



Liberty Bell Wanderers
Welcome You to a
Newtown Historic Walk
A 2020 Walking Event in Bucks County PA



The 10k AVA walk is rated 2B. It begins and ends in the historic downtown area where stores, restaurants, and coffee shops are available. The mid part of the 10k goes through pleasant residential areas and also the town cemetery. It includes a walking trail and goes over a moderate hill. The 8k walk is similar to the 10k but does not include the hill and walking trail. The 5k walk stays in the downtown area and has no significant hills.

WALK REGISTRATION:

Please use the online start box provided by the AVA website (<https://my.ava.org>). Log into your existing account on my.ava.org (or create an account and sign the AVA athletic waiver). Once logged into the my.ava.org site, click the -My Start Box- tab and use the -help- button for further guidance. The -My Event Bank- tab is used to add funds to your account via the credit card processing service, EVO. The directions and insert cards are PDFs that you can download and print as needed. The POC does not provide event directions nor accept alternate payment methods. Driving directions to the event starting point are included in the downloaded walk directions.

WALK COMPLETION AND WALK CREDIT:

Once you have physically completed the walk, please login to your online Start Box account and select the "Finish Table" tab. Use the displayed entry form to submit the date and distance of your walk as well as to select applicable AVA Special Programs. You then generate stamped "virtual" insert cards that you may choose to print out later.

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***** 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 natural surfaces. Please do not participate if you feel you cannot do so safely. *****

STARTING POINT LOCATION AND DIRECTIONS:

The starting point is a free three-hour Municipal parking lot located on the south side of West Centre Avenue. **For a GPS location, use "Starbucks, 100 S State Street, Newtown PA."**

The parking lot is behind this Starbucks.

From the PA Turnpike Exit 351-Bensalem (about 9 miles): Take US-1 north for about 4 miles to PA-413 Exit in Langhorne. Turn right onto South Bellevue Avenue and then turn left onto PA-413 N/S Pine Street. Follow 413 N for about 4 miles to the Route 332 intersection. Continue straight on State Street for about 0.8 mile. Turn left onto West Centre Avenue (Starbucks is on the left). The Municipal parking lot is just ahead on the left side of West Centre Avenue.

From Warminster PA (about 11 miles): Take Street Road (PA-132) to Jacksonville Road (PA-332). Follow route 332 east (on Jacksonville, Almshouse, and Richboro roads) for about nine miles to Newtown. You will enter Newtown on West Centre Avenue and the Municipal parking lot is on the right side of the street.

From Souderton PA (about 28 miles): Take PA-309 south to Line Lexington. Turn left and then right onto County Line road. Take County Line for about 3.5 miles to the US-202 parkway. Turn left on US-202 and travel about 7.5 miles to PA-313. Turn right onto PA-313 E / Swamp Road. Continue on Swamp Road for about 11 miles. Turn left onto Richboro Road just after passing Tyler State Park on the right. Go about 0.5 mile and you will enter Newtown on West Centre Avenue. The Municipal Parking is on the right side of the street

From Downtown Philadelphia PA (about 32 miles): Take I-95 N/I-295 E for about 28 miles to Exit 8 (PA-332 W) in Lower Makefield Township. Turn left onto Route PA-332 and proceed about 3 miles to South State Street (a sign points left for PA-413 S). Turn right onto State Street and go about 0.8 mile. Turn left onto West Centre Avenue (Starbucks is on the left). The Municipal parking lot is just ahead on the left side of West Centre Avenue.

