Fall River, MA

April 1 - December 31, 2025

10 and 5km Battleship Cove Walks

START/FINISH:

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Work Out World (WOW!) 18 Pocasset Street Fall River, MA 02721 Tel: 508-679-2900 wownewengland.com/fall-river/

Times: Daily 6-6, walk during daylight. *Please call to confirm holiday hours.*

Walk Box at front desk.

TRAIL DESCRIPTIONS: The walk route traverses Battleship Cove, home to the world's largest collection of World War II naval ships, including the Battleship USS Massachusetts, affectionately known as "Big Mamie" (fee to tour museum). The route then proceeds to the Columbia Street Cultural District, an ethnic Portuguese neighborhood with cobbled streets and sidewalks, filled with enticing smells from the numerous bakeries & restaurants. Next, the walk route visits Kennedy Park, the first of two Frederick Law Olmsted designed parks on the route. Enjoy spectacular water views before continuing to the downtown area passing Saint Anne's Church, a large Gothic building constructed by Canadian immigrants, and Lizzie Borden's house. The infamous Borden axe murders that took place in 1892 remain one of America's great unsolved crimes. The route also explores the second Olmsted designed park, North Park; enters several historic neighborhoods: visits Veterans Memorial Bicentennial Park with impressive tributes including an Iwo Jima sculpture & 80% replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall; and returns via a boardwalk which hugs the Taunton River to Heritage State Park.

Note: 5km route returns to the finish after visiting the downtown area. **Restrooms:** At start/finish and also at Visitor Center by Battleship Cove, the Captain Thomas J. Hudner, Jr. Memorial Building. Enter through main entrance or bear left to reach outside restroom door.

RATING: On paved surfaces & pathways with some hills, these walk routes have an AVA trail rating of 1B, **difficult for strollers but not suitable for wheelchairs**.

AWARD: This is an IVV Credit Only event; no award.

AVA SPECIAL PROGRAMS: Lighthouses, Par for the Course, Step to the Beat, Town Halls/City Halls, and Walking with America's Veterans

DIRECTIONS:

From the North:

- 1. Take either I-495 South or Route 128/I-95 South to Route 24 South.
- 2. 24 South to Exit 7 (Route 79 South). *Follow the Battleship Cove signs*.
- 3. 79 South to third exit (Route 6 East/New Bedford).
- 4. Straight on Davol Street to right on Central Street passing Battleship Cove to first left on Anawan Street.
- 5. Straight through traffic light. Parking lot is on the right.

From Cape Cod:

- 1. I-195 West into Fall River to Exit 11 before the Braga Bridge, and bear RIGHT.
- 2. Merge onto Central Street, stay in middle lane to go straight.
- 3. Pass Battleship Cove to first left at Anawan Street.
- 4. Straight through traffic light. Parking lot is on the right.

From the West:

- 1. I-195 East into Fall River. Take Exit 11 (Routes 79/138).
- 2. Stay in **RIGHT** lane to continue on Route 79 North, merging onto Davol Street.
- 3. RIGHT at first traffic light onto Pocasset Street. Parking lot is on right.

From parking lot, enter WOW! building under the black canopy and proceed down two flights of stairs (WOW! is on ground floor). Ask for Walk Box at the front desk.

