

## 2020 Event Schedule

Events start 9:30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.  
Finish 3:30 p.m.

**Sat., May 11 –Downtown Akron walk starts  
Courtyard Akron Downtown, 41 Furnace  
Street. Nearby free parking.**

**Sat., June 13–Carlisle Reservation- 40 year  
club celebration.**

**Sat., August 8–Medina city walk starting at  
Roots Candle place.**

**Sat., October 10 – Westwood walk**

### Other Club Activities

**Sat., January 4 - Annual Polar Bear Group Walk;**  
meet at 10 a.m. in Renaissance Hotel lobby-downtown Cleveland.

**Sat., April 25, Business Meeting/Walk** – Berea Depot  
at 12:30 p.m. doing the Berea City 6k yre at 11 a.m. meeting at the  
depot parking lot..

**Sat., July 11– Kent walk 10 a.m.** Meet at Little  
City Grill 802 N. Mantua Street, Kent.

**Sun., September 20 Picnic/Walk** Markko Vineyards at  
1 p.m. Bring your favorite dish.

**Sat., November 9– Mansfield library, 43 West third  
Street at 10 a.m.**

**Sat., December 5– Holiday Party** Westside location at  
2:30 p.m.

## Walking Northeast Ohio



## VALLEY VAGABONDS

**CELEBRATING 40 YEARS IN 2020**

**Special thanks to Karen Birt pictured and Beth  
Filina, charter members & past officers**

**FOUR YEAR-ROUNDS AND FIVE SEASONAL EVENTS  
FIVE COUNTIES**

#### AVA SPECIAL PROGRAM QUALIFICATIONS:

- EIGHT WALKING A-Z
- EIGHT ROCKIN' AROUND THE CLOCK
- THREE LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES
- TWO CAROUSELS
- TWO AIRPORTS
- Last extension for THREE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD

**FROM HISTORIC CITY TRAILS TO BEAUTIFUL WOODED WALKS,  
NORTHEAST OHIO HAS IT ALL!**



## 2020 NORTHEAST OHIO YRES

Cuyahoga County –YRES- BERE, CLEVELAND CITY, Ashtabula County –  
CONNEAUT and Wayne County- ORRVILLE & WOOSTER  
SEASONALS - CLEVELAND CULTURAL, Richland County -MANSFIELD;  
KENT – Summit County.

**AWARD** – There is only “B” YRE awards available at cost of \$4 including IVV credit.

**REGISTRATION AND FEES:** Walk is open to everyone. Register in log book, take start card, do walk, and upon return, pay appropriate fees (payment by check to Valley Vagabonds). “B” award of a cost of -\$4.00 includes IVV credit in the Distance and Event books. - \$3.00 is IVV credit only. There is no charge if you do not wish an award or IVV credit, but everyone must register and turn in their start card at the finish. There is no pre-registration for these events.

**IVV/AVA SANCTION:** This event counts toward acquisition of IVV Achievement Awards.

**EVENTS:** You may stamp your event book each day you do an YRE by paying the credit fee. Participants may walk for Distance credit twice per registration. A new start card must be purchased each day.

**YOUR UNDERSTANDING:** Will be appreciated by the employees at each start point. These good people have volunteered their place of business and are not familiar with volksmarching; these are totally self-service start/finish points. Your patronage would be appreciated.

**DISCLAIMER:** The sponsors are not liable for accidents, thefts, and/or material damage. Every effort will be made to make these safe, enjoyable and memorable walks. Children 12 and under must be accompanied at all times by an adult. All participants must sign a disclaimer form. A responsible adult must sign for minors including infants.

**WHAT IS A VOLKSMARCH?** A volksmarch is a walk through a scenic and/or historic area over a pre-determined route. Walks are not competitive and participants can travel at their own pace, making the walk an excellent activity for the whole family. Anyone who completes the course is eligible to receive an award for his or her efforts. Unlike other volksmarch events, which have set start and finish times and are usually conducted on weekends, a year-round walk may be walked at any time on any day. Website is [www.ava.org](http://www.ava.org).

