

Dahlonega 5K and 10K Walks

Dahlonega is the site of the first U.S. Gold Rush and is the heart of the heart of Georgia's Wine Country. The gold on the dome of the Georgia Capital building was mined in Dahlonega.

The walk routes follow streets through the quaint downtown area with many shops and restaurants, through the campus of the University of North Georgia, Mount Hope Cemetery, Yahoola Creek Park, and through surrounding neighborhoods.

DIRECTIONS : Starting Point is at the Smith House located at 84 South Chestartee Street. From the Atlanta area, take GA400/US19N to exit for Dahlonega. Turn left on S Chestartee (Hwy 19) and go approximately 5.5 miles. The Smith House will be on your left. Please park at any of the public parking areas near the Smith House. Parking at the Smith House is NOT recommended.

Restrooms are available inside the Smith House and the Visitors Center.

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2021 Dahlonega Volksmarch YRE 5k & 10K

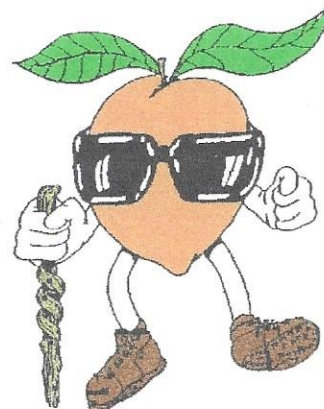
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Start Point: Smith House

1. *(Inside the Smith House -84 S Chestatee St- you can go downstairs to view an old Gold Mine shaft. Lights for the shaft don't operate until 11:00).* Leave the Smith House and go straight out to S Chestatee St and turn left.
2. Continue straight on S. Chestatee St. and turn right on Main St. *Stop and get your 5 - cent cup of coffee and free peanuts at the General Store on your right. Historical Courthouse and Gold Museum will be on your left. (Admission Fees)*
3. Turn right on S. Park St. and go four blocks enjoying the old homes
4. Turn left on Arcadia St. go 1 long block.
5. **The 5 K walkers turn left on Riley and continue on direction number 17 below. The 10 K walkers turn right on Riley Rd.**
6. Veer left onto Pine St. and go up to Parkway.
7. ***You will need to cross Morrison Moore Pkwy, a busy road...so be careful!***
8. Continue straight down Mechanicsville Rd., passing Senior Center, Ball fields and sewage plant, and into Yahoola Creek Park (be careful-no sidewalk)
9. Keep on Mechanicsville Rd. down into park. Bear left through lower parking lot until you see the second bridge (car bridge) on your left over Yahoola Creek.
10. Cross bridge and turn right onto gravel path (by the fire hydrant). Follow this path by the creek (playground will be on your left as well as restrooms)
11. Continue on path following signs for Disc Golf #11 (do not go over bridge on right) and crossing foot bridge until you reach the T junction and go right.
12. Next intersection, go left and follow the double blue bands on the posts.
13. Next junction, go left and follow the yellow and blue bands on the posts.
14. Next junction, turn left and follow the blue/ red/ yellow banded post.
15. Follow blue and red banded post
16. Turn right and follow pavement (right at picnic tables) and back to bridge and retrace your steps through parking lot to Mechanicsville Road and back to Pine St **carefully crossing Morrison Moore Pkwy.** Continue to Riley Rd. bearing right
17. Follow Riley and turn left on S. Grove St. Go up and around 4 blocks to light on E. Main Street
18. Turn left on E. Main St. and continue to Visitor's Center. (Restrooms are available)
19. Turn right onto S Park and crossing Main and continue on N. Park
20. Turn right on Warwick and visit the River Diving Bell. (Continue around Hancock Park)
21. Turn left on N. Meaders St. right after the Diving Bell
22. Left on Hawkins St. and go straight two blocks.
23. Cross and turn left on N. Chestatee St. and go two blocks

24. Cross W. Main St. (after The Embroidery Shop) and turn right.
25. Continue on Main to the Historical Marker on left for "Price Memorial Building"
26. Turn left and view the Price Memorial Hall which stands on the foundation of the civil war era U.S. Branch Mint. *Erected in 1837, that operated until seized by the Confederates in 1861. It produced gold coins estimated to exceed \$6,000,000 in value.*
27. Return to W. Main St. and turn Left. *(Take time to visit the view at the patio of the dining facilities of University of North Georgia)*
28. Continue straight down W Main and enter Mount Hope Cemetery. Go either clockwise or counter clockwise around the driveway. *This old pre-Civil War Cemetery with between 1,000 – 2,000 gravesites. Most famously known for some "Slot and Tab" grave markers, found only in this part of the country. This is an empty decorative stone grave shelter in the shape of a box with an oblong horizontal lid of local soapstone.*
29. Return to W. Main St. and head back toward college campus.
30. Pass the historical marker again and turn right at large brick University of North Georgia gate sign onto Georgia Circle. Follow drive straight down hill, then bear right to drill field.
31. Go counter clockwise around "Lipp" Livsey Drill Field about half way.
32. At the cross walk, go down the stairs on the right toward Library.
33. Turn left in front of the library at the end of the walkway.
34. Bear right onto Georgia Circles after the large weeping willow and leave the university passing the entrance gate to S. Chestatee St.
35. Turn left on South Chestatee St.

36. Return to Smith House. We thank you for walking our YRE.



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Dahlonega Walking Route

