



Oak Bluffs, MA

April 1 - September 30, 2025

10 and 5km Island Walks

START/FINISH:

Oak Bluffs Ferry Terminal
1 Seaview Avenue, Oak Bluffs
Martha's Vineyard, MA

TIMES: Daily sunrise to sunset.

Complete event within 30 days of
initiating online registration.

REGISTER ONLINE ONLY: my.ava.org



REGISTRATION: Use the AVA's Online Start Box (my.ava.org). Follow the instructions to sign waiver & register for this event. Payment for event and directions uses secure online system. Walk directions and insert cards are PDFs that you download and print as needed. **POC does not provide event directions or accept alternate payment methods.** The entire online process should take less than 10 minutes for a first time user.

TRAIL DESCRIPTIONS: Take a ferry from Cape Cod to Oak Bluffs on Martha's Vineyard. Oak Bluffs is home to a bustling seasonal waterfront and downtown, and the historic gingerbread campgrounds. An extensive Vineyard bus system allows easy access to other towns on the island.

The 10km walk route is comprised of two 5km loops, both starting and ending at the ferry terminal in Oak Bluffs. The Gingerbread Cottages loop features Ocean Park with views of the Atlantic Ocean, residential areas, and downtown with restaurants and ice cream/candy shops, the historic camp meeting grounds around Trinity Park, and the historic Flying Horses carousel, the oldest operating platform carousel in the country. The East Chop loop is an out-and-back route along the harbor to East Chop Light, a historic lighthouse overlooking Vineyard Haven Harbor and Vineyard Sound.

RATING: With some dirt paths, the AVA rating of the Cottages loop is 2B, difficult for strollers and not suitable for wheelchairs. The East Chop loop has an AVA rating of 1A.

AVA SPECIAL PROGRAMS: Lighthouses and Step to the Beat

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

DIRECTIONS TO START: Ferry/travel suggestions from the Cape to Martha's Vineyard and Oak Bluffs received **AFTER** completing Online Start Box event registration and payment. Specific walk instructions included in that packet.

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