

Virginia Volkssport Association
Year-Round
Bridgewater
5/10/11 KM Trail Directions

START POINT: Public Parking Lot across from Bridgewater Volunteer Fire Co.
304 N Main St (lot on Green St)
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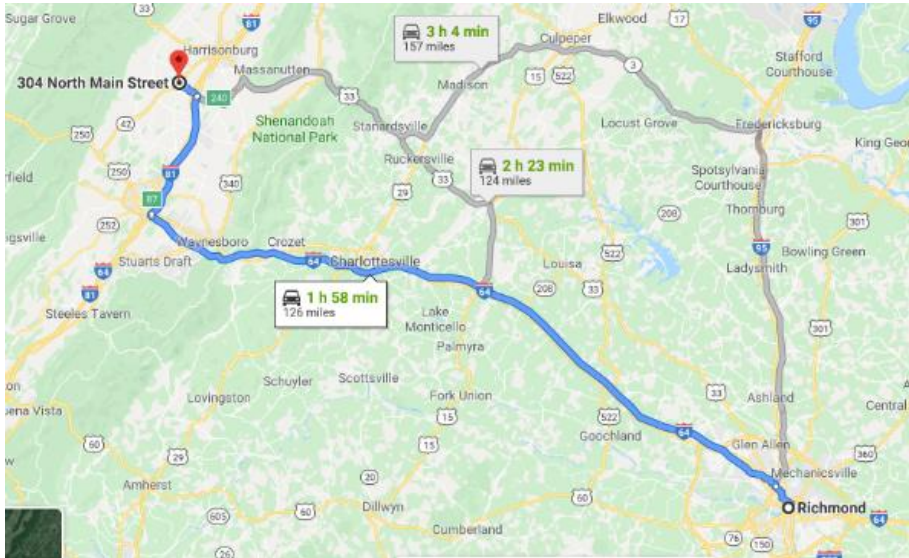
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Driving Directions:

1. Take I-64 to I-81 N and continue about 18 miles.
2. Take Exit 240 for VA-257/VA-682 toward Mt Crawford/Bridgewater.
3. Turn LEFT onto State Rte 682 and continue onto VA-257W for about 3.3 miles.
4. Turn RIGHT onto N Main St at the traffic light to the next intersection with Green St.
5. Turn LEFT on Green St and then RIGHT into the public parking lot. (On Sunday mornings, you may have to park a little further out on N Grove St.)

Driving Map:



Special Programs:

Airports - Celebrating American Flight: #23 (10/11 KM only)

Little Free Libraries: #35 (5 or 11 KM only)

Virginia Counties: Rockingham County

Walking the USA A-Z: "B" for Bridgewater

William Magill first settled along the North River in 1746, and the area became known as Magill's Ford. The first bridge across the North River was built in 1820, and for a time the young community was known as Bridgeport. The Town received its charter from the Virginia General Assembly on February 7, 1835, then incorporated as Bridgewater. Every February 7, the Town holds an annual Charter Day celebration with fireworks.

Bridgewater College is located within the Town, and was first established in 1880. The college has grown along with the Town, now enrolling more than 1,800 students.

Since the creation of the Town in 1835, Bridgewater has endured six major floods, including a devastating flood in 1949 that claimed two lives. As a result, the US Army Corps of Engineers constructed a long earthen levee to protect large portions of the Town against future flooding.

Since the mid-1990s, the Town has held a "Summer's End Celebration" on Labor Day each year. The event has grown to include a 5k race, carnival rides, and live music and is attended by thousands of people.

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Walking Directions:

1. Leave parking lot and walk toward Bridgewater United Methodist Church to the street (Green St).

2. Turn LEFT on Green St and continue a half block to Main St.

3. Turn RIGHT on Main St and continue two blocks to High St. (Gas station on your right has **restrooms.**)

4. Cross and turn RIGHT on High St and continue one block to Grove St.

5. Turn LEFT on Grove St and continue one block to College St.

6. Turn RIGHT on College St and continue to the STOP sign at W View St.

7. Turn LEFT on W View St and continue one block to W Bank St.

8. Cross and turn RIGHT and follow W Bank St as it turns LEFT at Pope St and then curves RIGHT for about a half kilometer to the end of the parking lot at Wildwood Park. **(1 KM at 401 W Bank St)**

9. Continue into the park on the left-hand road and follow it around the circle by the bridge. Return to the park entrance. (**Restrooms** next to playground)

10. Return on W Bank St to the STOP sign at Page St. **(2 KM at 503 W Bank St)**

11. Cross and turn RIGHT on Bank St and continue to Grove St, one block short of the STOP sign.

12. Cross and turn RIGHT on Grove St and continue two blocks to the STOP sign at Riverside Dr.

13. Just past the right-hand parking lot is Seven Bridges Park on the left. Bear LEFT to enter the park on the sidewalk and continue to the LEFT to the other side of the gazebo.

