

## **STUFF YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT OUR MEMPHIS WALKS**

### **START: 1 Bass Pro Drive, Memphis TN**

You can use 119 Riverside Drive, Tennessee Welcome Center, Memphis

**DIRECTIONS: Take Exit 1 off either I-40 West or I-40 East onto Riverside Drive. Turn RIGHT onto Bass Pro Drive, passing the Visitor's Center as you make your way to the Bass Pro Parking Lot, parking under the bridges.**

**From I-240/I-55 drive North to I-40, then West to Exit 1 to Riverside/Bass Pro Drive.**

**From Germantown, take Hwy 72/Popular Avenue to N. Front Street in Memphis. Turn LEFT on N. Front Street to Jefferson Avenue. Turn Right and cross Riverside Drive directly to Bass Pro Drive, passing Visitor's Center.**

**PAY ATTENTION TO WHAT YOU WISH TO DOWNLOAD.**

**5K Map/Directions 1 Sheet**

**10/14K Print 3-4 Sheets depending on what you desire.** (LOTS OF ATTENTION REQUIRED AT #29 in LAST COLUMN.)

**Note: "Optional Trolley Ride" to explore more of Memphis. Return to walk directions after tour so you can find your vehicle again.**

**OLSB STUFF:** "Be sure to log back into the OSB system ([my.ava.org](http://my.ava.org)) to "finish/complete" your online registration after doing the walk. The OSB system does not deduct any walking fee from a walker's Event Bank until they have submitted walk completion info including the date the event was walked, the distance walked, and the selection of applicable special programs that walker is participating in. (Nevertheless, a fee of \$2 for a downloaded pdf is deducted from the user's Event Bank when the pdf is downloaded. Later, any pdf fees are credited back to a walker's Event Bank.

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## MEMPHIS 5K

3.1 Miles Rated 2B

### SPECIAL PROGRAMS: *Clock Tower*

1. After parking under the bridges in the Bass Pro parking lot, **follow sidewalk back in the direction** of the tall tower (Visitor's Center) you passed upon arrival. Restrooms in both Bass Pro and Visitor's Center.

2. Turn **RIGHT** on wide driveway toward river as sidewalk ends. It narrows to a sidewalk. Continue to a "T" overlooking the river.

3. Turn **LEFT** at "T" toward Visitor's Center and walk around backside of building (river side). Visitor's Center will be on your left. Continue to inclined sidewalk to Sultana Disaster Plaque (horrific disaster).

4. Continue **Straight** ahead and cross Riverside Drive on the crosswalk, crossing RR tracks and proceeding up the hill to Front Street.

5. **Cross** Front Street and turn **LEFT**. Continue on Front Street crossing Adams and Popular Aves to wide set of stairs on right. **Ascend** stairs and continue to Mudd Island skyway/bridge.

6. Turn on to skyway and follow to Mudd Island.

7. Descending to Mudd Island, turn **RIGHT**, and stay to right as you follow this massive diorama that is cut into a quartz basin. Follow "*Mississippi River*" to where diorama ends going North. Take time to read some of the information panels along the side walls. *PLEASE USE CAUTION WHEN WANDERING AROUND.* As big as this diorama is, there is still a possibility of tripping or falling into the diorama "River." I speak from experience!

Stay to right as you start South along "The River." You will pass the area when you descended the stairs. Continue South.

8. "The River Diorama" will take you to the "Gulf of Mexico." As you approach the Gulf you will see a concession/snack bar. Keep concession stand to right and take sidewalk along field with MEMPHIS sign.

9. Continue past the MEMPHIS sign, out to, and around Flags display. **Climb** the stairs and take the long ramp down. (This should take you toward the REAL Mississippi River and across field from MEMPHIS sign.) Good area for pictures of the sign with downtown Memphis in the background.

10. Follow sidewalk back to concession and the "Gulf of Mexico." **Resume** your walk along the diorama until you come to the stairs or elevator back to the skyway.

11. **Leaving** the skyway, **continue** to raised area (up from Front Street and walk over to the Patriotic display; with designer wall, Freedom Bell, and flag. **Continue** to walk between a row of flags to clock tower across plaza.

12. Turn **RIGHT** on Main Street to Jefferson St.

13. Turn **RIGHT** on Jefferson and continue across RR tracks, crossing Riverside Drive. **Continue** on sidewalk back past Sultana Disaster Plaque, to Visitor's Center grounds. Continue **straight** toward river following sidewalk around and behind the V.C. **Continue** to GREENLINE Trail and follow it, until you come to the turn you made starting the walk. If you don't turn Right, you will walk for miles alongside a big flood wall. Return back to Bass Pro parking lot and your vehicle.

**NOTE: At #12, feel free to take trolley and do Some touring, but return to clock tower to finish your 5K.**

**EMERGENCY: DIAL 9-1-1**

**POC: DJ Moore: 850-628-4016**

**OR**

**Patricia Edmondson: 479-640-2486**

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## MEMPHIS 10K-14K (2B)

### Rollin' on the River

**SPECIAL PROGRAMS:** *Border Crossing* (6 a.m. to 10 p.m. [BIG RIVER CROSSING.Com](http://BIGRIVERCROSSING.Com), *Clock Tower*.)

