



The Liberty Bell Wanderers  
 Welcomes You to  
**The Souderton Saunter**  
**"Souderton Borough plus 55+"**  
 An AVA Sanctioned Year Round Event



This walk offers 6km, 8km and 11km routes. All routes start out together for about 2.5 km before they split. Little Free Libraries (LFL) are on all routes (the 11km has 3 LFL). The 6km route includes walking near two 55+ communities. The 8km and 11km routes pass an additional 55+ community and the Souderton Mennonite Homes continuing care residential campus. All routes include some of Souderton Borough Historic and Business districts. The Souderton Historic District was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2011 for architecture. Souderton was incorporated in 1887 and was once home to cigar factories, silk hose factories and textile manufacturing. Univest Bank had its start in Souderton as Union National Bank and still has its National Headquarters in Souderton. You will notice many churches in Souderton. Souderton still has surrounding farmland, though much has been developed. For more about the history of Souderton and interesting anecdotal stories about early Souderton go to

<http://soudertonborough.org/history/>

### **Walk Registration:**

Registration takes place online using the AVA Online Start Box, on [my.ava.org](http://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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**\*\*\* The walking paths around the 55+ communities may not be clear of snow & ice in winter.**

**\*\*\* During COVID-19 restrictions, please obey all governmental guidance regarding allowed activities. Also, keep in mind you may not have access to public restroom facilities during this period. Bring sanitizer wipes and other supplies you may need to remain safe. Please maintain social distancing while participating in this event. Be aware of your surroundings - there are some uneven sidewalks and some natural surfaces. Please do not participate if you feel you cannot do so safely. \*\*\***

## 11km, 8km and 6km Walking Directions for the Souderton Saunter

### Starting Point Location:

The Parking Lot is next to a small cemetery located more or less at 227 Leidy Rd, Souderton, PA close to the intersection of Cherry Lane and Leidy Rd.

**Notice:** There are 2 parking lots next to cemeteries on both sides of Leidy Rd near this address. The starting point parking lot is next to the small older cemetery that is on the southwest side of Leidy Rd, on the same side of the road as Harrington Way (the entrance to Harrington Village closest to Cherry Lane) and across the road from a white post with #276 (which is actually the HUB's Cherry Lane address).



**From 476 Lansdale Exit:** Take the Lansdale/Kulpsville/Harleysville exit off of I-476 (PA Turnpike Extension). There are multiple exit ramps (EZ-Pass Only or not) that may be used, but all lead to Sumneytown Pike. Whether you need to turn left or right depends on the exit ramp used. Upon reaching the Sumneytown Pike T intersection, turn so you are traveling northwest which is towards Harleysville and away from Lansdale.

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Then **RIGHT** on Wambold Rd., **LEFT** at the T intersection onto Allentown Rd., **RIGHT** onto Elroy, then **BEAR LEFT** where Elroy makes a right to continue on Beck Rd. **CROSS** Cowpath Rd to continue on Leidy Rd. Pass the first entrance to Harrington Village (Harrington Way) and follow Leidy Rd as it turns sharply to the left. The Starting Point Parking Lot is immediately on the left after passing the second entrance to Harrington Village (Harrington Way) next to a small old cemetery.

**From PA 309:** Take the Souderton exit to PA 113. If you were traveling South on 309, turn **RIGHT** on Broad St (PA 113). If you were traveling North on 309, turn **LEFT** on Broad Street (PA 113). **LEFT** on County Line Rd. **RIGHT** on Cherry Lane (shown as Church street on some maps). Continue on Cherry Lane to the end at Stop Sign and intersection with Leidy Rd. **LEFT** on Leidy Rd then the Starting Point Parking Lot is immediately on the right next to a small cemetery.

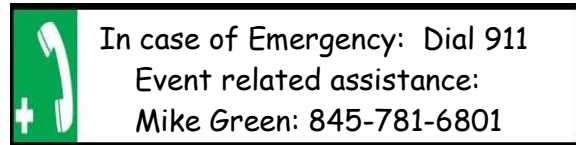
### Restrooms:

There are no public restrooms at the starting point. We recommend you stop at Royal Farms at the I-476 Exit (1780 Sumneytown Pike, Kulpsville, PA 19438) before continuing to the walk start. If you are not coming from I-476 there are businesses along 113 (aka Broad St) where you could find restrooms (gas station, Giant Food Store, CVS, McDonald's).