**STIPULATIONS:** Check each walk listing for information regarding wheelchairs and/or strollers, possible parking fees, and the availability of water and food. Also check each listing to determine if pets are allowed; owners are responsible for leash and clean-up laws. These events are open regardless of weather conditions. No refunds will be made. If more information is required on a particular year-round, contact the names below.

**INFORMATION:** For additional information contact: Deva Simon, 13317 Tradewinds Strongsville, Ohio 44136, 440-915-0161, [Deval17@aol.com](mailto:Deval17@aol.com); Carolyn Yarnell, 440-934-9100, [yarnellck2@yahoo.com](mailto:yarnellck2@yahoo.com); Richard Gundelach, 216-289-5638, [gundie55@adelphia.net](mailto:gundie55@adelphia.net); or visit our club’s website: [www.valleyvagabonds.org](http://www.valleyvagabonds.org)

**These events are sanctioned by the American Volkssport Association (AVA), a member of the International Federation of Popular Sports (IVV). These events are open to everyone. Updates and changes during the upcoming year can be found at the national website [www.ava.org](http://www.ava.org) under Events/Ohio/YRE.**

## WOOSTER Jan.1 - Dec 31, 2020 10K/6K (2020/Y1924)

*Wayne County This walk qualifies for: Little Free libraries, Rockin’ around the clock, and Walking USA.*

**START/FINISH:** Wayne County Public Library, 220 W. Liberty St. Wooster, OH 44691. Parking is free.

**OPERATING HOURS:** Library hours are M., Tues., Th. 9:30 a.m. -8:30 p.m. Wed. and Fri 9:30 a.m. 6 p.m., Sat. 9:30 a.m., - 3 p.m. Closed Sundays and Holidays. Walk box is kept upstairs ahead on your right on top of book shelves. . Please Walk During Daylight Hours.

**REFRESHMENTS:** Restrooms and water are available at the library.

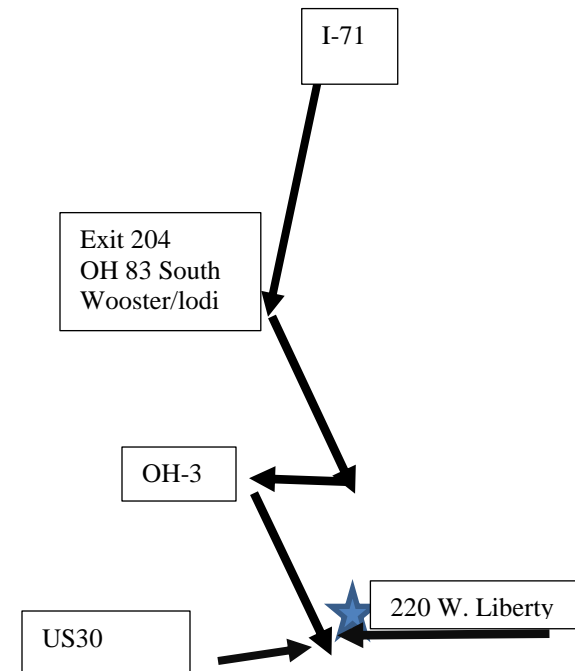
**TRAIL LENGTH & RATING:** The trail is rated 2B. This trail includes downtown, college and Little Italy. Walk is mostly paved may walk on some grass in parks and along edge of some streets. Trail is accessible to wheelchairs, wagons and strollers, and pets on leash are allowed; clean-up laws apply.

**DIRECTIONS:** Drive South on I-71 to Exit US 30 at Ohio 3 S. From West, turn Right and From East turn left on Columbus Ave to W. Liberty Street. Turn Right on Liberty. Library is on right between Grant Street and Walnut Street. **Parking lot is behind the library. Parking is free. OR**

**From I-71 South** Take Exit 204 for OH-83 Wooster/Lodi. Turn left onto OH-83S. In about 10 miles, at traffic circle, take second right onto OH-83 Burbank road. At second traffic light, turn left onto the expressway. Once on here, follow signs for OH-3 South. Exit OH-3 South, but turn left on Columbus, then turn right at Liberty.

The library is on your right between Grant & Walnut. Turn right on Walnut then right on South St. and right into Library Parking Lot- or park on street in a 3 hour parking space. **Driving North on I-71**, exit at US-30 Wooster/Mansfield. Turn right on US-30 Wooster/Mansfield. Turn right on US-30 East going about 25 miles. Take OH-3 South exit and turn right on Columbus. Turn Right at Liberty and follow above directions to Library.

