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The President's Message

Hi Folks,

Hope everyone had a great summer. I was traveling a lot, so mine flew by very quickly. I attended the AVA Convention in Sacramento as your representative. We have a new President, Curt Myron from the northwest. We had a lot of great walks in California, in fact we were just finishing a beautiful walk in Sugar Pine State Park close to Lake Tahoe when the fires started. We were not in danger, but that really makes an event stick in your memory.

I had told many of you that I would be going on a trip to the Northwest Territories and the Yukon in July. Sharon and Lester Miller were also on that trip. We had a great time. Our weather was hot, except for our last two days when we hit rain, fog and temperatures in the low 60's on our way and in Juneau, AK. We had a chance to see the famous Calgary Stampede that included chuck wagon races and rodeo. It was 101 there. We also flew to Inuvik on the Arctic Circle and Tuktoyaktuk on the Arctic Ocean. We put our feet in the ocean and surprisingly, it was a pleasant temperature. We rode a bus down the famous Dempster Highway that is a 440 mile gravel road through the wilderness. The whole trip was simply amazing. Just ask Sharon, Lester or I and we will be glad to tell you about it in more detail.

Our next event is September 22nd and 23rd in Mifflin. Louise has been busy getting a nice trail ready for all of you to walk. So please come. We are also sponsoring seasonal events that will end on September 30th at Ricketts Glen and World's End State Parks. We have had 35 walkers at Ricketts Glen and 50 at World's End. If you need those counties, you only have a short time before they close. We are not sanctioning them for next year. Instead, we are hosting a walk in Tunkhannock in Wyoming County. There has never been a Volksmarch in that county before. So thanks to Sharon and Lester, there will be one next year from 4-26 to 10-26.

Other possible walks for next year are Hershey, Ned Smith Center in Millersburg, and one in Perry County that will include another covered bridge. If you have a suggestion, just call or email.

Hope to see you on the trail! If you need a ride to an event, give me a call. Please keep in touch!
Pat Eby

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Odd Bits of Information

If you have a new address, phone number, name or email address, please send me this information and I will forward it to Wilson and Mary Watts. You can also update your email address at anytime by emailing me at patriciaeby@verizon.net.

New Special Event Programs

You know you all like to collect things, so here are five of the newest programs to collect. Cost is \$10 each.

Covered Bridges - Mail checks payable to Liberty Bell Wanderers/ Sharon Smetzer, 1943 Pine Court, Hellertown, PA 18055-2804. Need to walk 12 events that pass within sight of or through a covered bridge in the US or Canada.

State Parks - Mail checks payable to East Texas Trekkers, PO Box 7042, Tyler, TX 75711. Need to walk 30 events in a state park within the USA.

Court House - Mail checks payable to East Texas Trekkers, PO Box 7042, Tyler, TX 75711. Need to walk 30 events that pass by or through a federal, city, state, county or historic courthouse.

Islands - Mail checks payable to NW Tulip Trekkers, PO Box 1084, Anacortes, WA 98221. Need to do 20 events on a trail that is routed at least partially on an island. Land masses being named island also qualify.

Native American Culture - Mail checks payable to Holy Family Walkers, 1714 NW 49th St, Lawton, OK 73505-3241. Need 25 events that pass through a community that is named for a particular Native American or tribe; walk by a body of water, battlefield, park, museum or burial site named after a particular Native American or tribe.

I do have booklets for the Cemetery Stroll if you are interested. Most volksmarches pass by or through a cemetery and you need only 40 to get your patch.

Don't forget the County Program Book. I also have books for sale at \$8.00 each.

Try a special program, you'll like it.

Old T-Shirts

If you have stacks of old T-shirts (as I am sure many of your do), perhaps I can help. Or, rather, WE can help in an educational project. A friend from church is a social studies teacher and would like T-shirts with names of places in the US on them to do locations, geography, latitude, longitude, etc. for kids who wouldn't have had the opportunity to travel or couldn't afford one. These are 7th and 8th graders - you can see why she asked me!!! Any size is fine. She might plan to re-use them a second year. The project is for next spring.

(I could pick them up at a Rovers or York Wanderers event.) Louise

Meeting Time and Location

Club meetings are held on the last Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM in the East Shore Library basement meeting room. The Library is located in back of the Colonial Park Mall. Please park by the steps in the Mall parking lot behind Boscovs. The steps will take you to the front of the Library. Everyone is welcome to attend! The next three meetings will be:

Meeting Dates

September 26, 2007

October 31, 2007

November 28, 2007

What keeps you away from our meetings?