2020 AVA Special and National Programs

WALK NAME: NEWTOWN HISTORIC					
NUMBER: 116698					
KSVA SPECIAL CHALLENGES					
67 Counties (no end date)	BUCKS				
AT Thru Hike (2017 -2021) in PA only	N/A				
AVA SPECIAL PROGRAMS					
Program Name	Years	10k	8k	5K	Information
Airports – Celebrating American Flight	(2020 – 2022)				
Appalachian Trail in 14 States	(2018 – 2028)				
Border Crossing	(2014 - 2023)				
Bridges – Spanning the USA	(2016 –2018)	X	X	X	Newtown Creek bridges (2)
Carousels Across America	(2019 - 2021)				
Little Free Libraries	(2019 – 2021)				The Little Free Libraries in front of the Newtown Library and in Linton Memorial Park do NOT qualify. They are unregistered.
Mayflower – 400 th Anniversary Walk	(2020 – 2022)				
Rockin’ Around the Clock	(2020 – 2022)	X	X	X	Town Clock, Corner of State and Centre
State Street Sashay	(2016 –2018)	X	X	X	Washington Street
Ice Cream Parlors	(2017 - 2019)	X	X	X	- Goodnoe Farm Dairy Bar, 4 S Sycamore St - Zebra Striped Whale, 12 S State St
Underground Railroad	(2017– 2019)	X	X	X	- Newtown Theatre, 120 N State St - Archambault House, 115 Washington Ave
Walk like an Olympian	(2018 – 2020)				
AVA NATIONAL PROGRAMS					
Program Name	Years	10K	8K	5K	Information
50 States / 51 Capitals	(no end date)	X	X	X	Pennsylvania
Walk the USA (A To Z)	(no end date)	X	X	X	N

ABOUT NEWTOWN

Newtown is one of the oldest towns in Pennsylvania. The 5,000 acres originally comprising both Newtown Borough and Township were part of the vast tract purchased by William Penn from the Indians by William Markham, Penn's agent, on July 15, 1682. Penn originally called this area his "New Town" which eventually evolved into "Newtown." The town was patterned to resemble an open fan surrounding a narrow rectangular piece of property called the town common. The plan of the township and town stead were surveyed by Thomas Holme in 1684 and the boundaries that appear on his map of that date remain essentially the same today. You will see this map on your walk today.

Newtown succeeded Bristol as the county seat from 1726 to 1813. The town held that distinction until it was transferred to Doylestown.

George Washington maintained his headquarters in Newtown before and after the Battle of Trenton in 1776. Hessian prisoners captured at Trenton were brought to Newtown for detainment prior to transfer to Philadelphia. At least 22 Revolutionary War soldiers are buried here.

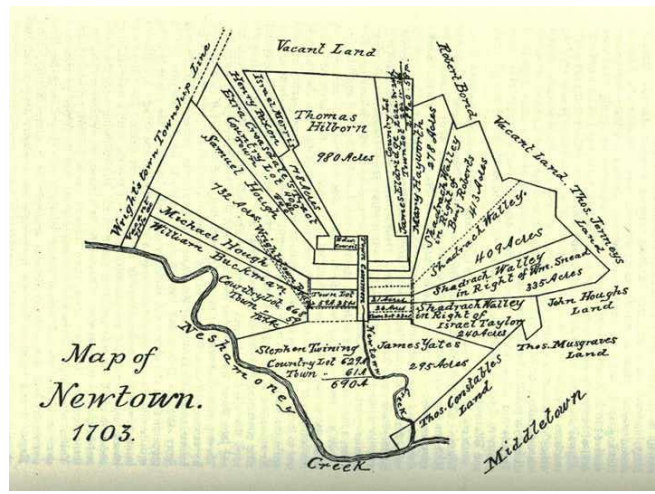
After the County Seat was relocated in 1813, Newtown gradually transformed back into the tranquil pastoral town it once was. In addition to the many historic homes and businesses that line the streets today, one can still sense the industrial and agricultural activity that thrived here so many years ago.

The town is rich in history. In fact, the entire central business district is listed on the "National Register of Historic Places". For more about Newtown's history go to the Newtown Historic Association (NHA) website at <http://newtownhistoric.org>. The NHA has placed 34 wayside markers that describe historical locations and events in the downtown area. The following map shows the location of each marker.