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**ORVILLE- City Walk – Jan. 2-Dec. 31, 2020 (Y2020/1748)**

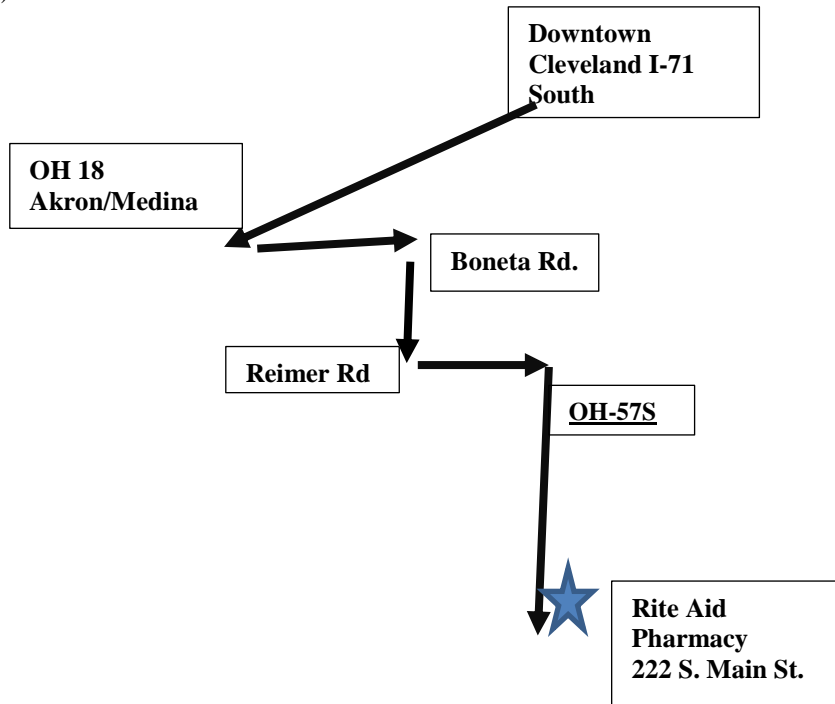
Wayne County – Trail qualifies for Rockin Around the Clock and Walking USA A-Z and extension for Ice Cream Parlours.

**OPERATING HOURS:** Rite-Aid Pharmacy, 222 S. Main Street, Orrville, OH. 330-683-8711. Rite Aid is located at corner of Main and Chestnut Street. Operating hours are 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. every day except Christmas. Parking is available at Rite Aid.

**REFRESHMENTS:** Restrooms and water are available at start/finish and other locations indicated on the walk directions.

**TRAIL LENGTH AND RATING:** 5k/10K are rated 1A. The trail includes a portion of the newly-opened Heartland Trail which will eventually connect with the Ohio/Erie Trail, follows city sidewalks through downtown and the historic parts of the city and passes the corporate headquarters of the J. M. Smucker Company. The 10k goes thru Orr Park. Pets are ok on the 5k with clean-up but not on the 10k in Orr Park. Has special program on Thursdays with the city April through September where eligible for prizes.

**DIRECTIONS:** From I-71 go south to Exit 218 OH-18 toward Akron/Medina. Use the left to lanes to turn left onto OH-18 toward Akron/Medina. (1.1Miles). Turn right onto Boneta Road (5.6 miles); turn right onto Reimer Road(.4), Turn left onto OH-57S (16 miles) to Rite Aid at 222 S. Main Street.



**BEREA-TWO WALKS: City and Park-same stamp-Jan. 2-Dec. 31(2020/Y0538)**

Cuyahoga Cty-City Trail qualifies Walking USA, & Rockin' Around the Clock. Park Trail qualifies for: nothing at present time.

**START/FINISH:** CVS Pharmacy, 212 W. Bagley Road, Berea, OH, 44017, 440-243-6676. Ask for box at front counter.

**OPERATING HOURS:** 24 hours, seven days a week including holidays. Please Walk During Daylight Hours Only.

**REFRESHMENTS:** Water and restrooms are available in the park and the library (during library hours). Be sure to stock up on water and snacks at CVS before you “hit the trail”. The Berea Historical Society’s Mahler Museum is open Sunday from 2-4 and Mon-Thurs 10-4; restrooms also available here.

