Originally built in 1864 to help German immigrant children learn English.
7. Turn **LEFT** on **S. 3rd St.** crossing **E. Willow St.** and passing German Village Meeting Haus to Beck St. *Stoops, basements and lintels in German Village were made from limestone from Marble Cliff Quarry company. Look for fossils.*
8. Turn **RIGHT** on **E. Beck St.** crossing **S. Lazelle St.** *Look for the Brothers' House at 316-18 E. Beck. Two brothers built the home together but had a falling out. The roofline, bricks and lintel are different on each side.*
9. Turn **LEFT** on **S. 4th St. (1K)** to **Jackson St.**
10. Turn **RIGHT** on **Jackson St.** crossing **Rader Alley**, **Oscar Alley**, **Mohawk St.**, and **Macon Alley**.
11. Turn **RIGHT** on **S. 5th St.**
12. Turn **LEFT** on **Berger Alley** and **CROSS Dixon Alley**.
13. Turn **RIGHT** into small park entrance on the right (Frank Fetch Park). *This park was named for a*

dedicated city employee who worked hard to obtain land and make an art park where neighbors could rest and enjoy the gardens.

14. Exit park on the South side (just walk straight through the park) and **CROSS E. Beck St.**
15. Turn **LEFT** on **E. Beck St.** crossing **Cedar Alley.**
16. Turn **RIGHT** on 6th St crossing **Lear St.**
17. Turn **RIGHT** on **Sycamore St.** passing Franklin Glass, and crossing 5th St. and Macon Alley. *Franklin Glass was built in 1922 as US Armory. Franklin Glass makes stained glass for churches, universities, etc.*
18. **CROSS Mohawk St.** and turn **LEFT** on **Mohawk St.** (*Historical marker sign at 673 Mohawk St. This private home use to be St. Mary's School 1887-1968.*) **(2K)** **CROSS Alexander Alley** and **Frankfort St.**
19. Turn **LEFT** on **Columbus St.** crossing **Macon Alley.**
20. Turn **RIGHT** on **5th St.**
21. Turn **LEFT** on **Kossuth St.**, passing Schmidt's Fudge Haus and Schmidt's Sausage Haus. *Schmidt's was built in 1866 and is the oldest continuously operating business in German Village.* From the front of the Sausage Haus, make a **RIGHT** and **CROSS Kossuth St.** and return back down Kossuth St. (essentially making a "U" turn). Continue walking straight ahead on Kossuth St. **crossing 5th St.** and **Macon Alley.**
22. Turn **LEFT** on **Mohawk St.** (Mohawk grill across the street). Stay on **LEFT** side of St, **crossing Lansing St.**, and **E. Whittier St.**
23. Continue on **Mohawk St.** to **Reinhard Ave.** and **CROSS Reinhard Ave.** (directly across the street) and enter Schiller Park. (You will be walking around the perimeter of the park and back to this point.) **(3K)** Turn **RIGHT** on first paved path passing "Umbrella Girl"

statue on left, continue to the next **LEFT** and turn **LEFT** to view Schiller Statue. Walk up to the statue and look down and read the pavers. Take **RIGHT** from statue, passing the amphitheater on the left, the cross over pond on foot bridge and continue to paved path and turn **LEFT** passing many grand, old 19th century houses on right of Park. Continue **LEFT** around the park on paved path.

24. Turn **RIGHT** at fork **(4K)** to where you entered the park.
25. Turn **LEFT** on **Reinhard Ave.** (Roosters Restaurant is before you cross E. Whittier.)
26. Turn **RIGHT** on **City Park Ave.** crossing **Concord Pl.**, **E. Whittier St.** and **Lansing St.**
27. Turn **RIGHT** on **Kossuth St.**
28. Turn **LEFT** on **S. 3rd St.**, crossing **Columbus St.**, (*Historical Marker at Haus Frau Haven Wine Beer*), **E. Frankfort St.**, **Stimmel St.** **(5K)** and **Sycamore St.** to the Book Loft on the **LEFT.**
29. Turn **LEFT** through iron gates of the Book Loft, walk through courtyard, passing the entrance to the Book Loft to **City Park Ave.** and turn **LEFT.** (*The Book Loft is a great place to browse or shop - 32 rooms of books*). If before 10am when store opens, continue on **S. 3rd St.** to **Willow St.** and turn **LEFT** on **City Park Ave.** At 642 City Park is the Little Free Library Box.
30. Turn **RIGHT** on **E. Sycamore St.** crossing **S. Pearl St.** to **S. High St.**
31. Turn **RIGHT** on **S. High St.** to first traffic light.
32. **CROSS S. High St.** at light to **W. Sycamore St.**, walking West, crossing **S. Wall St.**, **S. Front St.** and **Bank St.**
33. Turn **RIGHT** into Kroger parking lot walking carefully through the lot to finish point in Kroger Store.

