

Virginia Volkssport Association  
Year Round Walk  
**Lynchburg, Virginia**  
**5/10 KM Trail Directions**

**START POINT:** Percival Island Parking Lot, 1530 Concord Turnpike  
GPS: N 37° 24' 39.2" W 79° 08' 07.2"  
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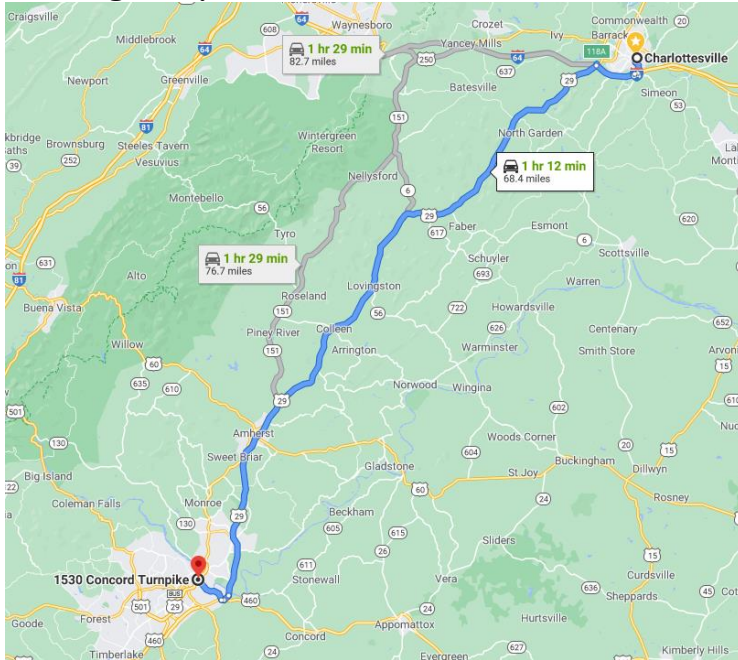
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**Driving Directions:**

1. Take I-64 to Exit 118A in Charlottesville to Route 29 S.
2. Take Route 29 S for about 60 miles to Route 29S/460 W exit.
3. Take Route 29 S/460 W toward Lynchburg for about a half mile to Concord Turnpike.
4. Take Concord Turnpike for about 3 miles to the parking lot at Percival Island.

**Restrooms** are available shortly after starting the trail.

## Driving Map:



## Special Programs:

- Little Free Libraries: #18
- Virginia Find the LOVE: #2
- Virginia Independent Cities: Lynchburg
- Walking the USA A-Z: "L" for Lynchburg
- Walking with America's Veterans: #18

*Lynchburg has often been called the "City of Seven Hills" or "Hill City" because of its terrain. First settled in 1757, Lynchburg was named for its founder, John Lynch, who at the age of 17 started a ferry service at a ford across the James River to carry traffic to and from New London. He was also responsible for Lynchburg's first bridge across the river, which replaced the ferry in 1812. In 1786 a town charter established Lynchburg at the site of Lynch's Ferry on the James River.*

*When the American Civil War began, Lynchburg became a vital transportation center for the Confederacy. Lynchburg's vital role as a supply and transportation hub made the city a prime target for Northern forces. In June 1864, Union General David Hunter was directed to proceed to Lynchburg to destroy the railroads and canals providing supplies to the Army of Northern Virginia.*

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*Robert E. Lee, acutely aware of Lynchburg's importance, sent an entire corps under the command of General Jubal Early to meet the threat. Union forces attacked June 17-18, 1864, and were repulsed by entrenched Confederates. Hunter retreated, and Early's army chased him down the Valley beginning Early's famous "Valley Campaign." Lynchburg was the only major city in Virginia that did not fall to the Union in the American Civil War. After the capture of Richmond in April 1865, the state capital was briefly moved to Lynchburg, while the confederate leadership fled to Danville.*

### **Walking Directions:**

1. Leave the parking lot from the end away from the elevated highway and continue to the big information sign.

2. Go to the asphalt trail behind the sign.

*LOVE sign on the trail (Virginia Find the LOVE special program)*

3. Turn LEFT and follow the trail as it curves over the James River onto Percival Island, under the highway, to mile marker 4.25.