14. Turn LEFT on the sidewalk to exit the park and CAREFULLY cross Main St to the continuation of Riverside Dr.

15. Continue straight on Riverside Dr, walking on the left side, two blocks (one very long) to the parking lot just after 304 Riverside Dr and before the baseball park. The North River is on your right. DO NOT go past the "Speed Limit 25" sign. **(3 KM at 212 Riverside Dr)**

16. Turn LEFT along the road through the parking lot and follow it around to the right past three ball fields to the curve before two tall smokestacks.

17. Turn LEFT on the road, going uphill with the parking lot on your left, and continue two blocks to several brick columns at College St.

18. Turn RIGHT on College St and continue to the second crosswalk just past the college green, just before the sign for Yount Hall.

19. Turn LEFT, crossing in the crosswalk, and continue on the right side of the green to the street (Dinkel Ave—no sign).

This is the decision point.

10/11 KM walkers: continue with #20 on the below.

5 KM walkers:

A. Turn LEFT on Dinkel Ave and continue several blocks to First St/Wynant Place.

B. Turn LEFT on Wynant Place and continue several blocks to College St.

C. Continue with Direction #35.

20. Turn RIGHT on Dinkel Ave and continue to just past the Funkhouser Center on your right to College View Dr. (You will return to this corner later.) **(4 KM at Wampler Towers sign on your left)**

21. Cross College View and continue uphill to the next intersection at Hickory Lane.

22. Turn RIGHT on Hickory Lane for a very short distance to Mountain View Dr.

23. Turn RIGHT on Mountain View Dr and continue around the curve and downhill and around another curve to E College St. **(5 KM at 216 Mountain View Dr)**

As you come to the curve, you will be able to see Bridgewater Air Park on your left. (Airports) If you can't see it, turn LEFT on E College St and continue to the Mini Golf area.

24. Cross and turn RIGHT on E College St and continue one long block to College View Dr.

25. Cross and turn RIGHT on College View Dr to the STOP sign at Dinkel Ave, where you were earlier (Direction #20). **(6 KM at 112 College View Dr)**

26. Turn LEFT on Dinkel Ave to the next crosswalk, cross Dinkel Ave to the right side, and continue on Dinkel Ave several blocks to N Liberty St. **(7 KM at N First St)**

27. Turn RIGHT on N Liberty St and continue two long blocks to Mt Crawford Ave.

28. Carefully cross and turn RIGHT on Mt Crawford Ave and continue several blocks to the intersection with Stephen Cir/Parkside Dr, passing the first entrance to Oakdale Park. **(8 KM at the first entrance to Oakdale Park)**

29. Turn LEFT on Parkside Dr. and continue straight past the "Do Not Enter" sign and through the left parking lot.

30. Continue through the next left parking lot and along the road to the STOP sign to Mt Crawford Ave. **(Restrooms on the left in the middle of the second parking lot)**

31. Carefully cross and turn RIGHT on Mt Crawford Ave and continue to N Main St. (9 KM at Naomi Lane)

32. Turn LEFT on N Main St and continue several blocks to Dinkel Ave.

Second Decision Point

11 KM walkers: continue with #33 in the next column.

10 KM walkers:

A. Using the pedestrian crosswalk, cross and turn RIGHT on Main St and continue one block to Green St.

B. Turn LEFT on Green St and return to your vehicle.

33. Turn LEFT on Dinkel Ave and continue one block to N First St, using the crosswalk in front of Blue Ridge Christian School to cross to the right side of the street.

34. Turn RIGHT on First St and continue two blocks to College St.

35. Turn RIGHT on College St and continue two blocks to the traffic signal at Main St. (Little Free Library (#22303) in front of Bridgewater Presbyterian Church.)

