

# Cooperstown Walks

Walk rated 1A

**STARTING POINT:** The Clark Sports Center PH: 607-547-2800  
124 County Hwy 52 (Susquehanna Ave.)  
Cooperstown, NY 13326 website: <http://www.clarksportscenter.com/>

The Clark Sports Center is open Mon-Fri: 5:30 AM – 9:30 PM; Sat & Sun: 8 AM – 6 PM.

The Clark Center is closed on some holidays. Call ahead to the Center or check website to verify it is open for the availability of water and rest rooms.

**DIRECTIONS TO START:** Cooperstown is located in central New York State, 70 miles west of Albany and 30 miles south of the New York State Thruway (Interstate 90).

**From the East:** Take US 20 west, turn left onto County Route (CR) 80 to Cooperstown (becomes Lake St.); turn right onto Chestnut St.; turn left onto Susquehanna Ave. (CR 52); Clark Sports Center will be on the right within 1 mile.

**From the West:** Take US 20 east, turn right onto County Route (CR) 80 to Cooperstown (becomes Lake St.); turn right onto Chestnut St.; turn left onto Susquehanna Ave. (CR 52); Clark Sports Center will be on the right within 1 mile.

**Course Description:** The historic village of Cooperstown is located on the shore of beautiful Otsego Lake. It was founded by Judge William Cooper, father of famed author James Fenimore Cooper. The walk route, **rated 1A** (one set of stairs), follows streets and sidewalks passing both historic homes and the Baseball Hall of Fame. Area attractions, in addition to the Hall of Fame, include: the Fenimore Museum, which has both permanent and special art exhibitions; the Farmers Museum, celebrating 19<sup>th</sup> century farm life; and, the Glimmerglass Opera House.

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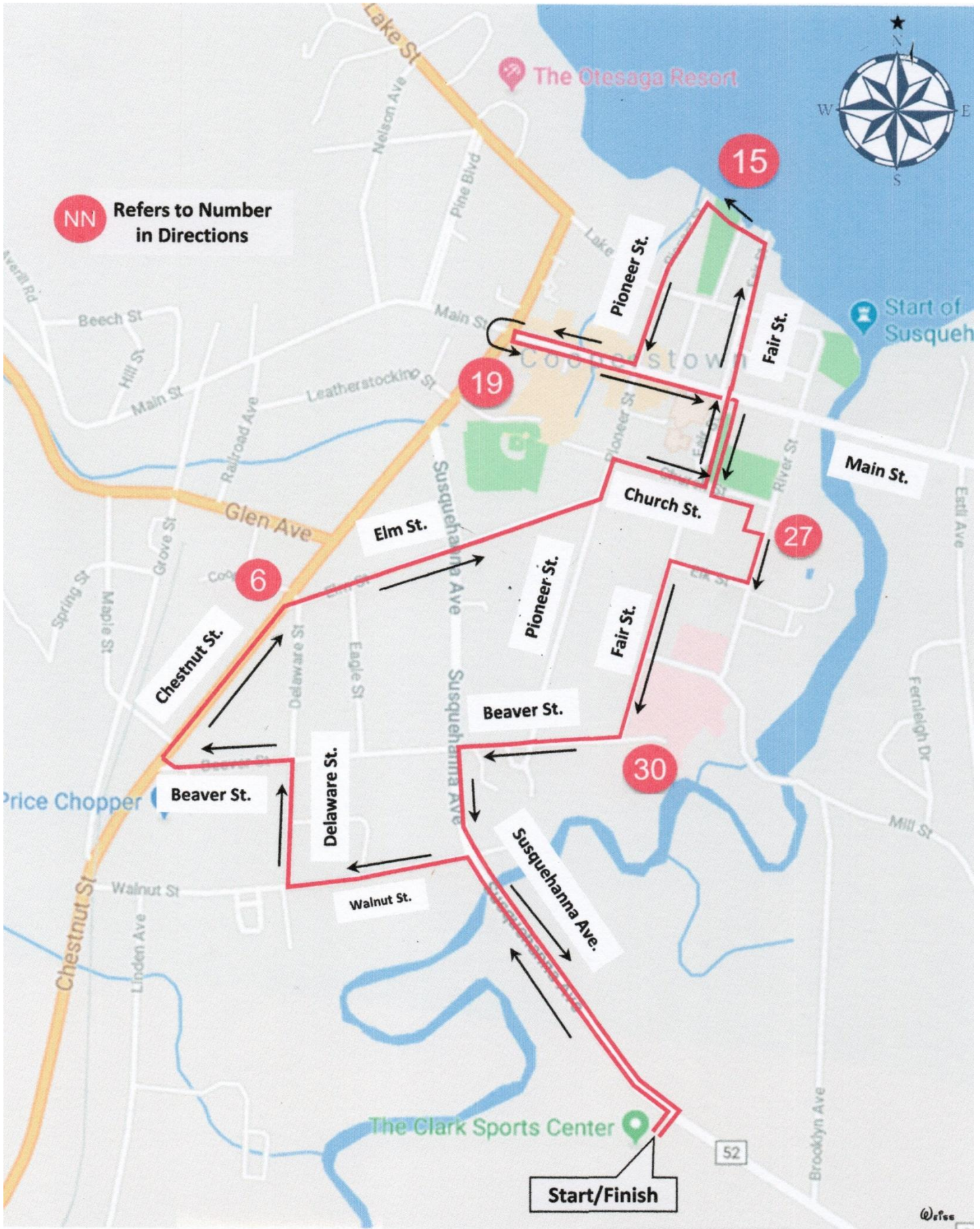
## Cooperstown 5K Walk