We keep asking ourselves that question. So we thought that we should ask you.

Does Wednesday night not suite your schedule?

If not, what evening would?

Would you come if we held our meetings at a restaurant?

If so, on which side of the Susquehanna River?

Would you come if we brought snacks?

Would you come if we scheduled a speaker?

If so, what kind of speakers would you come to hear?

If we did a short walk, non-volksmarching, before the meeting, would you come?

If we walked the Colonial Park walk for credit before each meeting, would you come?

If you want to get to know people, coming to the meetings is the perfect way to do it.

Or do you have other thoughts on the subject?

We desperately need your help on this.

Please give me some feedback by emailing me at patriciaeby@verizon.net or calling me at 761-1338. I need and would love to hear from you.

Thanks - Pat

SUSQUEHANNA ROVERS
Ricketts Glen State Park

LUZERNE COUNTY

July 1 - September 30, 2007

6K (3.8 miles) Trail Rating 2+, or 12K (7.2 miles) Trail Rating 5
 Qualifies for Native American Culture (Seneca Falls) and State Park Programs
 AT07/Y1093

LOCATION: This area is a National Natural Landmark. The two branches of Kitchen Creek cut through the deep gorges of Ganoga Glen and Glen Leigh and unite at "Waters Meet" and then flow through the Glen among giant pines, hemlocks and oaks. Some of the trees are 500 years old.

START/FINISH: Park Office, 695 State Route 467, Benton, PA 17817

HOURS: Office is open from 8 to 4 seven days a week. 570-477-5675. Call to be sure that the trails are open. You will then drive to the start of the trail.

TRAIL: The 12K trail will take you to "Water's Meet", up one branch of Kitchen Creek and down the other branch passing 21 waterfalls, the tallest at 94'. This trail will be damp and very rocky. The 6K trail takes you to "Waters Meet" and back to parking lot. There are a few small falls along this trail. I had offered a 10K that was rated a 3+, but was not able to lay out the trail properly, so it is not available. If you wish to walk a 10K, please walk most of the 6K twice. Please take walking sticks, water and wear sturdy footwear. These are hiking trails not walking trails.

AWARD: There is not a special award for these events. But the park offices sells tee-shirts and patches.

FEES: This event is Free to those who wish to participate without receipt of IVV credit. IVV credit only is \$3.00. There is no advanced registration.

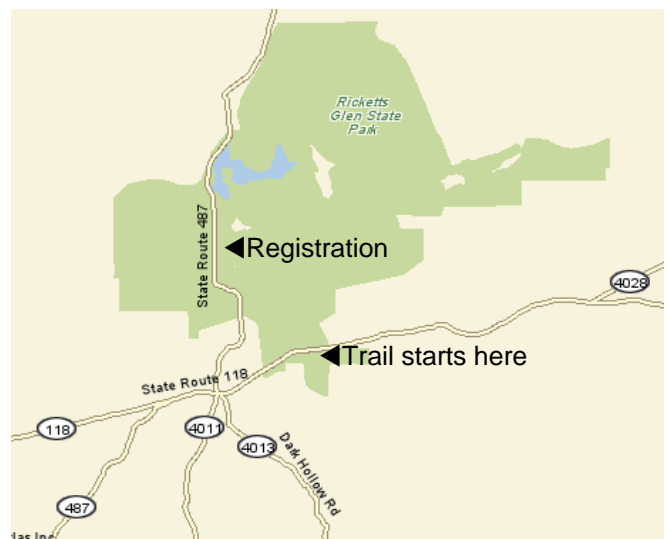
GENERAL INFORMATION: Pets are welcome, but leash and scoop laws are enforced. Restrooms are available at the park office.

DIRECTIONS : Take I-81 N or S to exit 170B towards Wilkes-Barre. Take PA 309 N. Turn left unto PA 118W. At Red Rock, turn Right on PA 487. Shortly after passing the top of the mountain, the main park entrance will be on the right. If you wish to travel on I-80, take exit 236 and travel north on PA 487.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Call Pat Eby at 717-379-8945 or write to:
 The Susquehanna Rovers Volksmarch Club
 19 N. 27th Street, Camp Hill, PA 7011
 SusqRovers@verizon.net

For info about camping or swimming -
 or more about the parks
www.dcnr.state.pa.us/outdooradventures



SUSQUEHANNA ROVERS
World's End State Park

SULLIVAN COUNTY

July 1 - September 30, 2007

5 K (3.1 miles) Trail Rating either 1+ or 2+
 or 10K (6.2 miles) Trail Rating either 2+ or 3+/4

AT07/Y0189
 Credit Only Events

LOCATION: The park is located in a narrow S-shaped valley of the Loyalsock Creek. The park was named because of the steep slope of the mountain, and the precipitous journey, early travelers thought they were surely at the "end of the world".

