



The First State Webfooters
 Welcomes You to
Colonial Capital Walk Y2206
 An AVA Sanctioned Year Round Event



This walk consists of a 5km or an optional 10 km walk. The walk takes you through the historical section of New Castle, along a paved greenway, and a paved trail along the Delaware River. Historic New Castle was originally settled by the Dutch West India Company in 1651, under the leadership of Gov. Peter Stuyvesant. The Dutch originally named the settlement Fort Casimir, but this was changed to Fort Trinity following its seizure by the colony of New Sweden in 1654. The Dutch conquered the entire colony of New Sweden the following year and rechristened the Fort Nieuw-Amstel ("New Amstel"). As the settlement grew, Dutch authorities laid out a grid of streets and established the town common ("The Green"), which continues to this day.

In 1664, the English seized the entire New Netherland colony in the Second Anglo-Dutch War and changed the name of the town to "New Castle". In 1680, New Castle was conveyed to William Penn by the Duke of York and was Penn's landing place when he first set foot on American soil on October 27, 1682. New Castle's location made it an ideal transfer point for trips up and down the coast. In 1704, Penn granted Lower Three Counties (today's Delaware) independent status, with New Castle as their capital. Delaware formally broke from Pennsylvania in 1704. Separation Day Celebration continues today and is celebrated each June. Three signers of the Declaration of Independence were from New Castle - Thomas McKean, George Read, and Caesar Rodney.

New Castle was devastated by the Great Fire on Water Street, now known as The Strand 1824. The New Castle and Frenchtown Railroad opened in 1831. It was the first railroad in Delaware and one of the first in the nation. The New Castle - Pennsville, NJ. ferry service was inaugurated in 1825, ending in 1951. Today there is a newly constructed pier at the end of Delaware St. that is open for tours of the Kalmar Nickol, a replica of a 1600's Swedish merchant ship. (Seasonal)

Both 5km and 10km are rated 1A. The walk start/end point is in the parking lot of the River Plaza Shopping Center. Once you cross Rt. 9 to Delaware St. you will encounter paved trail and older uneven brick sidewalks. Water should be carried. Strollers and wheelchairs may have difficulty with the uneven brick sidewalks. Restrooms are available at Battery Park and the Visitor's Center located at the First State National Historic Park. <https://www.vistdelaware.com/cities-regions/new-castle/attactions/>

Walk Registration:

Registration takes place online using that AVA Online Start Box, on 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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5km & 10km Walking Directions for the Colonial Capital Walk

Starting Point Location:

River Plaza Shopping Center, Rt 273 & Delaware St, New Castle, DE: North or South RT I95 takes exit 5A DE-141 S/New Castle/Basin Rd. Turn LEFT onto DE-9 Coastal Heritage Scenic Byway/Frenchtown 273/DE-9

Longitude 39.663538 Latitude 75.567744

From RT 1 - Bear LEFT at the DE-1/Rt 13; Turn RIGHT onto DE-273/DE-9, Delaware St. Cross railroad tracks. At traffic light make LEFT into parking lot.

Restrooms:

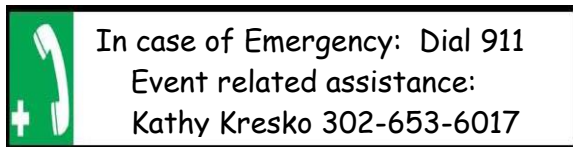
Located at the Visitor's Center, First State National Historic Park and Battery Park.

Restaurants:

Jessop's Tavern, 114 Delaware Ave, 302-322-6111

Nora Lee's Cajun, 124 Delaware Ave, 302-322-7675

Emergency Numbers:



Walking Instructions:

Abbreviations used:

ns - No Sign. There is no street sign.

C&P - Cross and/or Pass. Usage - {C&P: 1st St and 2nd St.}

These walk directions and maps may only be used in conjunction with a signed American Volkssport Association athletic waiver. All other uses are prohibited.

5km Walk Directions:

1) Start at the Traffic Light, corner of River Plaza Shopping Center. Using the cross walk cross DE-273/DE-9 towards Delaware St. Old New Castle. Make RIGHT cross over Delaware St to the other side

2) Once on the other side, make LEFT and follow Delaware St. to the intersection of 7th St. This is a paved sidewalk that may be uneven. Be careful with your footing.

3) At 7th St, make RIGHT and follow the roadway to South St.

4) Make LEFT onto South St. and follow to 6th St.

5) At 6th St, make LEFT and follow to Delaware St.

6) Make RIGHT onto Delaware St. follow Delaware St. to 3rd St. Restrooms available at Library on right.

7) Make RIGHT onto 3rd St. and follow to the end at the Delaware River. You will pass the New Castle Historical Society Dutch House.