Sites & Sponsors

1. **Half Moon Inn** 101 Court St.
(Newtown Historic Association)
2. **Newtown Library**
114 East Centre Ave.
(Newtown Library Company)
3. **Edward Hicks House**
122 Penn St.
(Newtown Friends Meeting)
4. **White Hall Hotel**
127 South State St.
(Capital Franchise Group)
5. **Friends Meeting** 219 Court St.
(Newtown Friends Meeting)
6. **Stocking Works**
301 South State St.
(Newtown Historic Association)
7. **Newtown Cannery & China Factory**
451 South State St. *(M&T Bank)*
8. **Olde Church of Saint Andrew**
138 S. Sycamore St.
(Callahan Stained Glass)
9. **Twining Farm**
S. Sycamore St. & Cambridge Ln.
(The Quaker Group)
10. **McMasters House**
13 West Centre Ave.
(Paul Allen & Jack Lacey)
11. **Washington's Headquarters**
2 South Sycamore St. *(LukOil)*
12. **Buckman Farm**
2 Swamp Rd. *(Colswold Group)*
13. **Old Presbyterian Church**
76 N. Sycamore St.
(Historic Church Committee)
14. **William Penn's New Town**
Sycamore St. at Jefferson Ave.
(Newtown Rotary)
15. **Saloon**
203 North Sycamore St. *(Saloon)*
16. **Brooks House**
221 North Sycamore St.
(Carriage House Collection)
17. **Boyd-Yardley House**
223 North Sycamore St.
(Tyrol Insurance)
18. **Goodnoe Farm & Dairy Bar**
2865 South Eagle Rd.
(Goodnoe Family)
19. **Durham Road Toll House**
298 N. Sycamore St.
(J.W. McGrath Organization)
20. **Macedonia Baptist Church**
218 N. State St.
(Macedonia Baptist Church)
21. **North State St.** 156 N. State St.
(Randall Carriage Realty Group)
22. **Newtown Theatre**
120 N. State St *(Knights of Pythias & Baniewicz Family)*
23. **Newtown Common & Creek**
100 N. State St.
(Newtown Creek Coalition)
24. **Newtown Borough Hall**
23 N. State St.
(Newtown Borough)
25. **St. Mark AME Zion Church**
136 North Congress St.
(Friends of St. Mark)
26. **Wesley Hall** 35 Liberty St.
(Newtown United Methodist Church)
27. **Fire House** 14 Liberty St.
(Newtown Fire Association)
28. **St. Luke's Church**
100 E. Washington Ave.
(Mary Callahan & Mary Hunter)
29. **Brick Hotel**
1 East Washington Ave.
(Brick Hotel)
30. **Paxson-Croasdale Building**
2-4 South State St.
(Stuckert & Yates)
31. **Temperance House**
5-11 South State St.
(Temperance House)
32. **Newtown - The County Seat**
35 S. State St.
(Newtown Business Association)
33. **First National Bank**
40 South State St.
(First National Bank)
34. **Bird-in-Hand** 111 S. State St.
(Newtown Reliance Co. & Hunt Family)





EMERGENCY NUMBERS:



In case of emergency: Dial 911
 Event related assistance:
 Bill Ridge: 215 767-5079

RESTROOMS:

Restrooms are located at Starbucks (on State St near the start/finish), the District Court Building (23 N State St), the Newtown Library on Centre St, a CVS pharmacy on Penn St, and Roberts Ridge Park (10k only). Some may be closed due to COVID-19 restrictions.

10K and 8K WALKING INSTRUCTIONS:

Abbreviations used:

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Usage - (C&P: 1st St and 2nd St.)

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Note: The NHA installed 34 large wayside markers throughout the downtown area. Our walking trail will pass by many of them. Certain significant ones are highlighted.

- 1) Start in the Municipal parking lot facing the First National Bank across the street.
- 2) Walk to the left over the Newtown Creek toward Sycamore Street. The double-arch bridge was built in 1796 and is the oldest bridge in Bucks County that is still standing.
- 3) Turn LEFT onto Sycamore St. Proceed to the crosswalk in front of the Olde Church of St Andrew.
- 4) CAREFULLY cross Sycamore St and turn RIGHT.
- 5) C&P Cambridge Lane and Richboro Road. At the Swamp Road corner, note the "Washington's Headquarters" wayside marker. Then continue up Sycamore St.

6) Just before Jefferson St, note the "Old Presbyterian Church" wayside marker and then continue to Jefferson St.

Option: If interested in more information about the church, walk behind it to view the historic cemetery. Then return to Sycamore St and turn LEFT toward Jefferson St.

7) Turn RIGHT onto Jefferson St. On the opposite side, proceed about 100 feet to your right and note the "William Penn's New Town" wayside marker. Then return to Jefferson St and turn RIGHT.