START/FINISH: Park Office, PA Route 154, Forksville, PA

HOURS: Office is open from 8 to 4 seven days a week. 570-924-3287

TRAIL: Trails are rocky so wear sturdy footwear and take water and walking sticks. These are hiking trails, not walking trails. Because of the rocky terrain, we are giving you several options for your walking pleasure. **5K trail** For the 1+ rating - you can walk along the road and enjoy the wooded and creek beauty, but it is an out and back or for the 2+ rating - you can walk through some nice trails, but to get to them there is one very short but steep hill and then you would do some road walking. **10K trail** For the 2+ rating - you would walk both of the 5K options, some nice trails with a very short but steep hill and the out and back road walking or for the 3+/4 rating trail - you would walk the 5K rated 2+ section, plus a more rugged area and also some road walking. Take your pick. There is a trail for everyone. You really do not want to miss this event as there has never been an event in Sullivan County and you get a really good sense of what Pennsylvania was like several hundred years ago.

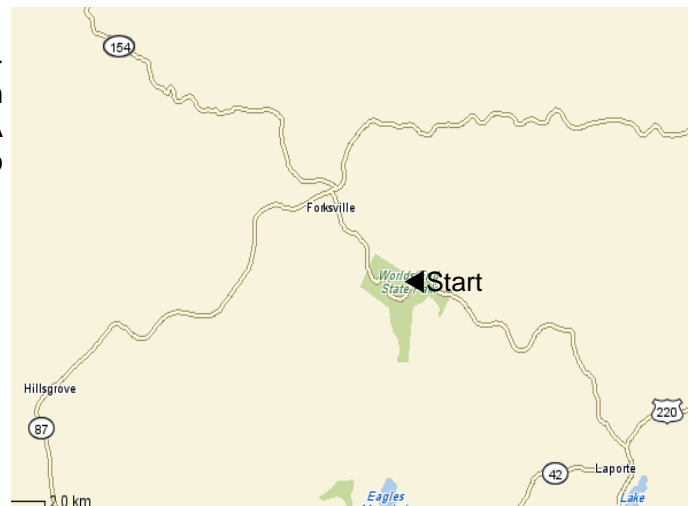
AWARD: There is no award for these events. But the park offices sell tee-shirts and patches.

FEES: This event is Free to those who wish to participate without receipt of IVV credit. IVV credit only is \$3.00. There is no advanced registration.

DIRECTIONS: Take US 15 N or S to I-80 E to I-180 W. Take exit 13—Hughesville/Muncy. Turn Right on PA 405 E, continue on US 220. At PA Route 154 turn left to go northwest. Entrance to Park office will be on the right.

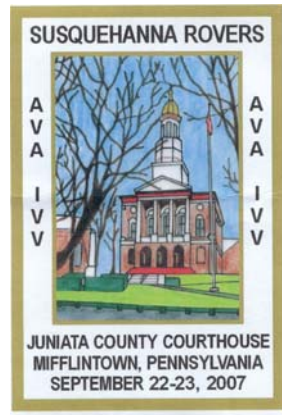
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A Fall 10K/5K Walking Event

September 22 - 23, 2007
MIFFLIN/MIFFLINTOWN in JUNIATA COUNTY



Trail Rating : 2 Sanction : #77431

Qualifies for: PA County Program, Walking Courthouses in the USA, RiverWalk America, Railroad Heritage, Cemetery Stroll, and Walk the USA, A-Z

Mifflin and Mifflintown are separated by the Juniata River, across which you will walk on the trail. Juniata County was home to many Indian tribes prior to 1740 when the first white traders came to the valley. A few scattered settlements began along the Juniata River in 1754. Mifflintown, the county seat, was incorporated in 1833. The beautiful courthouse is a dominating feature of the town and can be viewed from points along the trail.

