

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

**START POINT:** Harrisonburg Tourism and Visitor Services, 212 S Main St  
GPS: N38° 26.8309' W78° 52.1489'  
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	<b>Emergencies or Safety Concerns: Call 911</b> Directions Contact: Sandy Croushore, (757) 532-3468
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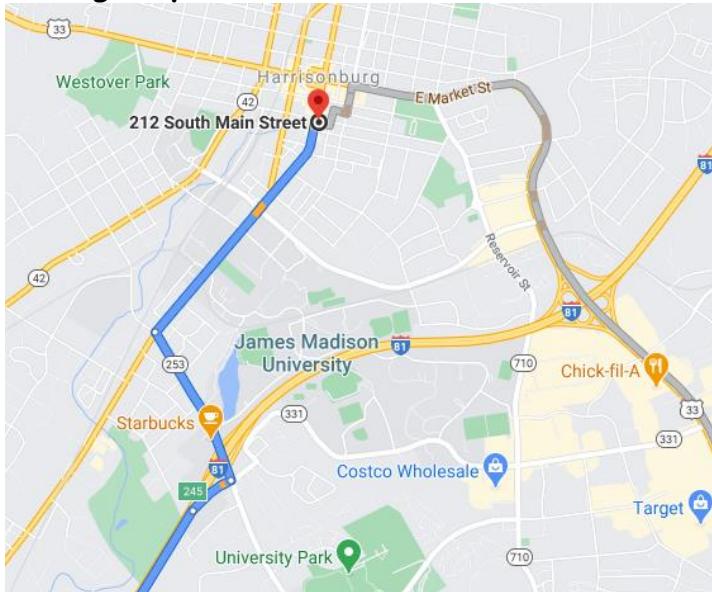
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**Driving Directions:**

1. Take I-81 to Exit 245 toward Harrisonburg.
2. Turn LEFT onto VA 253W/Port Republic Rd.
3. Turn RIGHT onto Lee Hwy/S Main St
4. Turn RIGHT onto E Bruce St.
5. Immediately turn RIGHT into parking lot for the Visitor Center. **Restrooms** available in the Visitor Center.

## Driving Map:



## Special Programs:

Find the LOVE (Virginia): #5, 19

Little Free Libraries:

Rockin' Around the Clock: #3 Rockingham County Courthouse

Virginia Independent Cities: Harrisonburg

Walking the USA A-Z: "H" for Harrisonburg

Walking with America's Veterans: #11, 14, 17

*The earliest documented English exploration of the area prior to settlement was the "Knights of the Golden Horseshoe Expedition" led by Lt Gov Alexander Spotswood. Harrisonburg, previously known as "Rocktown," was named for Thomas Harrison, a son of English settlers. In 1737, Harrison settled in the Shenandoah Valley, eventually laying claim to over 12,000 acres situated at the intersection of the Spotswood Trail and the main Native American road through the valley.*

*In 1779, Harrison deeded 2.5 acres of his land to the "public good" for the construction of a courthouse. In 1780 Harrison deeded an additional 50 acres. This area is now know as "Historic Downtown Harrisonburg."*

*On June 6, 1862, an American Civil War skirmish took place at Good's Farm, Chestnut Ridge near Harrisonburg between the forces of the Union and the forces of the Confederacy at*

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which the C.S. Army Brigadier General, Turner Ashby, was killed.

## Walking Directions:

1. From the parking lot, turn LEFT to E Bruce St and continue to the traffic signal at Main St.
2. Turn RIGHT and continue two and a half blocks to the traffic signal at Court Square.
3. Turn LEFT and then turn RIGHT to walk in front of Rockingham County Courthouse. Keep turning LEFT going around the courthouse and return to the same traffic light.

*Rockin' Around the Clock—clock on the courthouse tower*

4. Turn RIGHT on S Main St and continue for one block to Water St.
5. Cross and turn RIGHT on Water St and continue for one block to the traffic signal at Liberty St.

*Find the LOVE on the side of a building on your left*

6. Cross and turn RIGHT on S Liberty St and continue one block to the traffic signal at W Market St (no sign, but Union Station Restaurant sign on the opposite corner).