10km Walking Directions for the Columbus Capital Walk including German Village

Starting Point Location:

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1. From the Kroger store (150 W. Sycamore), and turn **RIGHT**.
2. Carefully **CROSS** parking lot and turn **LEFT** on the first street which is **W. Sycamore St.** Proceed to S. Front St.
3. **CROSS S. Front St.** and turn **LEFT**. Pass the King Gambrinus statue, location of former brewery, on the opposite side of street. Continue walking north on **S. Front St.**, crossing **W. Beck St.**, **Hoster St.**, **Livingston Ave.**, and **Fulton St.**
4. **CROSS W. Mound St** and turn **LEFT**, crossing **S. Front St.** and **Ludlow St.** (1K).
5. **CROSS 2nd St.** and turn **RIGHT** crossing **W. Noble St.**, then passing the old Ohio State Arsenal, circa 1861, which is now the Columbus Cultural Arts Center.
6. **CROSS W. Main St.** and continue on **2nd St.** **CROSS W. Rich St.**, which becomes **S. Civic Center Dr.** Proceed north along the Scioto River to **Broad St.**, crossing **West Town St.** To your left across the river is the Center of Science and Industry (COSI) which was the location of old Central High School. In front of COSI is Genoa park amphitheater. Continue on **S. Civic Center Dr.**
7. Before you Turn **RIGHT** at **W. Broad St.** look across the river at the New National Veterans Memorial building. Continue **RIGHT** on **W. Broad St.**, crossing **S. Civic Center Dr.**, **S. Front St.** (2K), **S. Wall St.** and **High St.** The Ohio State Capitol is on your right. Notice the "Lincoln at the State House" historical marker (Presidential Walk).
8. Turn **RIGHT S. 3rd St.** passing the Historical marker.
9. Turn **RIGHT** just after crossing garage driveway to the first "Soldiers Wall of Letters". Take second walkway **LEFT** up an incline past the East State House entrance to the other side to view the other wall of "Soldiers Letters".
10. Walk back to **S. 3rd St.** and turn **RIGHT**. Notice the beautiful building on the corner of **E. State St.** and **S. 3rd St.** Currently a law office, it was the main Post Office in Columbus, built in 1887.