1. Leaving the Clark Sports Center (Mayflower – Richard Clarke), turn **LEFT** on Susquehanna Ave.
2. **LEFT** on Walnut St.
3. **RIGHT** on Delaware St.
4. **LEFT** on Beaver St.
5. **RIGHT** on Chestnut St.
6. **RIGHT** on Elm St.
7. At the end of Elm St. **LEFT** on Pioneer St.
8. After a short distance **RIGHT** on Church St.
9. Continue on Church St. to Fair St.
10. Cross Fair St. and turn **LEFT** crossing Church St. and walk through pedestrian gate in the metal fence to the park. *Note J. F. Cooper statue on your left. It is the site of the original Cooper house, Otsego Hall. Otsego Hall burnt to the ground in 1853.*
11. Continue on park path to Main St. *The Baseball Hall of Fame is on your left facing Main St.*
12. Cross Main St. and continue down Fair St.
13. Cross Lake St. and continue down Fair St. to the waterfront.
14. Past the motel turn **LEFT** into Lakefront Park.
15. Follow the plank path down at the edge of Otsego Lake past the statue inspired by a famous J. F. Cooper book. At the end of the path turn **LEFT** on Pioneer St.
16. Continue on Pioneer St. crossing Lake St. until you get to Main St.
17. **RIGHT** on Main St. (Keep an eye out for ice cream parlors on Main Street)
18. Continue on Main St. until you get to stop light at Chestnut St. (Route 80).
19. **LEFT** crossing Main St. and turn **LEFT** again to walk back down the other side of Main St. *Doubleday Field is on your right.*
20. Continue on Main St. crossing Pioneer St. *Baseball Hall of Fame will be on your right. Public restrooms are available inside after passing through the two sets of doors.*
21. After Hall of Fame turn **RIGHT** through second pedestrian gate in fence and into the park.
22. Continue on path retracing your steps through park and pedestrian gate on Church St.
23. Cross Church St. and turn **LEFT**.
24. After about 100 ft. turn **RIGHT** and take steps into the cemetery.
25. Continue on cemetery path noting fenced Cooper Family Plot across from chapel. *Can you find James Fenimore Cooper's grave?*
26. Continue on path and bear **LEFT** through wooden arch to River St. (no sign)
27. **RIGHT** on River St.
28. **RIGHT** on Elk St.
29. Cross and turn **LEFT** on Fair St.
30. **RIGHT** on Beaver St.
31. Cross and turn **LEFT** on Susquehanna Ave. and follow it back to the Clark Sports Center.