7. Turn LEFT on W Market St, cross the railroad tracks, and continue one block to the traffic signal at S High St. **(1 KM at the railroad tracks)**

### TRAIL SPLIT:

**10 km**—continue with Direction #8 below.

#### **5 KM walkers:**

Cross and turn LEFT on S High St and continue to the traffic signal at Martin Luther King Jr. Way. Continue with Direction #14.

8. Cross and turn RIGHT on High St and continue two blocks to the traffic signal at W Wolfe St.

9. Cross and turn LEFT on W Wolfe St and continue one block to Chicago Ave.

10. Cross and turn RIGHT on Chicago Ave and continue several blocks to Waterman Dr. The sidewalk ends just before Rockingham Dr; continue on the bike lane one more block to Waterman Dr. **(2 KM at 2<sup>nd</sup> St)**

11. Turn LEFT on Waterman Dr and continue CAREFULLY on the left shoulder to the traffic signal at W Market St. **(3 KM at 680 Waterman Dr on the left—a beige abandoned building; 4 KM at the traffic signal)**

*Walking with America's Veterans--  
VFW at 450 Waterman Dr and  
American Legion at 350 Waterman  
Dr*

12. Cross and turn LEFT on W Market St and continue several blocks to the second traffic signal at S High St. **(Restrooms at Westover Park on your right.)**

13. Turn RIGHT on S High St and continue to the traffic signal at Martin Luther King Jr. Way. You will be passing the James Madison University sports fields on your right. **(5 KM at the driveway past 47 S High St)**

**(5 KM walkers rejoin here)**

14. Turn RIGHT and walk past the "DO NOT ENTER" sign to the Veterans Memorial. *(Walking with America's Veterans)*

15. Walk around the Memorial and return to the traffic signal at S High St and Martin Luther King Jr. Way.

16. Continue STRAIGHT across on Martin Luther King Jr. Way to the traffic signal at S Main St. **(6 KM at the end of the bridge over the railroad tracks)**

17. Turn LEFT on S Main St and continue to the Y-intersection.

*Walking with America's Veterans--  
American Legion World War I  
monument is in the middle of the  
intersection*

18. Bear LEFT on S Liberty St and continue over two blocks to the crosswalk just past the Daily News Record building on the left and the Harrisonburg Farmers' Market on the right.

19. Turn RIGHT and cross S Liberty St through the Municipal Parking Lot to the big LOVE sign. *(Finding the LOVE Special Program)*

20. Bear RIGHT to the "DO NOT ENTER" sign and then LEFT up the driveway to S Main St.

21. Turn RIGHT on S Main St to the crosswalk on the left in front of City Hall.

22. Turn LEFT to cross S Main St and then immediately RIGHT to continue on S Main St on the left sidewalk to the traffic signal at Martin Luther King Jr. Way. . **(7 KM at the first bank driveway past the Joshua Wilton House on the left)**

*Little Free Libraries—in front of Emmanuel Episcopal Church near the traffic signal (#64059)*

23. Turn LEFT on Martin Luther King Jr. Way and continue one block to the traffic signal at S Mason St.

24. Turn LEFT on S Mason St and continue three blocks to Campbell St. **(8 KM at 473 S Mason St)**

25. Turn RIGHT on Campbell St and continue up the hill to the YIELD sign at the end of the street.

26. Turn LEFT and continue on the left shoulder to the intersection with Ott St.

27. Bear LEFT on Ott St and continue one block to the traffic signal at Franklin St.

28. Cross and turn LEFT on Franklin St and continue one block to the STOP sign at S Mason St.

*Little Free Libraries—in front of 288 S Mason St (#108276)*

**TRAIL SPLIT:**

**10 km walkers:** Continue with Direction # 29 below.

**5 KM walkers:**  
A. Cross S Mason St and continue one block to S Federal St.  
B. Turn LEFT at the parking lot and return to the Visitor Center parking lot and your vehicle.