**Restrooms**—portable on the trail just before the bridge)

4. Reverse your direction and return to the next intersection before the green charity meter.

5. Turn RIGHT and continue a short distance to the sidewalk.

6. Turn RIGHT on the brick sidewalk to cross the railroad tracks to Jefferson St.

7. Turn RIGHT on the brick sidewalk/trail and continue on the path to Ninth St.

### **Trail Split**

**10 KM Walkers:** continue with Direction #8 on the next page.

#### **5 KM Walkers:**

A. Cross and turn RIGHT on Ninth St and continue two blocks to Main St

B. Continue with Direction #16.

8. Continue on the trail down the hill, and under the bridge to an intersection with Point of Honor Bridge. (There is a gazebo and small building on the left)

9. Turn RIGHT, cross the Blackwater Creek on the bridge, and turn LEFT on Point of Honor Trail to the gate.

10. Turn LEFT to continue on the trail, passing under Hollins Mill Rd to the entrance to Hollins Mill Park.

*NOTE: If the trail is under water, continue to Hollins Mill Rd, turn LEFT and continue to Hollins Mill Park on the right.*

11. Turn RIGHT to continue on the trail, passing a parking lot (portable restroom on the left) to the T-intersection.

12. Turn RIGHT and continue on the paved trail to a three-way intersection, just before the 2.0 mile marker.

13. Veer LEFT to a four-way intersection, passing an information board.

14. Turn LEFT and continue on the Blackwater Creek Trail through a tunnel and under two bridges, past the Point of Honor Bridge and under a third bridge, to Ninth St.

15. Turn RIGHT on Ninth St and continue two blocks up the hill to the traffic signal at Main St.

16. Turn RIGHT on Main St and continue to the third traffic signal at Fifth St.

17. Turn LEFT on Fifth St, using the walk signal, and continue two blocks to the traffic signal at Court St.

18. Turn LEFT on Court St and continue several blocks to Twelfth St, just past First Baptist Church.

*Little Free Library #10588 at First Unitarian Church at 818 Court St.*

*Just beyond the church is Monument Terrace—a series of monuments honoring veterans (Walking with America's Veterans). Go down the steps to see them all.*

19. Cross and turn LEFT on Twelfth St and continue two blocks to Main St.

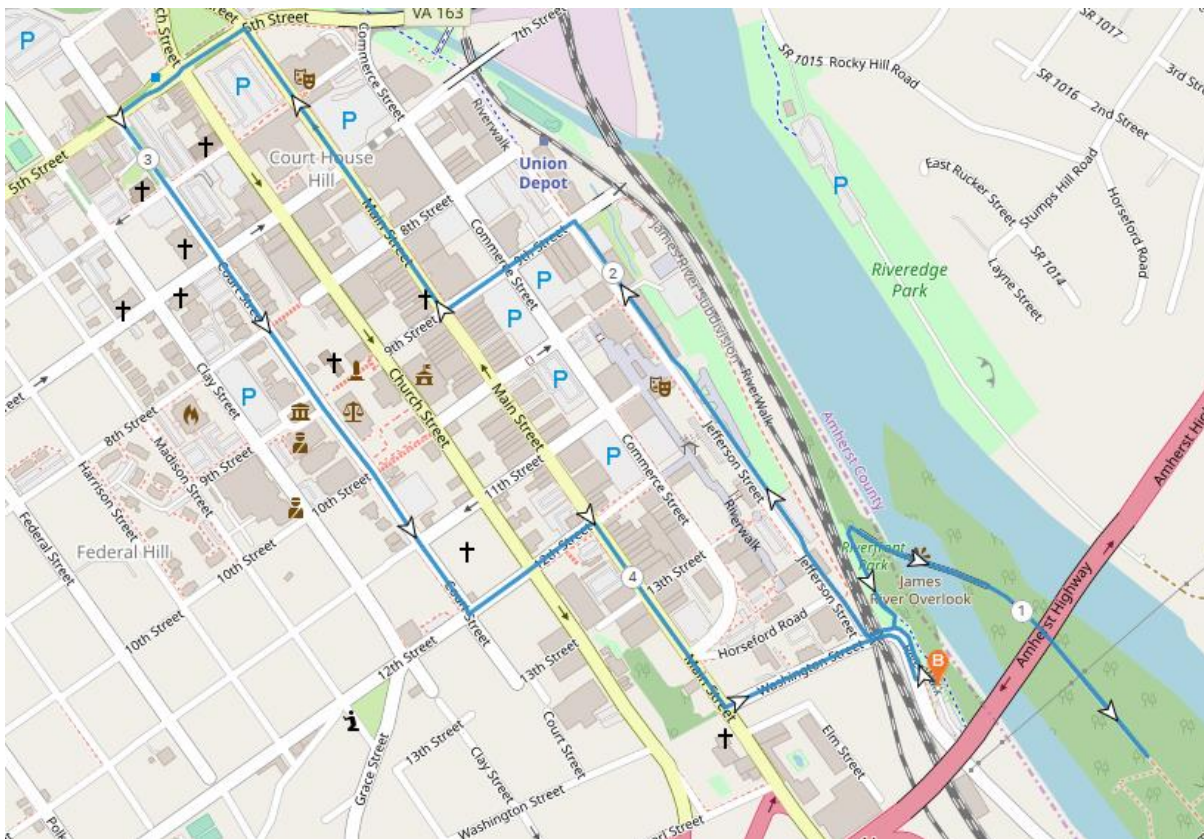
20. Cross and turn RIGHT on Main St and continue for three blocks to Washington St.