**11KM & 8KM Routes:** Public restrooms may be open seasonally at about 4km at the Parkside Grill adjacent to the Souderton Community Pool on Wile Ave. At about 4.5km, there are porta-potties on the pedestrian path in the park, near the twin house at 458/456 Main St.

**6KM Route:** A porta-potty is located at Chestnut St Park next to Chestnut St after Wile Ave.

### Emergency Numbers:



### Walking Instructions:

Abbreviations used:

ns - No Sign. There is no street sign.

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

**Walk Directions:**

1) Facing Leidy Rd (the parking lot entrance) turn **RIGHT** onto the macadam path then immediately **LEFT** to proceed a short distance uphill to Harrington Way (Sign on the far left near Leidy Rd.)

*Harrington Way is one of two entrances to Harrington Village, a 55plus community of 120 carriage homes built 2005-2007.*

2) **Cross Harrington Way and continue on the macadam path with back of townhomes on your right. Follow the path as it turns right to the first intersection with a path on the right.**

3) **RIGHT** on this path passing the sign "Private Trail/ Residents Only" (You are a guest of residents Mike and Betty Green). Ignore the path on the left and proceed to the first street, Melbourne Way (ns).

4) **Cross Melbourne Way (using crosswalk) proceeding on the macadam path downhill to the clubhouse parking lot.**

5) **Cross the parking lot diagonally left to use the cross walk to cross Harrington Way (ns) then continue on the macadam path downhill to the path T intersection.**

6) Turn **RIGHT** on the path keeping the woods on your left proceed to the white fence and bridge on your left.

7) Turn **LEFT** to cross the bridge then **LEFT** again (after crossing the bridge) to proceed uphill on the macadam path.

8) **Continue about 0.4 km until the macadam path changes to a mulch covered path.**

9) **Continue on the mulch covered path passing a Little Free Library, ignoring intersecting paths on the right, to a bridge.**

*The intersecting trails on the right are maintained by S.A.V.E. (Students Against Violating the Earth). The Student Environmental Education Campus is behind Broad St Elementary School, on your right.*

10) **Cross the bridge and continue on the macadam path uphill to Broad St (ns).**

11) **Carefully cross Broad St (no cross walk here) to the sidewalk on the other side.**

12) Turn **LEFT** on the sidewalk proceeding downhill to the first macadam path on the right.

13) Turn **RIGHT** on the macadam path and follow this path for 0.6 km (C&P: Lions Gate path use sign and a Gazebo) to its end, Chestnut St (ns).

*The homes on the right are part of the Lions Gate 55+ community of 156 quad-homes built 1996-2000.*

14) **RIGHT** on Chestnut St proceeding uphill to the first Alley on the left, just after house # 371.

**6 KM WALKERS ONLY:**

a) **Continue on Chestnut St {C&P: Hunsberger Ln, Mifflin St, West St, Wile Ave, Chestnut St Park - Porta-Pot, Penn Ave, Tilly Mint's Tea Room - 20 West Chestnut, and the Downtown Scoop Ice Cream Parlor - 11 West Chestnut} to Main St.**

*Tilly is a Mayflower surname (Special Program).*

*Upon reaching Main St, notice the "day" and "night" murals on both walls of the Chestnut St railroad overpass on the other side of Main St.*

b) **RIGHT** on Main St {C&P: Lumber St} to Broad St (traffic light).

*Notice large clock on corner of the Uninvest bank building on the other side of Broad St.*

c) **RIGHT** on Broad St for one block to Washington St.

d) **LEFT** on Washington St, using crosswalk, to Highland Ave.

e) **RIGHT** on Highland Ave using the crosswalk and **GO TO INSTRUCTION # 38)**

**8 and 11 KM WALKERS ONLY:**

15) **LEFT** on the Alley proceeding downhill to bridge.

16) **Cross the Bridge then turn LEFT** on to macadam path, crossing another small bridge and proceed for 0.4 km (ignoring intersecting paths) to Green St (ns).

17) **Cross Green St then cross the sidewalk and walk straight uphill on the grass for a very short distance to macadam path.**

*The homes on the left are part of the Kingsfield 55+ community of 66 single family homes built 2000-2003.*

18) **LEFT** on the macadam path {C&P: .6 mile marker, path turns right, Gazebo, .5 marker, .4 marker, and another Gazebo} to Valley View Dr.

*On the right is the Souderton Mennonite Homes campus that has about 400 residents living in independent living, personal care, memory care and health care.*

19) **LEFT** Valley View Dr proceeding uphill to Menno Home Dr.

