

Concord, MA

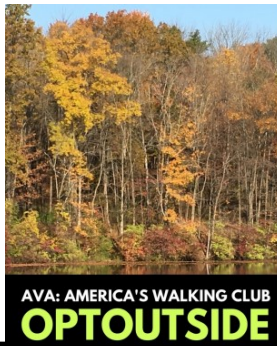
Friday, November 24, 2017

9:45 a.m. Meet & Register

10:00 a.m. Guided Walk Departs

10km and 6km

Historic North Bridge Walks



START/FINISH:

Our usual start point at Rite Aid is under construction, so please meet in the town parking lot on Keyes Road, behind the Visitor Center, on Nov. 24.

NO RESTROOMS AT THE START, but restrooms are available within a few blocks at Minute Man National Historical Park.



TRAIL DESCRIPTIONS: Both walk routes initially cross the Concord River on the way to Minute Man National Historical Park, passing by the Minute Man statue and crossing over the Old North Bridge where the “shot heard round the world” was fired by Colonial farmers on April 19, 1775. The walks continue past the Old Manse, home of Emerson and Hawthorne, and enter into Sleepy Hollow Cemetery. The route then continues past the Colonial Inn, Monument Square, and the historic First Parish Church to the Concord Museum and Emerson House, before returning to the center of Concord. Two separate 1km optional loops can extend either 10km or 6km routes making 10, 11, or 12km and 6, 7, or 8km distances possible.

From Concord Center, 10km walkers follow Main Street to go through a residential neighborhood and then return to the Concord Visitor Center and back to the start via a boardwalk to Lowell Road.

The 6km route follows Main Street only to the Concord Visitor Center before returning to the start.

RATING: Both walk routes have an AVA rating of 1B due to some unpaved and steep paths in Sleepy Hollow Cemetery and are **not suitable for wheelchairs**, and would be **difficult for baby joggers**.

AWARD: The “A” award is a fully embroidered patch depicting the Minute Man statue crossing the Old North Bridge and is available for \$7.00, which includes IVV Credit.



AVA SPECIAL PROGRAMS: Animal Safari, Boardwalks, Bridges, Cities in Song, Food For Thought, Honoring Our Flag, Ice Cream Parlors, National Parks Centennial, National Register of Historic Places, Points of Reference, Trekking With the Trees, Underground Railroad, US Post Offices, Walking the Path of Inventions, and You'll Never Walk Alone Event

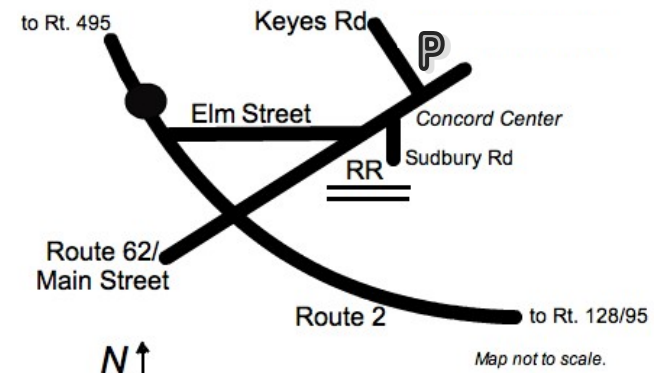
DIRECTIONS: We are meeting just outside Concord Center, in the town parking lot behind the Visitor Center.

From Route 128/95: Take Route 2 West for 6.7 miles to Route 62 East. Turn **RIGHT** ** onto Route 62 East for 1.3 miles. Turn **LEFT** onto Keyes Road between the cemetery and bank. Immediate **RIGHT** into parking lot.

From Route 495: Take Route 2 East to the rotary. Stay on Route 2 East past the rotary for 1.5 miles and turn **LEFT** onto Route 62 East. Follow from ** above.

PARKING: Please park in town lot behind the Visitor Center. (Our usual start point at Rite Aid is undergoing construction, so this alternate parking & gathering location has been chosen for Nov. 24.)

PUBLIC TRANSIT: The Start/Finish is a short walk from Concord Railroad Station. Turn **LEFT** on Sudbury Road at Dunkin Donuts. Turn **RIGHT** onto Main Street. Turn **LEFT** onto Keyes Road to parking lot on right.



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