21. Turn LEFT on Washington St and continue back to the parking lot at Percival's Island, crossing the railroad tracks.

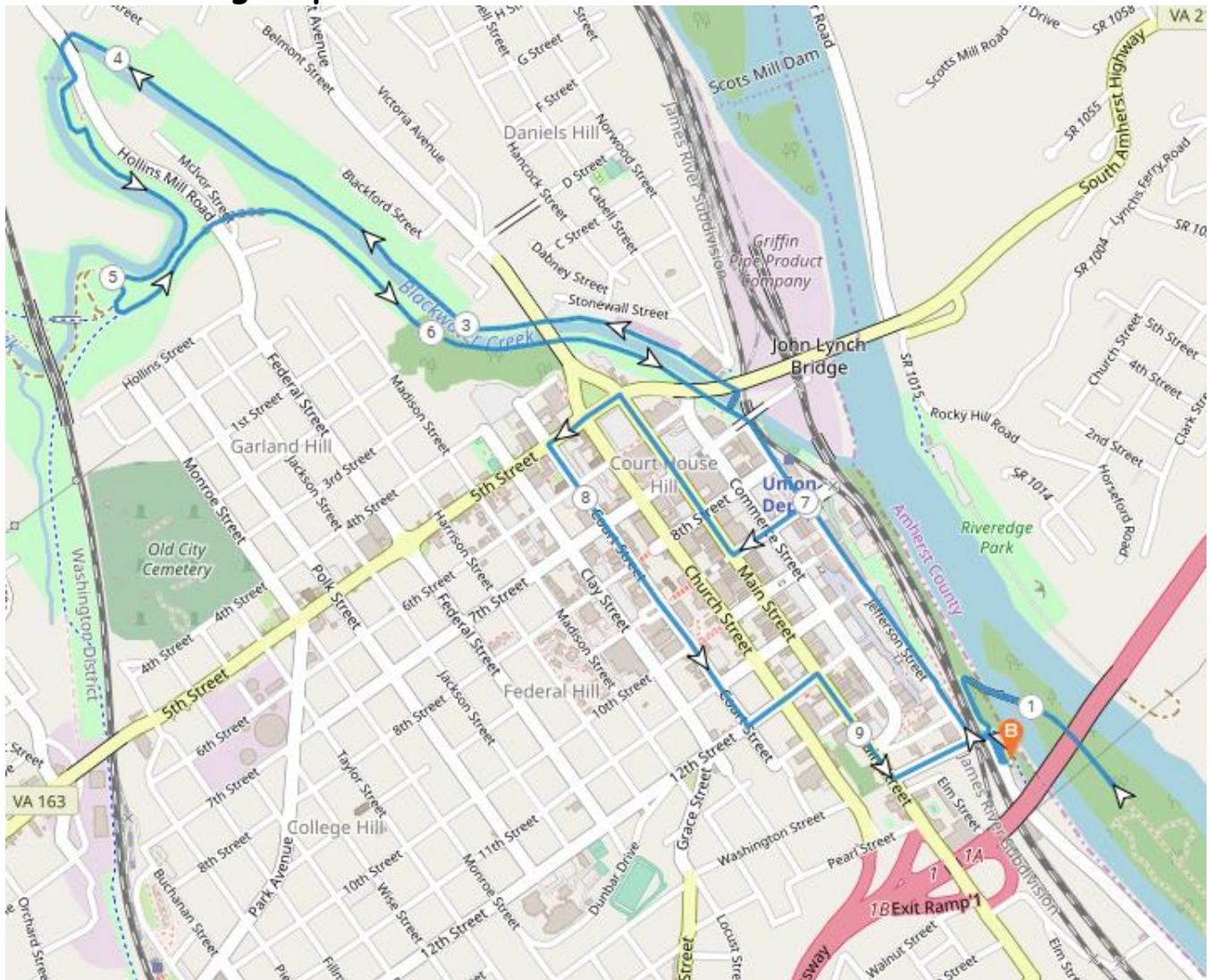
We hope you enjoyed your walk in the town of Lychburg. There are also year-round walks in nearby Lexington, Harrisonburg, Bridgewater, and Staunton to help round out your day.

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

### 5 KM Walking Map:



# 10 KM Walking Map:



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