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3. Turn **LEFT** at "T" toward Visitor's Center and walk around backside of building (river side). Visitor's Center will be on your left. Continue on walkway to Bike Rack (Let's Go Explore.)
4. **VEER RIGHT** and continue following sidewalk with river on your right.
5. **VEER RIGHT** @ silver art, keeping silver fence on right (Not railing.) **CHOICE:** Go up 8 % incline or not. Sidewalk on side leads to same place but without the view. @ Tom Lee's Statue (4.8K).
6. At fork of gravel or paved, **choose either**. They come back together. Continue following sidewalk uphill. At intersection, turn **RIGHT** to wooded area with green railings (5.4K). Continue on pathway overlooking the **Mississippi River. Pass a black iron fence around a vacant lot.** Continue thru Martyrs Park, passing Yellow Fever Plaque and Memorial. Continue on sidewalk oval (6K) around tree.
7. Turn/Veer **LEFT** on dirt/grass trail toward Memorial Garden.
8. Turn **RIGHT** at circle with flame and follow sidewalk to parking lot.
9. Turn **LEFT** on driveway.
10. Turn **RIGHT** on circular road on sidewalk and continue to 3 posts with yellow bands.
11. Turn **RIGHT** to pedestrian bridge and continue to State line (6.66K) (Porta Potties at beginning of bridge.) At State line, reverse direction. Remain on paved trail leaving bridge and pass bike rentals.
12. Curve **LEFT** to use crosswalk. At Stop Sign behind tree, use crosswalk. Cross and turn **RIGHT** on sidewalk (Rev Robert L. Carley) which blends in to W. Virginia Drive and Channel 3 Drive.
13. Walk along Channel 3 Dr, crossing bridge over Riverside Dr as it **CURVES** north to W. Georgia Street.
14. Cross W. Georgia and turn **RIGHT. Cross** Riverside and stay on Georgia using crosswalk. (??K). Continue on West Georgia, crossing Tennessee Ave. At next block you will cross railroad tracks and Georgia curves and becomes Front Street.
15. Turn **LEFT** on Front Street. Pass between newer row houses to the Memphis Farmer's Market on right. Amble on in if its open. Continue to Mina Ave, and the Blue Monkey.
16. Turn **LEFT** in to alley.
17. Continue 1 block to "T", passing The Brewery. Cross to other side of road. Turn **RIGHT** (no sign, on Tennessee).
18. Turn **LEFT** on 1<sup>st</sup> sidewalk between black railings across from W Butler Avenue.
19. Turn **RIGHT** on sidewalk overlooking earlier trail and Mississippi River. Continue as you pass thru Butler Park in front of some gorgeous homes.
20. As you pass Vance Park and Beale Street Landing, take the steps down to Beale Street just before Pedestrian bridge. **Cross** Beale Street and turn **RIGHT** on Beale Street. At the "Arch" look to the right to see the Orpheum Theatre.
21. **Cross** Main Street on crosswalk @ arch. Turn **RIGHT** and cross Beale Street.
22. Then turn **LEFT** on Beale St. **Note: Informational signs and Elvis Presley statue.**
23. Continue on Beale Street 1 block further crossing 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Continue a tad further to BB King Restaurant (RECOMMENDED.) **REVERSE** direction and return to South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Turn **RIGHT** on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and cross Beale St. You will pass the Memphis Music

Hall of Fame and come to The Peabody Hotel on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street; well-known for its flock of ducks, legendary 13stories, & roof-top bar.

24. Turn **LEFT** on Barboro Alley. Cross Main St to see murals, but return to Main Street if you do see murals.

25. Turn **RIGHT** on “Walkable” Main Street! You will pass KRESS (best viewed from right side).

**26. Look or turn right** to see fountain in Court Square. Return to 2<sup>nd</sup> and **cross over** at Court Ave. You will need to be on the right side of Court Ave to cross over Front Street on crosswalk. (**NOTE:** Old court building that is now the University of Memphis on left to side of park.)

**27. Proceed** to fencing along water at back of CHICKASAW BLUFF NUMBER FOUR park. Turn **RIGHT** at fence. Walk down stairs on left and descend to Jefferson Avenue.

28. Take a **RIGHT** on Jefferson Street to Front Street. **Cross** Front Street.

29. Turn **LEFT** on Front Street. Continue to Memphis City Hall and climb wide steps on right to Patriotic Display with Freedom Bell, Designer wall and flags. After viewing the bell, (**∞**) continue to clock tower on N. Main Street where there are also trolleys *if you wish to tour Memphis after your walk or right now and return here to complete walk.*

30. Turn **Right** on N. Main Street to Jefferson Avenue.

31. Turn **RIGHT** on Jefferson Avenue and continue to Riverside Drive. **Cross** RR tracks and Riverside on crosswalk and continue straight to Sultana Disaster Plaque (horrific tragedy). **Continue straight** down ramp to walkway.