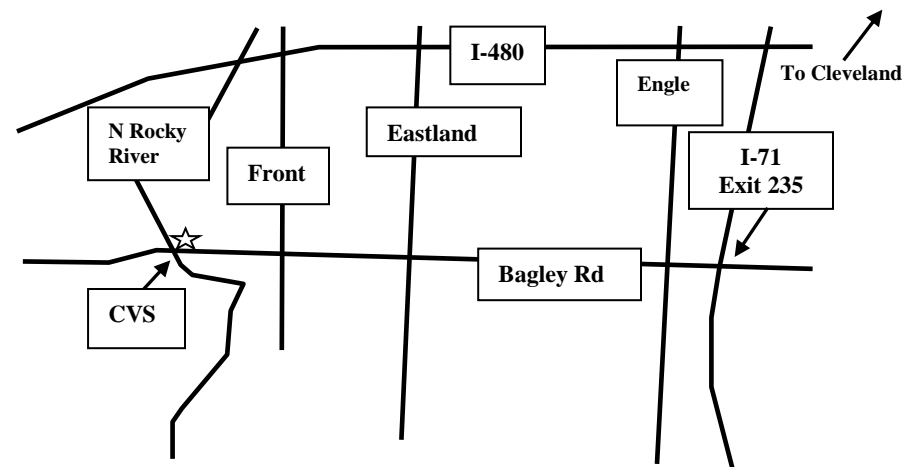
**TRAIL LENGTH & RATING:** The City Trail and Park Trail are both rated 1+A and are accessible to wheelchairs, wagons and strollers. Pets on leash are allowed.

**City Trail** is along city streets and the all-purpose paved trail in the park. You will step back into the history of Berea, the “Grindstone City” and home of the Cleveland Browns Training Center. You will go by two cemeteries and two churches as well as the campus of Baldwin Wallace College. You will enjoy the beauty of Mill Stream Run Metropark and traverse the new Coe Lake Nature Trail. The trail goes by the historic Berea train depot, a ‘hotspot’ for rail fans, as up to 160 trains a day may pass through here. In addition, the trail takes you to a beautiful overlook of the Rocky River and Berea Falls.

**Park Trail** goes through the beautiful Mill Stream Run Metropark part of the Emerald Necklace and along the Rocky River to the Berea waterfalls.

**HISTORIC BEREA** Berea was established as a village in 1836. John Baldwin discovered the fine quality of the sandstone in the area, and the quarry industry began in 1840. Berea sandstone was shipped around the world for use in buildings, curbing, sidewalks, etc. Berea claimed to be the “Grindstone Capital of the World” in the early 1900’s. Be sure to bring your binoculars so you can do some bird watching.

**DIRECTIONS:** Berea is 15 miles southwest of Cleveland. **From the East or West,** exit onto Bagley Road. Travel west for approximately 2.5 miles to the intersection of Bagley and N Rocky River Dr. The CVS



**MANSFIELD April 2 – Dec 31 10K/5K (Y2020/0945)**

*Mansfield County this walk qualifies for Carousel, Little Free Libraries, Rockin' Around the Clock, and Walking USA.*

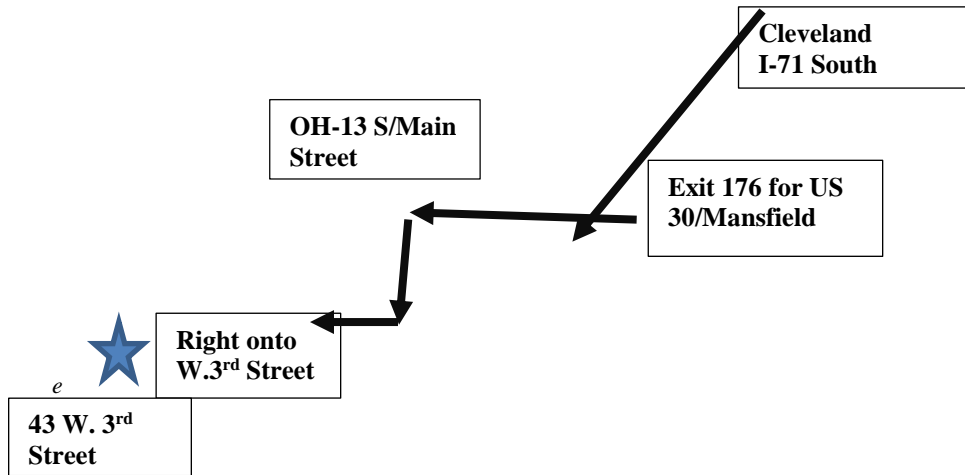
**START/FINISH:** Mansfield Public Library, 43 West Third Street, Mansfield, OH, 44902. 330-262-1202. Do not park in indoor parking garage. The garage is to be used by their regular patrons.