20) **LEFT** on Menno Home Dr {C&P: 14 Speed Limit sign, .3 marker, Stop Sign, .2 marker} to Colonial Drive (ns, Stop Sign).

21) **Cross Colonial Dr then continue straight on the sidewalk keeping the swimming pool on the left passing a Little Free Library to Wile Ave (ns).**

22) **LEFT** on Wile Ave, keeping pool facility on left, to Reliance Rd. (You will pass the Parkside Grill and Restrooms that are open seasonally on the left and the Souderton Community Park on the right).

The Souderton Community Park features a covered outdoor theatre stage Beginning each June and continuing every Sunday through the beginning of August, "Concert Sundaes in the Park" features various musical concerts and programs. Each week a different community service club sells ice cream!

**23) RIGHT on Reliance Rd {C&P: Souderton Community Park} to Main St.**

The town clock on the corner was presented by the MacCalla Lodge # 596 of Free and Accepted Masons to Souderton Borough in 2002. It was made by the Verdin Clock Company.

**24) RIGHT on Main St {C&P: Harrison Ave, Macadam drive on right to Porta-Potties immediately after 460/458 Main St, and Clarion Ave} to Summit St.**

Immediately after the twin house at 460/458 Main St is a macadam drive on the right that leads to two public porta-potties about 50 m after turning right on the drive.

**\*\*Note: the Wawa Store located on the corner of Main St and Summit St does not have public restrooms.\*\***

### **8 KM WALKERS ONLY**

- a. Continue on Main St {C&P: Summit, Walnut St, Church St, Diamond St, Central Ave, Green St, Hillside Ave, \*\* (see #29 Special Program Detour if doing Mayflower or Ice Cream SP )\*\* C&P Chestnut St, & Lumber St} to Broad St (traffic light).
- b. RIGHT on Broad St, one block, to Washington St.
- c. LEFT on Washington St, using crosswalk, to Highland Ave.
- d. RIGHT on Highland Ave using the crosswalk and GO TO INSTRUCTION # 38)

### **11KM WALKERS ONLY**

**25)LEFT on Summit St {C&P: Duke Alley (ns) and Railroad Ave, Railroad overpass} to Second St.**

**26) RIGHT on Second St {C&P: Ridge Ave, Generations of Indian Valley, Perseverance Volunteer Fire Company, Church St, and Fairview Ave} to Central Ave.**

*Generations of Indian Valley was founded in 1967 as a Senior Adult Activity Center. It moved to this current location on 2nd Street in 1989, in a renovated former car dealership. In 2008 the name was changed to Generations of Indian Valley, offering welcome and friendship, programs in health, wellness, social services, recreation, education, travel, nutrition and more to area senior citizens.*

**27) RIGHT on Central Ave {C&P: Railroad, Railroad Ave, and Duke Alley (ns)} to Main St.**

**28) LEFT on Main St {C&P: Green St, Hillside Ave, Montgomery Theater} to Chestnut St.**

*Montgomery Theater (124 N Main St) is housed in what was once the Souderton Firehouse. It seats 122 and is the site of local productions of plays and musicals, stand-up comedy and children's acting camps.*

*Upon reaching Chestnut St, look to the left to see the "Day" and "Night" murals on railroad overpass walls.*

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### **29) OPTIONAL SPECIAL PROGRAMS DETOUR:**

- a. RIGHT on Chestnut for about  $\frac{1}{2}$  block to 11 West Chestnut St where the Downtown Scoop Ice Cream Parlor (Special Program) is located.
- b. Carefully cross Chestnut and turn RIGHT to continue on Chestnut to 20 West Chestnut St. where Tilly Mint's Tea Room is located (Special Program - Tilly is a Mayflower surname).
- c. TURNAROUND and go back to Main St, (notice Day and Night Murals ahead) then turn RIGHT on Main St.