START/FINISH: Mountainview Elementary School, HC 67 Box A1, Mifflin, PA. 17058
(across Rte. 35 at the end of Wilson Street)

START TIME: 8AM to 2 PM **FINISH TIME:** All walkers must finish by 5PM

AWARD: The award, shown on the front of the brochure, is a 3"x4.5" fully embroidered patch of the Juniata County Courthouse. Award & Credit: \$8 day of event. Preregistration (Award & Credit: \$7) should be sent to Louise Clouser at 46 Pineneedle Drive, Newport, PA. 17074. Checks made payable to Susquehanna Rovers.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: For information call Louise at (717) 567-9537 or e-mail her at laclouser@pa.net.

Trail: The trail takes you through a park, along and across the Juniata River, on paved streets, a dirt exercise trail, through a railroad underpass, a cemetery, and past the courthouse. Gradual inclines give it a 2 rating, suitable for strollers if they can be carried through the underpass stairs.

Accommodations: These are for your information, we don't have special rates. Budget Inn, 717-436-2127; Econo Lodge, off Rte. 322, 717-436-5981; or Rose House Bed and Breakfast, Mifflintown, 717-436-6605

DIRECTIONS:

From the East and North: Exit US 322 at the PA 35 Exit *and follow PA 35 South to Mifflintown. Continue on PA 35 through the bridge. Turn left onto Juniata St., then right onto Wilson St., across the railroad overpass and then straight ahead to the school.

From Philadelphia & East or Pittsburgh & West via the Pa. Turnpike: Exit the turnpike at the Harrisburg East exit. Follow I 283 to US 322. Continue on US 322 to the PA 35 Exit and then follow the above directions.

Hershey Walkfest November 23 & 24, 2007 Hershey, PA

Four Events – Four Trails

Candylane Trail 5K or 10K (75602) South Hershey Trail 6K or 10K (79605)
East Trail 5K or 10K (79604) **Newest Trail** 30K or 10K or 5K (79603)
Candylane, South and East trails are rated 1+; the Newest Trail is rated 2

Start Times – Don't forget that it will be dark before 5 so **flashlights are required!**

Candylane Trail - Both days **8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Finish by 7:30 PM**

South Trail – Both days **8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Finish by 5:00 PM**

East Trail – Both days **8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Finish by 5:00 PM**

Newest Trail – Both days **8:00 AM to 11 AM** for longer trails and **2 PM** for shorter trails. Finish by 5:00 PM

Start Point – Hershey Recreation Center, Located at 605 Cocoa Avenue (Route 743) in the south central part of Hershey, PA. These walks are in Dauphin County.

Trail Descriptions – The **Candylane Trail** consists mostly of sidewalks and paved walkways with some roadside walking. **Please note the new finish time.** The **South Trail** consists of a variety of paved and natural surfaces with some inclines. The **East Trail** and the **New Trail** consist of a variety of paved and natural surfaces with some inclines. Those completing the 30K trail will receive a special pin.

Registration Fees – These events are FREE to those who wish to participate without receipt of award or IVV credit. Pre-registration is \$7.00 for IVV credit for one event and our award, which is a patch, designed by Logan Burke. The award may be earned by completing any of the events. **We have only ordered 100 so the first to register for the patch will receive their award. There will be no reorders.** B awards from former Hershey Walkfests are also available; there are many from which to choose. Pre-registration for the IVV credit and a B Award is \$4. Registration after November 12, 2007, and the day of the event is \$8.00 for the patch award and credit or \$5.00 for IVV credit and a B Award. For IVV credit only, the cost is \$3.00 per event. Brochures will be available soon.

You can help with the trail – These are new times – we cannot get into the Rec. Center on Thanksgiving. Our trail marking for Candylane will be **Wednesday**, November 22, 2007 at 9:00 AM. You will even earn event credit and/or distance for helping. Can't help then? Well, how about helping to tear down the trail on Sunday, November 25th? We will meet at the start/finish at 1:00 PM to tear down the trails. You can also get event and/or distance credit for assisting with this chore. We will meet afterwards for a very late lunch. If this sounds interesting to you, please give Pat a call, or just show up at the start/finish. We can always use the help.

General Information – **There is a \$9.95 charge to enter Candylane, but you can get a 1 hour shopping pass by visiting Guest Services (a credit card is needed)** www.hersheypa.com Because of the charge, the trail will not take you inside Candylane. Of course if you wish to enter Candylane, you may. **Candylane** is open 5-9 pm on Wednesday, 5-10 pm on Thursday, 12-10 pm on Friday and Saturday, and 12-9 pm on Sunday. You will pass **Chocolate World** which is open on Thursday at 4 pm and the rest of the weekend at 9 am. The **Zoo** will be open 10-4:30 on Wednesday and Friday through Sunday for \$7.50 or \$8.50, closed on Thanksgiving. Water and candy will be provided at the start/finish and checkpoints. Restrooms, fruit, hot dogs, soup, home-baked goods and hot or cold drinks will be available at the start/finish.

