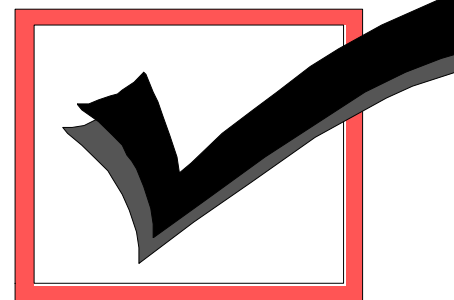


# AVA CHECKPOINT



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## Special Events

We have received several questions about qualifications for the AVA Special Event – **Walking America's Trails**. Here are the rules printed on the Walking America's Trails book:

1. Any sanctioned AVA event that meets the criteria may be entered in the book.
2. Qualifying events must be at least 50 percent on a trail listed on the American Trails website: [americantrails.org](http://americantrails.org).
3. The event begins January 2011. Retro-active entries are not allowed. Books can be purchased through December 31, 2013.
4. The stamp from a qualifying event may be entered only once per calendar year.

Questions may be directed to: Volkssport USA at [1worldwalker@earthlink.net](mailto:1worldwalker@earthlink.net)

## TAW Deadline and Club Rates

The deadline for the December 2010 issue of *The American Wanderer* is October 25. All articles and photographs should be submitted directly to The American Wanderer, Laurel Parrott, Editor, 3526 Humboldt Ave. N., Minneapolis, MN 55412, email [TAW@bhi.com](mailto:TAW@bhi.com). Be sure to include "TAW" in the subject line of the email. Some folks continue to send these to AVA Headquarters and this causes delays in your information getting in.

The Club TAW advertising rates have been reduced. So...consider placing an ad in the next TAW! Advertising Agreement Forms are found at the *Publications-Forms* link and then selecting the *AVA Club Form 907* link

## Starting Point

Please check the AVA website for changes that are posted on the 2010 Starting Point Changes web page found by clicking on the *Find Walking Events* link and then the *2010 Starting Point Changes* link as there are more than twenty 2010 Event new start location and location name changes since the printing of the 2010 Starting Point.

Look for the 2011 Starting Point Book form after October 15th. Most AVA Club forms are located on the *Publications-Forms* link on the AVA website.

Headquarters has several copies of the 2010 Starting Point that are available for pick-up if you know a school, library, or non-profit organization that would appreciate the donation! Please note these will not be mailed out (Sorry, but it's just too expensive) If you have an interest, just let Linda Rebmann know and we will get them ready for you to pick up. You can reach Linda at [Linda@ava.org](mailto:Linda@ava.org) or at 210-659-2112.

## Reminders

- ✚ 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Participation Reports will be due by October 31, 2010.
- ✚ Nominations for AVA Recognition Awards must be in the hands of your Regional Director by November 1, 2010. Sooner will be better. Don't forget!
- ✚ The E-Postcard must be completed between July 1 and November 15, 2010 if your club comes under the AVA's 501(c)(3) umbrella. Please send a copy of the confirmation to AVA Headquarters and make sure that it has the club name and number on it so we know who it belongs to. Thanks!
- ✚ Be sure to update your club officer listings and submit your Financial report. Last day to do this for this year is November 15, 2010.

**Attachments:** None