32. Turn **RIGHT**. Green railing on left. Return to walkway behind Visitor’s Center to GREENLINE trail. Reverse steps #2 and #1 to complete 10K.

(**∞**) PAY ATTENTION IN NEXT PARAGRAPH IF YOU WISH TO ADD A PHENOMINAL EXTRA 4K. At

## **MARK (**∞**) TAKE PEDESTRIAN RAISED SKYWAY TO MUDD ISLAND.**

**29.a. (**∞**) ADDITIONAL DISTANCE:** Take Skyway and cross to Mudd Island. Descending to Mudd Island.

29.b. Turn **RIGHT** and follow massive diorama that is cut into quartz basin. NOTE DISPLAY INSTRUCTIONS AND INFO and follow “**Mississippi River**” to end. Take time to read some of the information panels along the sides. **PLEASE USE CAUTION WHEN WANDERING AROUND.** As big as this diorama is, there is still a possibility of tripping or falling into the diorama “River.” I speak from experience!

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29.d. Follow sidewalk back to the “Gulf of Mexico” and resume your walk along the diorama until you come to the stairs or elevator back to the elevated walkway.

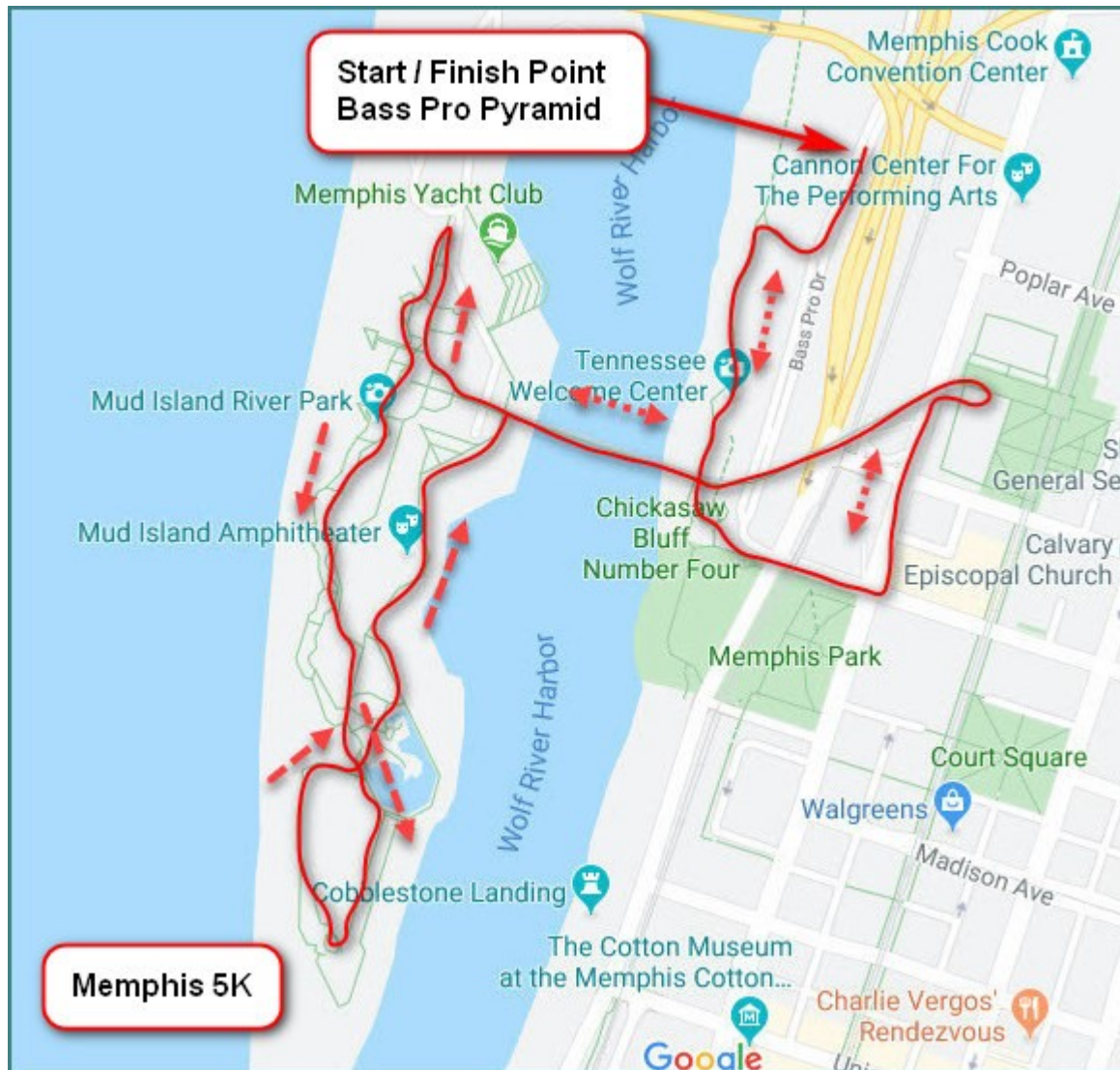
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Turn Around at State Line