8) Once you are at the Delaware River making RIGHT on the path and follow the river (on left) to the end of the path.

9) At the end of the path, turn around and walk back along the path to where you entered and bear right to continue along the Delaware River. Follow the water until Delaware St. Along the way stop and enjoy Battery Park. Restrooms are available and picnic areas.

10) At Delaware St. make LEFT and follow to The Strand at Chestnut St. At the end of path on RIGHT is pier for viewing and touring the Kymar Nickol (Seasonal) Restaurants are available in this area.

11) Make RIGHT on The Strand and follow to Chestnut St. You will pass the George Read House and Gardens.

12) Make LEFT on Chestnut St. and follow to 2nd St.

13) Make LEFT on 2nd St. and follow to Delaware St.

14) Make RIGHT on Delaware St. follow to the next street you come to (Market St.)

15) Make RIGHT on Market St. and follow to Harmony St. You are now in the National Historic Park, The Green. Restrooms available at the Visitor's Center.

16) Make LEFT on Harmony St. and follow to 3rd St.

17) Make LEFT on 3rd St. and follow to Delaware St.

18) Make RIGHT on Delaware St. and follow to traffic light at DE-273. Cross over DE-273/DE-9 to FINISH.

10km Walk Directions

- 1) Start at the Traffic Light, corner of River Plaza Shopping Center. Cross DE-273/DE-9 towards Delaware St. Old New Castle. Make RIGHT cross Delaware St. to the other side.
- 2) Turn RIGHT on the sidewalk on Delaware St. and follow DE-273/DE-9, Delaware St. until you come to a clearly marked crosswalk, just after 10th St. on your right.
- 3) Make a RIGHT using the crosswalk to the other side of DE-273, Delaware St.
- 4) On the other side ahead of you there is a sign for the Industrial Track Greenway. Continue straight on the path to the first kiosk ("A walk through the Marsh").
- 5) At this point, turn around and retrace your steps back to DE-273/Delaware St.
- 6) Using the crosswalk, walk to the other side and you will see the Greenway Trail continues straight ahead. Follow the end at South St.
- 7) Cross 8th St. then cross the railroad tracks heading to 6th St.
- 8) Make LEFT on 6th St. and follow to Delaware St.
- 9) Make a RIGHT on Delaware St. and follow to 3rd St.
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- 10) Make a RIGHT on 3rd St. and follow to the end at the Delaware River. You will pass the New Castle Historical Society Dutch House.
- 11) Once you are at the Delaware River making RIGHT on the path and follow the river (on left) to the end of the path.
- 12) At the end of the path, turn around and walk back along the path to where you entered and bear right to continue along the Delaware River. Follow the water until Delaware St. Along the way stop and enjoy Battery Park. Restrooms are available and picnic areas. At the end of the path on the RIGHT is the pier for viewing and touring the Kalmar Nickol. (Seasonal) Restaurants and Shopping along Delaware St.
- 13) At Delaware St. make LEFT and follow to The Strand at Chestnut St. Restaurants are available in this area.
- 14) Make RIGHT on The Strand and follow to Chestnut St. You will pass the George Read House and Gardens.
- 15) Make LEFT on Chestnut St. and follow to 2nd St.

16) Make LEFT on 2nd St. and follow to Delaware St.

17) Make RIGHT on Delaware St. follow to the next street you come to (Market St.)

18) Make RIGHT on Market St. and follow to Harmony St. You are now in the National Historic Park, The Green. Restrooms available at the Visitor's Center.

19) Make LEFT on Harmony St. and follow to 3rd St.

20) Make LEFT on 3rd St. and follow to Delaware St.

21) Make RIGHT on Delaware St. and follow to traffic light at DE-273. Cross over DE-273/D to FINISH

We hope you enjoyed your walk. If you have not already done so, please login to the Online Start Box at my.ava.org to "complete" your walk.

Special Programs

Walking the United States (50 States-50 Capitals) Delaware No End Date

Walking the USA A-Z No End Date

Walking American Veterans (2021-2023)
(Battery Park named for artillery encampment that protected New Castle Capital. River at low tide reveal the remnants of the port facility can be seen. Walk towards end of Battery Park trail and cross over the Army Creek.)

Additional Club Year Round Walks

Newark Walk 5/10K - (Town & University of Delaware - SB Courtyard Marriot Hotel)

Dover Walk 5/10K - (Historic Capital SB Dover YMCA)

Lewes Walk 5/10K - (Historic Lewes - SB Lemon Tree Restaurant)

Rehoboth Beach Walk/Bike 5/46K - (Town, Boardwalk, Trails SB Sussex Family YMCA)

Bethany Beach Walk 5/10K - (Town, Boardwalk SB Holiday Inn Express)

EVENT WEBSITE: www.mdvolks.org/FSW

10km Walking Map Directions