29. Turn RIGHT on S Mason St and continue one block to E Bruce St (no sign).

30. Turn LEFT to cross S Mason St and then immediately RIGHT to continue on the left sidewalk of S Mason St five blocks to the third traffic signal at E Wolfe St. **(9 KM at the first bank driveway on the left past E Water St)**

31. Cross and turn LEFT on E Wolfe St and continue two blocks to the traffic signal at N Main St.

32. Turn LEFT on N Main St and continue to the traffic signal at E Bruce St, just past the Public Library.

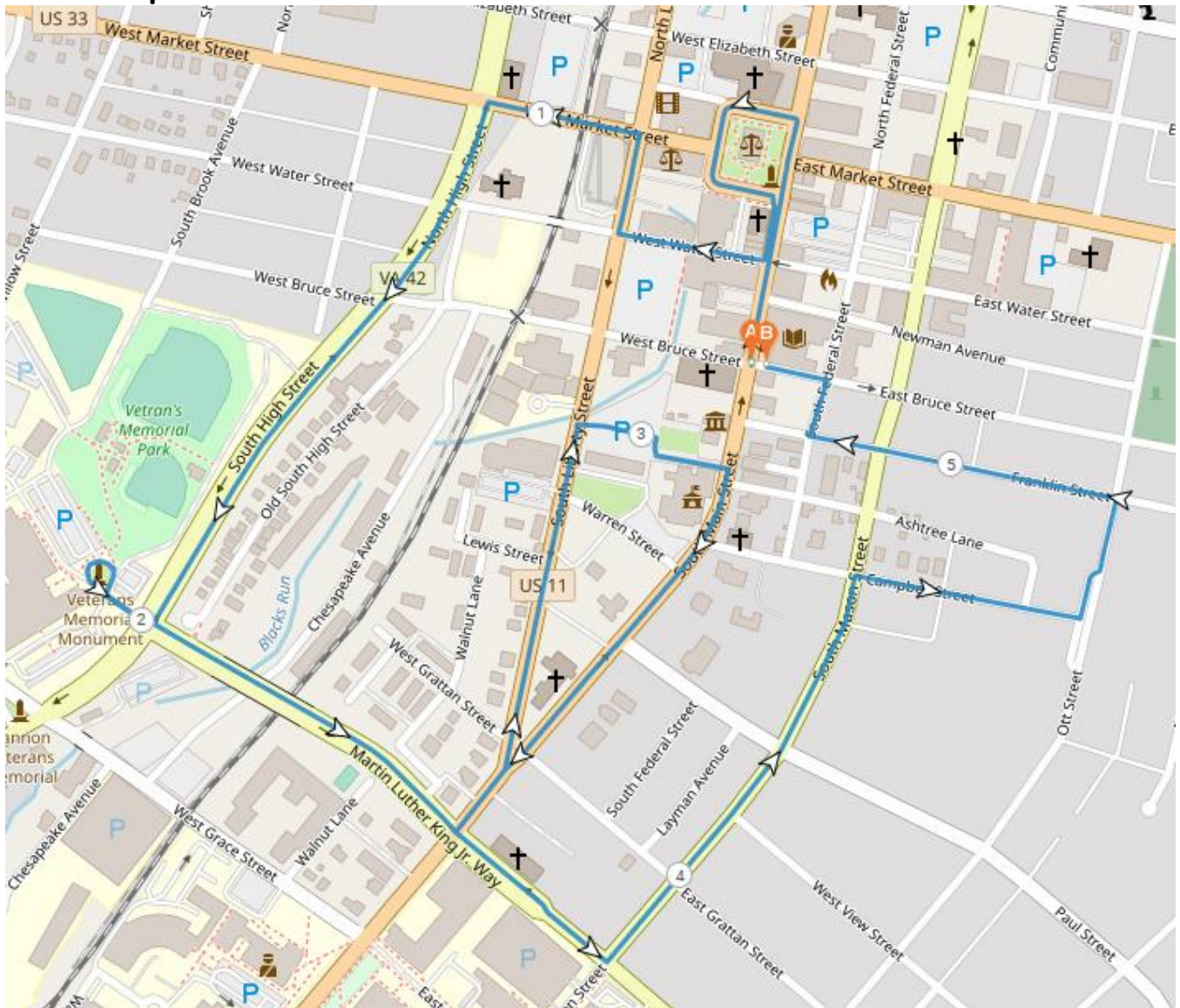
33. Cross and turn LEFT on E Bruce St and return to your vehicle.