**30) Continue on Main St {C&P: Univest Conference Center and Lumber St} to Broad St.**

*The Univest Museum is in the Univest Conference Center at 24 N Main St, site of the original bank building (open by appointment only). The bank's history goes back 142 years to when it started as Union National Bank in 1876. Univest's corporate headquarters is next to the Conference Center.*

**31) LEFT on Broad St {C&P: Northbound restaurant - on other side of Broad St, railroad crossing, Front St, 2<sup>nd</sup> St, 3<sup>rd</sup> St, 4<sup>th</sup> St, 5<sup>th</sup> St and Noble St} to School Lane**

*At 2 West Broad St, the Northbound restaurant is housed in a transformed century old train station. Passenger train service was discontinued in 1981 but freight trains are still active.*

**32) RIGHT on School Lane {C&P: Lincoln Ave} to Montgomery Ave.**

**33) RIGHT on Montgomery Ave {C&P: Long Alley, Oak Ave, 5<sup>th</sup> St, 4<sup>th</sup> St and 2<sup>nd</sup> St} to Front St.**

**34) LEFT on Front St to T intersection with Cherry Lane.**

**35) RIGHT on Cherry Lane to Washington Ave.**

**36) RIGHT on Washington Ave {C&P: Lawn Ave (ns) and Garfield Ave} to Highland Ave.**

**37) LEFT on Highland Ave.**

**38) 6 KM, 8KM and 11 KM WALKERS:** Continue on Highland Ave {C&P: Penn Ave, Franklin Ave, Adams Alley (ns), Adams Ave and Mifflin St} to Hunsberger Ln.

**39) LEFT on Hunsberger Ln to Yale Ct/Hunsberger Ln.**

**40) LEFT to remain on Hunsberger Ln to Mifflin St.**

**41) RIGHT on Mifflin St to Lawn Ave**

**42) RIGHT on driveway of Immanuel Leidy Church parking lot (opposite Lawn Ave), remaining on driveway as it curves left and then right around the parking lot to T-intersection.**

**43) LEFT at T-intersection, then immediate RIGHT onto Macadam path at Stop Sign (small cemetery on your left) going a short distance to mulch path.**

**44) LEFT on mulch path, proceeding on gravel uphill to the parking lot and starting point.**

LBW thanks you for your participation. Don't forget to complete the Online Start Box Finish Table.

# Souderton 6km



Souderton 8 & 11km



## **2020 KSVa Special Challenges and AVA Special and National Programs**

<b>WALK NAME: SOUDERTON Saunter Plus 55+</b>					
<b>NUMBER: 116505 2020/Y2688</b>					
<b>KSVa SPECIAL CHALLENGES</b>					
67 Counties (no end date)			Montgomery		
AT Thru Hike (2017 -2020)			N/A		
<b>AVA SPECIAL PROGRAMS</b>					
<b>Program Name</b>	<b>Years</b>	<b>10 K</b>	<b>5 K</b>	<b>7 K</b>	<b>Information</b>
Airports	(2020 – 2022)				
Appalachian Trail	(2018 – 2028)				
Border Crossing	(2014 - 2023)				
Bridges – Spanning the USA	(2016 - 2018)	X	X	X	Footbridges
Carousels Across America	(2019 – 2021)				
Food for Thought	(2015 - 2017)				
Ice Cream Parlors	(2017 -2019)	X	X	X	Downtown Scoops
Lady Liberty	(2016 - 2018)				
Little Free Libraries	(2019 - 2021)	X	X	X	Mulch path, near Pool and Broad Street
Make A Wish – Water Fountains	(2016 – 2018)		X	X	At Uninvest Bank at Washington & Broad
Mayflower – 400 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	(2020 – 2022)	X	X	X	Tilly’s Mint Tearoom
National Parks Centennial	(2016 - 2018)				
Points of Reference	(2016 - 2018)	X	X	X	Northbound Restaurant (at old train station)
Rockin’ Around the Clock	(2020 – 2022)	X	X	X	10K-Town Clock; 5K & 7K- Bank Clock
State Street Sashay	(2016 - 2018)	X	X	X	Washington Ave
Take A Walk in a City Park	(2016 - 2018)	X			Souderton Community Park
Treasure Hunt	(2016 - 2018)	X	X	X	5, 7, 10K: Keystone State; 7K only: Diamond St
Underground Railroad	(2017 – 2020)				
United States Post Office	(2016 - 2018)				
Vice Presidential Walks	(2016 - 2018)				
Walking America’s Ports of Call	(2016 - 2018)				
Walking the Path of Inventions	(2016 - 2018)				
Walk the USA – Street by Street	(2016 - 2018)				
<b>AVA NATIONAL PROGRAMS</b>					
<b>Program Name</b>	<b>Years</b>	<b>10K</b>	<b>5K</b>	<b>7K</b>	<b>Information</b>
50 States / 51 Capitals	(no end date)	X	X	X	Pennsylvania
Walk the USA (A To Z)	(no end date)	X	X	X	S