**OPERATING HOURS:** Mon –Thur. 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., Fri-Sat 9 a.m. 5 p m, Sun. 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Closed major holidays. Parking is free in open lot across Mulberry St. after library-access is off Third St. Pay parking on streets. Addl. Free parking in Main St. across from Carrousel. . **Please Walk During Daylight Hours.**

**REFRESHMENTS:** Restrooms and water are available at the library and on the trail.

**TRAIL LENGTH & RATING:** 10K and 5K rated 2B. This interesting historical trail takes you through the community with fascinating historical facts provided. Walk consist of 2 5k which will include downtown Mansfield with park, veterans memorials, carousel, city and county bldgs., churches several NRHP locations & 1 literary landmark. Walk box is located upstairs in Adult/Teen Area under reference desk at opening on left side. Pets on leash welcome; clean-up laws apply.

**DIRECTIONS:** From I -71 North & South use Exit 176 for US 30/Mansfield, Exit onto US 30 W/Mansfield go about 5.3 mi. Exit at OH-13 Turn left onto OH-13 South. This becomes Main Street in town. Turn right on 3<sup>rd</sup> street. Library is on your left. Cross Mulberry St. and turn immediately left into Library Parking lot. From West on US-30 exit at Ohio 13. Turn right on unmarked street. IN about .1 mile turn left on OH-13 and follow above directions.



**CLEVELAND DOWNTOWN Jan 1 - Dec 31 10K/6K (2020/Y1082)**

*Cuyahoga Cty. Rockin' around the Clock,, Airport-Celebrating American flight,, Walking USA.*

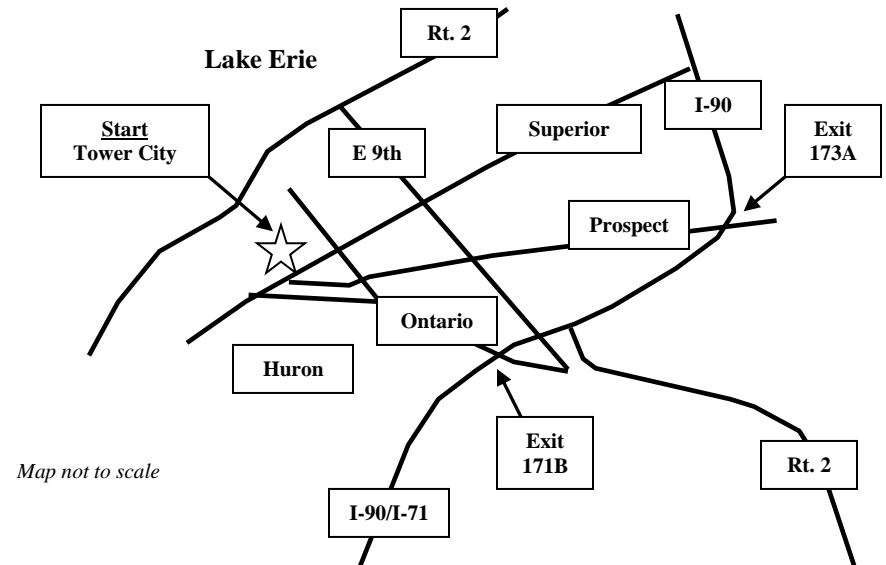
**START/FINISH:** Renaissance Hotel Registration desk in Tower City Center, 24 Public Square Cleveland, OH, 44113-2214; phone 216-696-5600.