*NOTE: There is a nice bakery and museum in the same building as the Visitor Center.*

We hope you enjoyed your walk in the town of Harrisonburg. There are also year-round walks nearby in Bridgewater, Lexington, and Staunton to help round out your day.

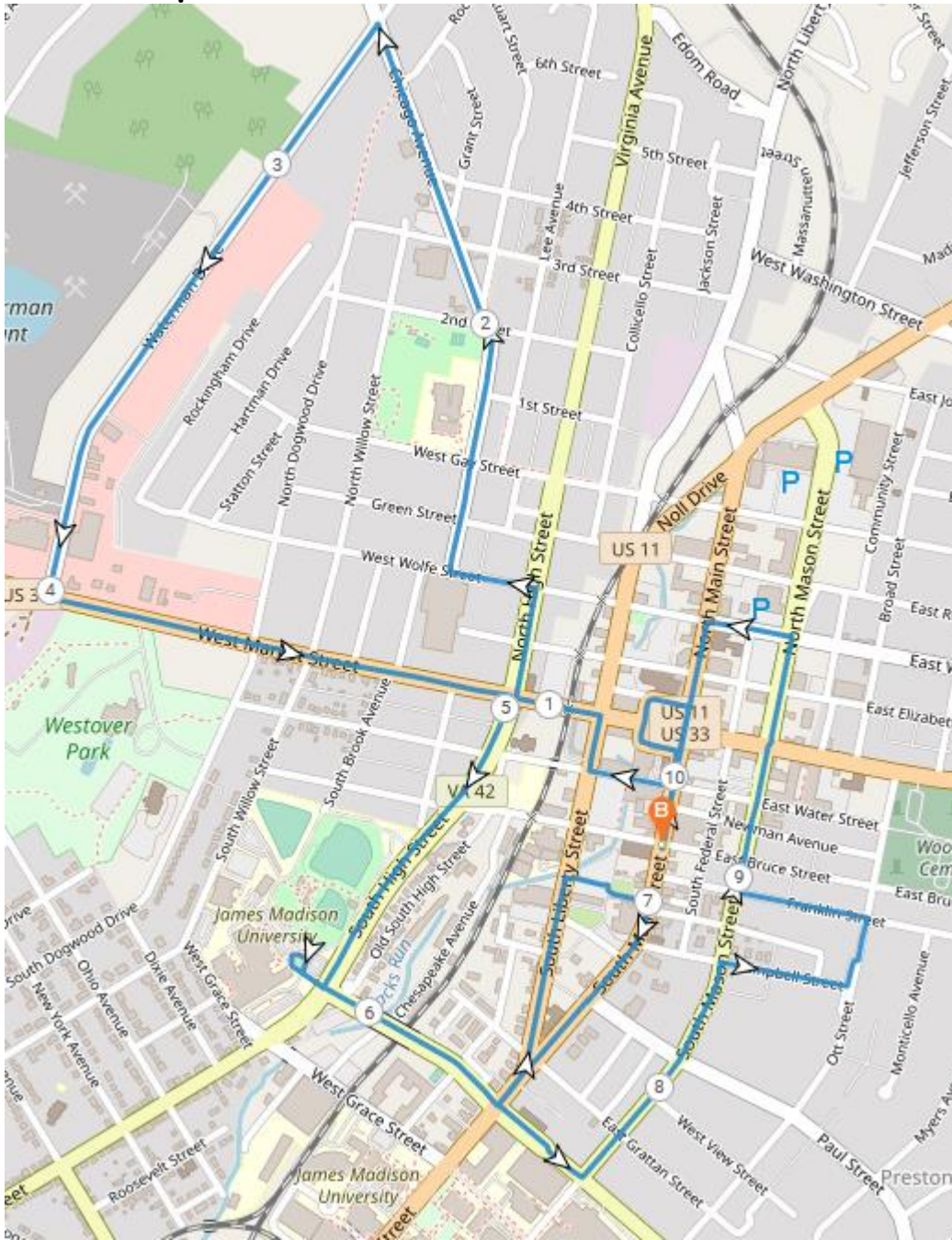
Don't forget to log into the OSB system to complete your walk and the registration process.

## 5 KM Map:



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## 10 KM Map:



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