- 11. CROSS E. State St.** and turn **RIGHT** passing the "Naiads Fountain" and the Ohio Theater (NRHP). As you pass the Ohio Theater, look across the street to see the Holocaust Memorial.
- 12.** Turn **LEFT** on **S. High St.** At this corner look up to notice the original Planter's Peanuts sign from 1940, continue on **S. High St.**, turn **LEFT** into the entrance to the John F. Wolfe Columbus Commons **(3K)**. (*Columbus Commons is a six-acre park in downtown Columbus with more than 240 programs and events each year. From large scale concerts and local bands to free fitness classes to family activities, Columbus Commons is a gathering place for the community.*)
- 13.** Pass the fountain of Bronze Lilly pads and turn **RIGHT** down the path until you see the Carousel on the **LEFT** (*Special Programs: Carousel*). Turn **LEFT** toward the Carousel, past the Carousel and Jeni's Ice Cream stand.
- 14.** Turn **RIGHT** at Jeni's on footpath to **Rich St.**
- 15.** Turn **RIGHT** on **E. Rich St.** to **High St.** Turn **LEFT** on **S. High St.**, staying on **LEFT** side of street, crossing **E. Rich St.**, **E. Main St.** (at *E. Main St. is the Old Great Southern Hotel now called The Westin*), **E. Mound St.** and **E. Fulton St.**
- 16.** **CROSS Fulton** (over the freeway) and turn **LEFT** on **E. Livingston Ave.** to **S. 3rd St.**, crossing **S. Pearl St.** **(4K)** and **City Park Ave.**
- 17.** Before crossing **S. 3rd St.** and turning **RIGHT** you'll be passing Katzinger's Deli, a great lunch stop. Continue on **S. 3rd St.** crossing **E. Blenkner St.** and **E. Hoster St.**
- 18.** Turn **LEFT** on **E. Beck St.** crossing **S. Lazelle St.**, **S. 4th St.**, **Rader Alley.**, **Mohawk St.**, **Macon Alley.**, **S. 5th St.** and **Dixon Alley.**
- 19.** Turn **LEFT** into Frank Fetch Park and walk straight through the small park and out the other end to **Berger Alley.** *Fetch Park was named for a dedicated city employee who worked hard to obtain land and make an art park meant for neighbors to rest in and enjoy.*
- 20.** Turn **LEFT** on **Berger Alley** crossing **Dixon Alley.**, **S. 5th St.**, **Macon Alley.**, **Mohawk St.**, **Oscar Alley.** and **Rader Alley.**
- 21.** Turn **RIGHT** on **S. 4th St.** (no sign). **(5K)**
- 22.** Turn **RIGHT** on **Jackson St.** crossing **Rader Alley.**, **Oscar Alley.**, **Mohawk St.** and **Macon Alley.**
- 23.** Turn **RIGHT** on **S. 5th St.**, crossing **Berger Alley.** and **E. Beck St.**
- 24.** Turn **RIGHT** on **Sycamore St.**
- 25.** Turn **LEFT** on **Mohawk St.** (*Historical marker sign at 673 Mohawk St. This private home use to be St. Mary's School 1887-1968*). **CROSS Alexander Alley.**, and **E. Frankfort St.**
- 26.** Turn **LEFT** on **Columbus St.**, crossing **Macon Alley.**, **5th St.**, **(6K) Purdy Alley.**, **6th St.**, **Jaeger St.** and **S. Grant Ave.**
- 27.** Turn **RIGHT** on **Ebner St.**, crossing **E. Kossuth St.**
- 28.** Turn **RIGHT** on **E. Whittier St.** brown historical sign in front of Giant Eagle parking lot. This is the site of the first OSU home game.
- 29.** **CROSS** and turn **RIGHT** on **Jaeger St.**
- 30.** Turn **LEFT** on **Kossuth St.** passing the famous Schmidt's Sausage Haus on right. Continue walking pass Red Barn on **LEFT** and Fudge House on

- RIGHT.** Continue straight ahead (west) on Kossuth St, crossing 5th, (7K) and Macon Alley.
31. Turn **LEFT** on **Mohawk St.** (*Mohawk grill across the street*). Stay on **LEFT** side of street, crossing **Lansing St., E. Whittier St., and Concord Pl. CROSS Reinhard Ave.** and enter Schiller Park- directly across the street. (You will be walking around the perimeter of the park back to this point).
32. Turn **RIGHT** on first paved path passing Umbrella Girl statue on your left, after you pass that turn **LEFT** to walk up to the Schiller Statue (walking up to the statue look down and read the pavers). Turn **RIGHT** from statue, passing the amphitheater on the left, then cross over pond on foot bridge and then go back to paved path and turn **LEFT** passing many grand, old 19th century houses on right of Park (8K). Continue left around the park on paved path. Turn **RIGHT** at fork to where you entered the park.
33. Turn **LEFT** on **Reinhard Ave.** then **RIGHT** on **City Park Ave.**, continue on passing **Concord Pl., E. Whittier (9K)** (Roosters Restaurant is before you cross E. Whittier) continue on crossing Lansing.
34. Turn **RIGHT** on Kossuth St.
35. Turn **LEFT** on S. 3rd St. crossing E. Columbus, E. Frankfort, Stimmel St. and E. Sycamore St. Look up to the base of the spire of St. Mary's Church to see the clock (*Special Program: Rockin' Round the Clock*).
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39. **CROSS** S. High St. at traffic light to W. Sycamore St. crossing S. Wall St., (10K) S. Front St. and Bank St.
40. Turn **RIGHT** into Kroger parking lot, walking carefully through the lot to finish point in Kroger Store.

*The Heart of Ohio Hikers hope you've enjoyed
this tour of German Village and downtown Columbus, Ohio!*

**Special Programs for
Columbus Capital Walk including German Village**

1. **Rockin' Round the Clock:** St. Mary's Church, 684 S. 3rd Street (10k only)
2. **Carousel:** Columbus Commons Park, 160 S. High St., viewable from Rich St. between S. High St. and S. 3rd St. (10k only)
3. **State Capital:** Columbus, Ohio
4. **Walk the 88 Ohio Counties:** Franklin
5. **Walking the United States (50 States):** Ohio
6. **Walking the USA - A-Z:** Columbus