**OPERATING HOURS:** Daily, dawn to dusk. Be considerate of hotel guests registering and checking out when getting the box from hotel staff. **Please Walk During Daylight Hours.**

**REFRESHMENTS:** Within Tower City, there are restaurants and a large food court. You will be passing other restaurants on the trail. Water/restroom is available at the JACKS casino, Tower food court and along trail.

**TRAIL LENGTH & RATING:** The 10K trail is rated 1A is handicap accessible and is mainly flat with 2 hills. This trail will pass all the city's landmarks: Terminal Tower, Soldiers & Sailors Monument, Cleveland Browns Stadium, Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, Great Lakes Science Center, Progressive Field, Quicken Arena, numerous historical buildings in the Warehouse District, the Cuyahoga River, plus many more interesting sights. Bring your camera. The 6K trail, rated 1A, has one minor hill and passes many of the same sites. Pets on leash are allowed; clean-up laws apply.

**DIRECTIONS:** **From the West** on I-71 / I-90 into Cleveland **due to construction** take exit East Ninth Street. Turn left onto Huron Rd to Tower Center Parking will be on your left. **From the East** on I-90: take exit 173A / Prospect. Turn left on Prospect. At East 9<sup>th</sup> St, veer left onto Huron. Cross Ontario; Tower City parking will be just ahead on the left. Or you may ride the RTA into Tower City Center. There are other parking lots in the area. You can park on the streets but watch the signs. Once you pass the fountain, the registration desk is on your left. Just ask the hotel staff at the registration desk for the box.



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**CLEVELAND - CULTURAL April 1 - Dec 31 10K/5K (2020/Y1618)**

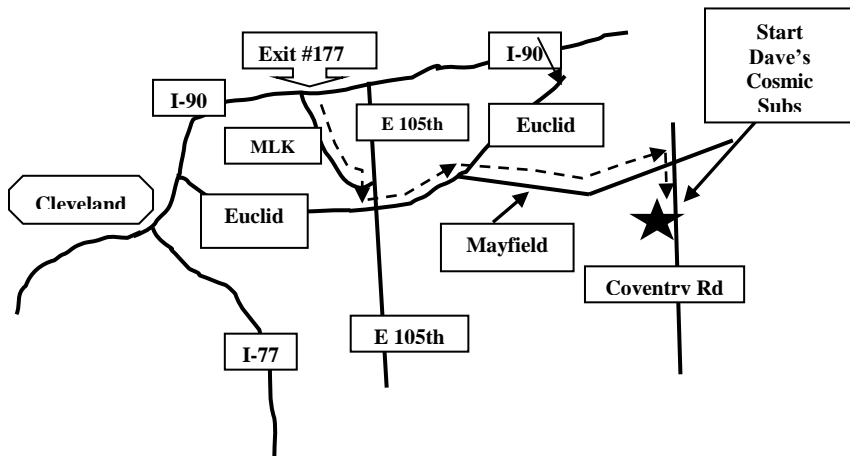
*Cuyahoga County. Qualifies for Carousel and Walking USA.*

**START/FINISH:** DAVE’S Cosmic Subs, 1842 Coventry Road, Cleveland Heights. 44118, 216-320-0330. Open 10:30 to 9 p.m. M\_F. Sunday 11 a.m.to 8 p.m. Please Walk During Daylight Hours *There is no restroom in this facility*

**REFRESHMENTS:** You will be passing numerous restaurants on the trail; water/restrooms available at the start and along trail.

**TRAIL LENGTH & RATING:** The 10K trail is rated 2A, 5K is rated 2A. **New 5k carousel trail is rated 1A.** Trail is handicap accessible, though some intersections may be difficult. This trail explores the various neighborhoods and sights of Cleveland’s “Cultural District”: Coventry, with its collection of unique shops and restaurants; Little Italy which contains some of the finest art galleries, Italian restaurants and bakeries in the area; Case Western Reserve University, one of the best medical and engineering universities in the country; University Circle which houses the Cleveland Museum of Art, The Western Reserve Historical Society/Crawford Auto & Aviation Museum, the Cleveland Museum of Natural History, and Severance Hall, home to the world-renowned Cleveland Orchestra. Walk will be on sidewalks; one big hill on 10k. Pets on leash are welcome, though not in any buildings. Clean-up laws apply.