<b>SPECIAL PROGRAMS</b>		
Ice Cream Parlors	Walking the USA A – Z	Mayflower – 400 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary

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# Cooperstown 5K Walk



## Cooperstown 10K Walk

1. Leave the Clark Sports Center (Richard Clarke – Mayflower), **RIGHT** on Susquehanna Ave.
2. **LEFT** on Brooklyn Ave. (*no street sign*)
3. **LEFT** on Mill St. Cross the bridge over the Susquehanna and walk up the hill to the Bassett Medical Center.
4. **RIGHT** using cross walk just before intersection with River St.
5. Continue on River St.
6. Just past Elk Street cross River Street and enter the cemetery through the wooden arch.
7. Follow the path to Christ Church and at the entrance bear **RIGHT** towards Saint Agnes Chapel. *James Fenimore Cooper is buried in the fenced-off section of the cemetery across from the chapel.*
8. Continue on the path down steps to Church St.
9. **LEFT** and continue walking on Church St. to Fair St.
10. **RIGHT** crossing Church St.
11. Enter park through pedestrian gate in the metal fence and continue on park path. *Note J. F. Cooper statue on your left. It is the site of the original Cooper house, Otsego Hall. Otsego Hall burnt to the ground in 1853.*
12. Continue on park path to Main St.
13. **LEFT** on Main St. *You'll be walking past the Baseball Hall of Fame. Public restrooms are available inside after passing through the two sets of doors. (Keep an eye out for ice cream parlors on Main Street.)*
14. **LEFT** on Pioneer St. and walk up as far as the Smithy (Upstairs is a gallery.) *The Smithy is the oldest building in Cooperstown.*
15. Cross Pioneer St. and walk back to Main St.
16. **LEFT** on Main St. *You'll pass many stores as you walk along Main St.*
17. Continue on Main St. crossing Chestnut St.
18. **RIGHT** on Pine Blvd.
19. **LEFT** on Lake St. Side walk ends but continue on wide grassy shoulder.
20. Continue on Lake St. past the Farmers Museum. *Note the ten-sided building on the museum grounds. It houses the Empire State Carousel. Public restrooms are available in the Farmer's Museum just inside the stone building left of the gift shop.*
21. CAREFULLY cross Lake St. (Route 80) at second Crosswalk (Golf cart crossing) and continue up the path next to the circular driveway to the Fenimore Museum. (Path on left side of picket fence not the golf cart path).
22. Walk past the right side of the Fenimore Museum and around the back to the patio and garden area.
23. Walk across the patio area to the north end of the Fenimore Museum noting the view of Otsego Lake.
24. Take the walkway back to front of the Museum and turn **LEFT** onto the path along the circular driveway back to Lake St. golf cart crosswalk (5km point)
25. CAREFULLY cross Lake St. and retrace your steps back towards town.
26. **RIGHT** on Nelson Ave.
27. Cross and turn **LEFT** on Main St.

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- 28. At the Court House (middle building with tower) turn **RIGHT** onto the path and follow it to the front of Court House.
- 29. Walk past the left side of Court House through parking lot to Leatherstocking St. (*no street sign*)
- 30. **LEFT** on Leatherstocking St.
- 31. **LEFT** on Chestnut St.
- 32. Continue on Chestnut crossing Main St.
- 33. **RIGHT** on Lake St.
- 34. Cross and turn **LEFT** on Pioneer St. and continue into Lakefront Park. **RIGHT** on the path down at the edge of Otsego Lake past the statue inspired by a famous J. F. Cooper book.
- 35. Continue walking past the lighthouse and the boat docks on your left.
- 36. **RIGHT** on Fair St.
- 37. **LEFT** on Lake St. At the corner of Lake St. and River St. is the site of Council Rock and Clinton's Dam.
- 38. **RIGHT** on River St.
- 39. **LEFT** on Main St. *While crossing the bridge over the Susquehanna read the plaques about Clinton's battle*
- 40. Continue to the intersection of Main St. and Estli Ave.
- 41. Cross Main St. Just inside the fenced area is an Indian burial mound. There's a plaque with an inscription on the mound.
- 42. Return to other side of Main St. and follow it back to town. *At the corner of Main St. and River St. notice the stone house, under the eaves of the east end of the house are the entwined initials of Ann Cooper and George Pomeroy, 1804. The house was a wedding gift from Ann's father, Judge Cooper.*
- 43. Cross and turn **LEFT** on River St.
- 44. **RIGHT** on Atwell St.
- 45. **LEFT** on Fair St.
- 46. **RIGHT** on Beaver St.
- 47. Cross and turn **LEFT** onto Susquehanna Ave. and continue back to the Clark Sports Center.

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