8) Turn RIGHT onto North State St. Please note the "Newtown Theater" wayside marker a short distance down State St.

9) Turn RIGHT onto Greene St. Proceed one block and check out the "Newtown Common & Creek" wayside marker.

10) Return to North State St. Cross the street and turn RIGHT (Restrooms are in the District Court building across State St. Use the ramp on the side of the building).

11) Proceed down State St while noting the sights along the way. The town clock is located at the Centre Ave corner. C&P East Washington Ave, Center Ave, and Mercer St. Note the 'Newtown - County Seat' wayside marker just before Centre Ave.

12) At Penn St, cross to the other side and continue on State St to the first street on the left (Court St).

13) Carefully turn LEFT onto Court St and walk on the right sidewalk. You will pass the Friends Meetinghouse and many old homes on Court St.

14) C&P Penn St (ns), Mercer St, and East Centre Ave.

15) At the end of Court St, turn RIGHT onto Washington Ave (ns).

Historic Note: The building at 115 Washington Avenue is the Archambault House. This house was built in 1830 by Joseph O. Archambault, an innkeeper and postmaster who owned the Brick Hotel. Before and during the Civil War it served as a station on the underground railroad for the escape of slaves from the south.

16) Turn RIGHT onto Congress St.

17) C&P Centre Ave. The Newtown Library is on the right at Centre Ave (restrooms). During the COVID crisis, library hours are 1-pm to 5-pm on Tuesday through Friday.

18) Turn LEFT onto Penn St. Note the home and historical marker of famous painter Edward Hicks to the right.

19) C&P Chancellor St and turn LEFT onto Lincoln Ave. The CVS pharmacy on the right has restrooms.

20) C&P Centre Ave and proceed to Washington Ave.

8K Walkers:

- A) Turn RIGHT onto Washington Ave
- B) C&P Norwood Ave and Elm Ave.
- C) Turn RIGHT into the Newtown Cemetery.
- D) Continue at Step 31.

10K Walkers:

21) Cross Washington Ave and turn RIGHT.

22) C&P Maple Ave and turn LEFT onto Norwood Ave.

23) C&P Greene St and turn LEFT onto North Elm Ave.

24) Proceed up the hill, cross and turn LEFT at Andrew Drive (ns) (5k).

25) Turn RIGHT on the Newtown Township trail (just before Frost Lane).

26) Follow the trail as it curves RIGHT at Lower Dolington Road and passes by Roberts Ridge Park. Restrooms are available in the park.

27) At the Newtown Walk sign, stay straight on the trail (disregard the sign).

28) Turn RIGHT at the trail "T". This will take you to a merge with Newtown Yardley Road.

29) At Tara Blvd, CAREFULLY cross Newtown Yardley Road and then turn RIGHT.

30) Turn LEFT into the Newtown Cemetery.

31) Follow the path straight through the cemetery, going around the chapel in the center.

32) Turn LEFT onto Penn St (ns) and proceed down the left side of the street (facing traffic). Carefully cross to the sidewalk on the other side when you see it.

33) Turn RIGHT onto Grant St.

34) Pass by Denton, Caldwell, Bolton, and Armstrong Circles on the left. Cross and turn LEFT onto Norwood Avenue.

35) Pass Taylor Avenue on the left.

36) At the end of Norwood Avenue cross and turn RIGHT onto Taylor Avenue.

37) Turn LEFT onto Sterling St.

38) Turn LEFT onto Lincoln Avenue and immediately turn RIGHT onto Sterling St.

39) Turn RIGHT onto Chancellor St (ns).

40) C&P Penn St (the CVS pharmacy with restrooms is one block to the right).