**DIRECTIONS: \*\*From downtown Cleveland;** go East on I-90 and take exit #177 at Martin Luther King Blvd. Go right on Martin Luther Blvd to E. 105<sup>th</sup> St (~2 miles). Turn right on 105<sup>th</sup> to Euclid Ave (~1/2 mile). Go left on Euclid Ave. for 0.65 miles then turn right onto Mayfield Rd. Follow Mayfield for about 1 mile. At top of hill, bear left to stay on Mayfield for another ~1/2 mile. Turn right on Coventry; DAVE’S is ahead on the right. Park for free on neighborhood streets, or pay fee at parking structure/lot on the left before you get to Dave’s. First 30 minutes are free; turn handle on the meter before inserting quarters. Each quarter is 30 minutes. If do the new 5k trail will drive after registering to start at Tennis court parking on 105 Street.



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**CONNEAUT Jan 2 - Dec 31 10K/5K/15K (Y2020/1080)**

*Ashtabula County. Qualifies for Rockin’ Around the Clock, last year Underground Railroad eligibility.*

**START/FINISH:** Markko Vineyard, 4500 South Ridge Road, Conneaut, OH, 44030, 440-593-3197. You will drive to the start point after picking up your instructions at Markkos.

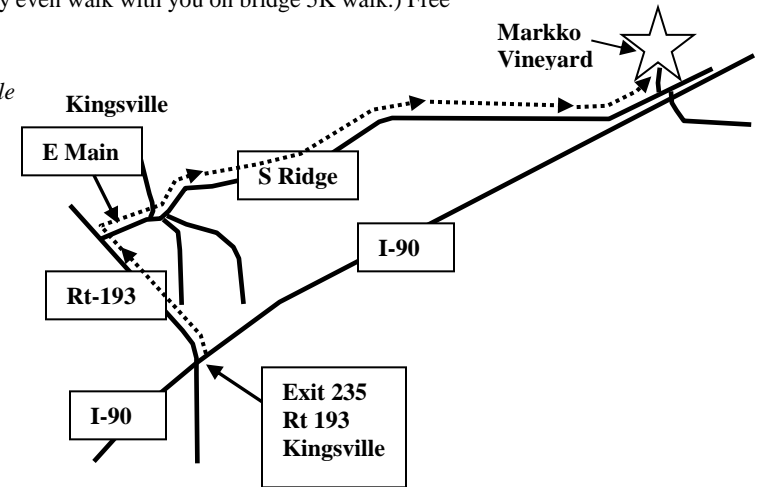
**OPERATING HOURS:** Mon. - Sat. 9 a.m.-6p.m. between 9-11 they may be out in their vineyard; feel free to enter the winery from the side door. The gray start box will be on a wine barrel in the hallway. Closed Sundays and Holidays. Please Walk During Daylight Hours

**REFRESHMENTS:** There is water as well as restrooms at Markko. Don’t miss the opportunity to do a little wine tasting at this excellent vineyard. The trail passes numerous restaurants in town.

**TRAIL LENGTH & RATING:** The 10K Trail (rated 1+A) takes you through downtown historic Conneaut and by Lake Erie. If you like a lovely beach stroll, this is the walk for you; with excellent bird watching from an observatory and views of the Conneaut Lighthouse. In the summer, the train depot museum is open and definitely worth a stop. Bring a picnic lunch and your bathing suits during summer months. The 5K trail also goes by important downtown sites. 5K Trail is 1A accessible to wheelchairs, strollers or wagons and pets area allowed.

**DIRECTIONS:** Markko Vineyard, almost at the PA border, is reached by taking exit 235 off of I-90 onto Route 193. You will go north on Route 193 to Kingsville, turn right onto Main street. Bear right at first Y and then bear left in about 100 feet onto South Ridge Road. Follow South Ridge Road approximately 3 miles and you will see Markko Vineyards on your left (the underpass for I-90 will be on the right). Make a left into the Vineyards and it will be the first building on your right. (The dogs at the Vineyard are big but very tame! They may even walk with you on bridge 5K walk.) Free parking.