36. Turn RIGHT on Main St and continue to the traffic signal at Dinkel Ave.

37. Carefully use the crosswalk to cross and turn RIGHT on Main St and continue one block to Green St.

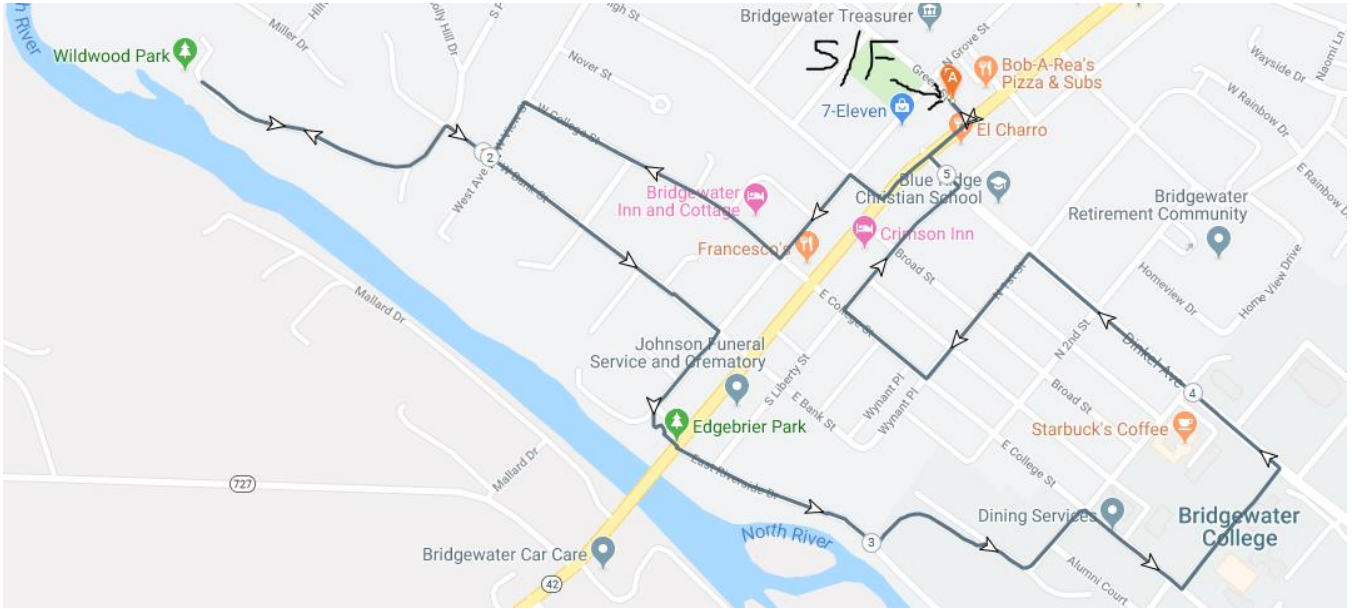
38. Cross and turn LEFT on Green St and return to the public parking lot and your vehicle.

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

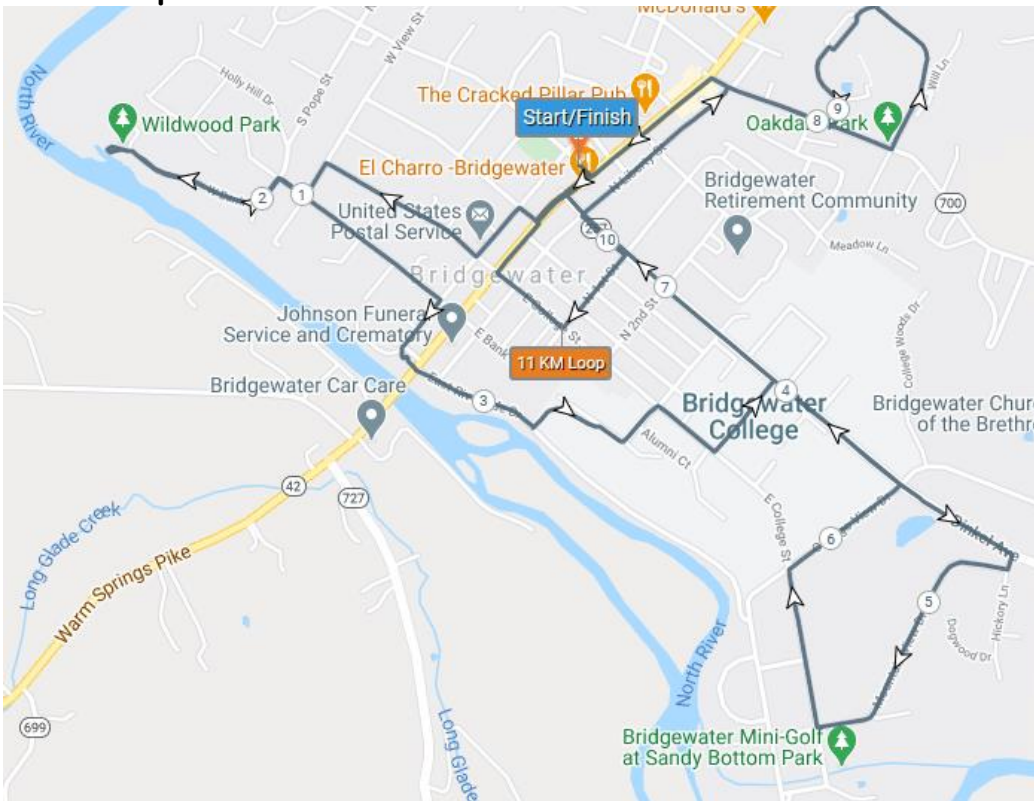
Don't forget to log into the OSB system to complete your walk and the registration process.

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5 KM Walking Map:



10/11 Map:



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