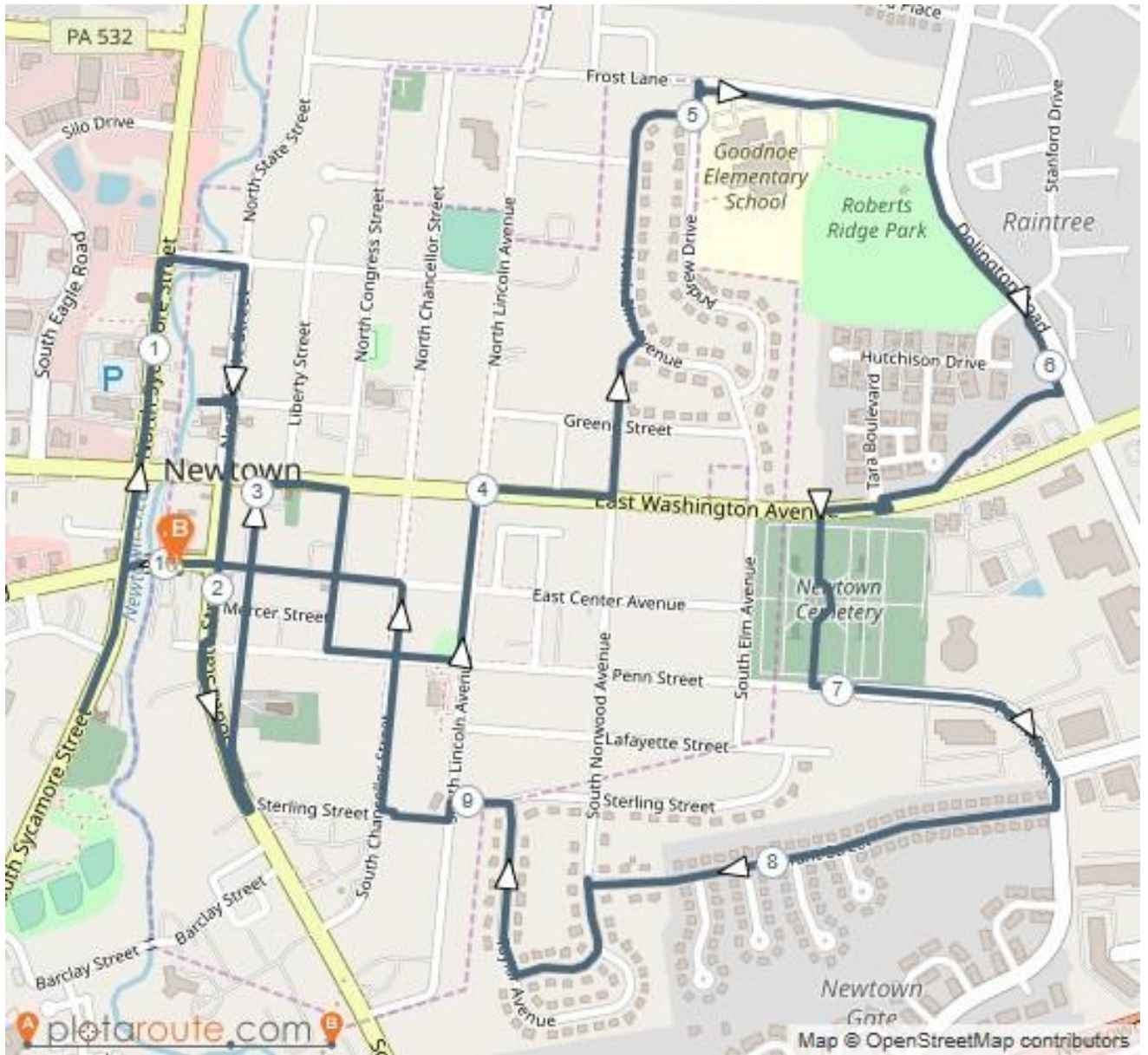
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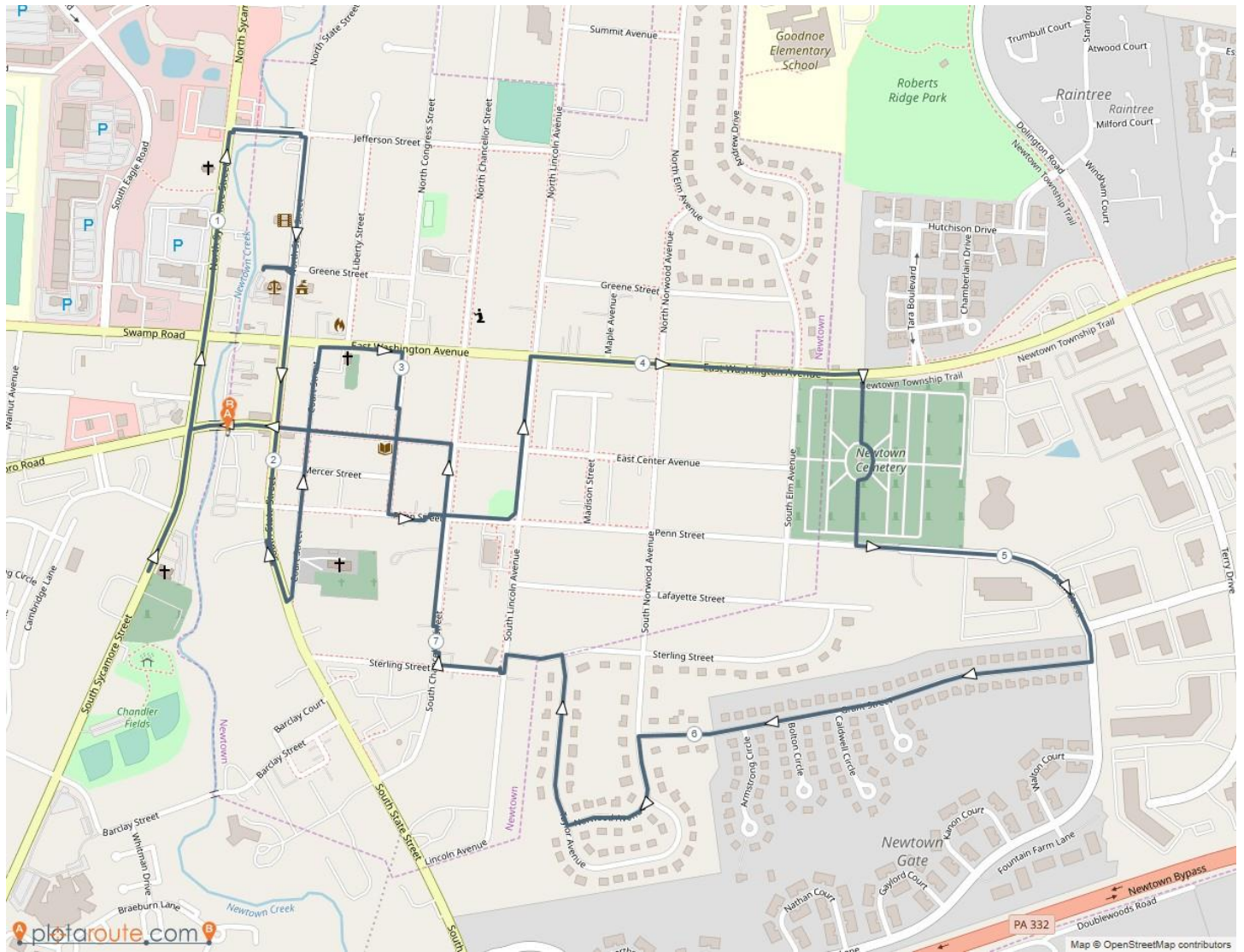
43) Arrive at the Start/Finish point to the left just past State St.

There are many restaurants and cafes along State and Sycamore Streets. Enjoy!

Newtown 10k Walk Map



Newtown 8k Walk Map



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15) At the end of Court St, turn RIGHT onto Washington Ave (ns). (3k)

16) At the crosswalk, CAREFULLY turn LEFT onto Liberty St.

17) Turn RIGHT onto Greene St

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19) Turn LEFT onto Washington Avenue.

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innkeeper and postmaster who owned the Brick Hotel. Before and during the Civil War it served as a station on the underground railroad for the escape of slaves from the south.

20) C&P Chancellor St.

21) Turn RIGHT onto Lincoln Avenue.

22) Turn LEFT onto Centre Avenue.

23) Turn LEFT onto Watson Mill Lane.

24) Turn RIGHT onto the red brick sidewalk and follow it for one short block.

25) Turn RIGHT and return to Centre Avenue.

26) Turn LEFT onto Centre Avenue.

27) Turn RIGHT onto Norwood Avenue.

28) Turn RIGHT onto Penn St.

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