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**MARKKO VINEYARD:** is a small classic winery with 14 acres of Chardonnay, Johannesburg, Riesling, and Cabernet Sauvignon grapes grown on Lake Erie’s South Ridge. Owned by Arnulf Esterer (Arnie), vintage wines have been grown, produced and bottled at Markko since its opening in 1968. There are numerous other wineries in this region of the state.

**COVERED BRIDGE COUNTRY:** In Conneaut, you will find three wooden bridges with one on the 5K option. Within 70 miles of the winery, there are 14 covered bridges to enjoy. The second weekend in October is the Ashtabula County Covered Bridge Festival. Several bed and breakfasts are in the area.

# AMERICAN VOLKSSPORT ASSOCIATION

America's Premier Noncompetitive Sports Organization

## What Is Volkssporting?

Volkssporting started in Germany and simply defined, is a personal fitness sports and recreation program offering noncompetitive walks, hikes, bike rides, swims, and in some regions cross-country skiing. You may choose your time to start within the start/finish "window" and participate in the sport at your own pace.

Walking – also called "volksmarching" – is the most popular of all the volkssporting activities.

Volkssporting in the United States is sponsored by the American Volkssporting Association (AVA) which has a nationwide, grassroots network of about 300 active clubs presenting more than 3,000 volkssporting events each year.

Founded in 1976, AVA is an educational nonprofit 501(c) 3 corporation dedicated to promoting fun, fitness and friendship.

## Year-Round and Nationwide

Volkssporting events take place throughout the year, all around the country. Historic and scenic sites are selected for their enjoyment. Trails are carefully laid out and marked and easy to follow directions or maps are provided.

Trails are rated based upon the challenge the route presents. The designated Start Point is open for several hours to allow you to begin your volkssporting adventure at your leisure. Trails have checkpoints along the route and are monitored for security and safety.

In the volkssporting tradition, you frequently find volkssporters gathered at the Finish Point where they take time to enjoy friends, and at some events, entertainment or refreshments.

## Membership

Open to everyone. Local club or national membership is optional, but highly recommended. Join the AVA today! Go to the [www.ava.org](http://www.ava.org) homepage and use the membership link.

## Volkssporting As A Lifestyle

Many people adopt volkssporting as part of their lifestyle, and While most begin walking for fitness (that inevitable medical "wake-up call"), most continue because of friendships and social benefits.

## KENT- SEASONAL April 1- December 31, 2020 10k/5k/2k (2020Y1080)

*Summit County. Little Free Libraries, Walking USA, and Airport- Celebrating American Flight program. Last year for Underground Railroad extension.*

**START/FINISH:** Little City Grill, 802 N. Mantua Street, Kent, OH 44240,330-677-3444.

**OPERATING HOURS:** Mon-Sat. 6: 30 a.m.-1 a.m., Sunday 6:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Please Walk During Daylight Hours.

**REFRESHMENTS:** Water and restrooms are available at the start finish. Don't miss the opportunity to enjoy one of their fine meals.

**TRAIL LENGTH & RATING:** The walk takes you on a Hike and Bike trail plus many numerous street sidewalks. The 5k does not pass the Underground monument but the 6k and 10k does. The 5 and 6k are a 1 A The later part of the 10k has one steep hill on Kent campus and is rated a 1+A. Trail is accessible to wheelchairs, wagons and strollers. Pets on leash are welcome. There will be optional route to take by airport.

This trail takes you thru the beautiful suburbs, hike and bike park trail, thru the beautiful Kent campus by the memorials and visitor office, and by the monument to the Underground Railroad. Don't miss the opportunity to go into the Memorial center that explains the Kent tragedy.

**DIRECTIONS:** From the West: take the Ohio Turnpike East (I-80/90) to exit 187. After the toll plaza, stay left for Rt. 14 East. In 1.5 miles, turn right onto R.t 43,

Cleveland-Canton Rd. Drive approximately 5 miles and City Grill will be on your right before service station. From Akron head east on I-76 to exit 33 for Kent/Rt 43; turn left on Rte. 43. From the North: take I-480 South. Just past the OH Turnpike, I-480 becomes Rte. 14. After 1.75 miles, turn right onto RT 43.