Conditions – Pets are not allowed in Candylane. Therefore, if you intend to go into Candylane, you will not be able to take your pet along with you on that trail. They are welcome on the other trails, but not in the Rec. Center. No littering along the trail. This event will be held rain or shine. There are no refunds. Prepaid start cards that are not picked up are invalid.

Additional Information – Call Pat Eby at 717-761-1338 or email patriciaeby@verizon.net. You may write to the Susquehanna Rovers, 19 N. 27th St, Camp Hill, PA 17011.

If you have been keeping track of your Year Round Walks in PA, please send the list to me or bring it along to the Walkfest. You may win something.

2007 ATLANTIC REGION CALENDAR of EVENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Sponsoring Club</u>	<u>Event Location</u>	<u>Contact Phone</u>
September				
15-16	W	Penn-Dutch Pacers Volksmarch Club	Neffsville/Lancaster PA (Manheim Park)	717-656-6873
15-16	2W/B	Air Force Global	Upper Marlboro MD(Merkle Wildlife Sanct)	202-767-9136
18	NW	Washington DC Area Volksmarch Club	Alexandria VA (Barrett Branch Library)	301-449-6325
22	GW	Liberty Bell Wanderers	Philadelphia PA (Pennypack Park)	215-663-1328
22-23	W	Susquehanna Rovers	Mifflin PA (Mountainview Elem Schl)**	717-567-9537
26	M	Susquehanna Rovers	East Shore Library 6:30	717-761-1338
29	W	Virginia Vagabonds	Norfolk VA (San Antonio Sams)	757-766-3065
29	W	Loudoun Walking & Volkssport Club	Lovettsville VA (Game Preservtn Assn)	703-737-2175
29-30	W	Liberty Bell Wanderers	Newtown PA (Tyler State Park)	215-699-9246
October				
06	W	Peninsula Pathfinders	Jamestown VA (Colonial Historical Park)	757-722-5637
06	W	First State Webfooters	Milton DE (Hook Nat'l Wildlife Refuge)	302-697-1191
06	W	Princeton Area Walkers	Bordentown NJ	609-259-2419
06	W	Nittany Nomads	Wellsboro PA (Darling Run Acc Area)**	814-237-4455
06	W	Liberty Bell Wanderers	Philadelphia PA (German Society of PA)	215-699-9248
06-07	W	Fort Belvoir Outdoor Rec	Ft Belvoir VA (Parade Field Ft Belvoir)	703-805-9472
06-07	S	Peninsula Pathfinders of Virginia	Williamsburg VA (Four Points Sheraton)	757-890-9220
07	W	Gator Volksmarsch Club	Virginia Beach VA (First Landing S.P.)	757-490-9324
07	W	Annapolis Amblers	Annapolis MD (W. Annapolis Oktoberfest)	410-224-0907
8	W	Lee Lepus Volksverband	Chester VA (Henricus Historical Park)	804-768-0055
10	W	Great Greenbelt Volksmarchers	Greenbelt MD (Community Center)	301-937-3549
13	W	Lee Lepus volksverband	Hanover County VA	804-768-0055
13-14	2W	Baloney Stompers	Colebrook PA (Rail Trail)	717-272-0655
19-21	2W	U.S. Freedom Walk Festival	Washington DC (Rosslyn VA Holiday Inn)	703-583-2936
20	W	U.S. Freedom Walk Festival	Rosslyn VA (Rosslyn VA Holiday Inn)	703-583-2936
20	W	Loudoun Walking and Volkssport Club	Lucketts VA (Tarara Winery)	703-737-2175
20	W	Princeton Area Walkers	Freehold NJ (Cornerstone Café)	732-536-4073
20	W	Nittany Nomads	Lock Haven PA (YMCA)**	814-353-9364
26	W	Seneca Valley Sugarloafers	Gaithersburg MD (Seneca Creek Park)	301-977-9547
27	W	Freestate Happy Wanderers	Berlin MD (Stephen Decatur Park)	410-208-0876
27	W	Columbia Volksmarching Club	Elkridge MD (Rockburn Branch Park)	410-290-3777
27-28	W	First State Webfooters	Rehoboth Beach DE (Henlopen Hotel)	302-697-1191
29	M	Susquehanna Rovers	East Shore Library 6:30	717-761-1338
November				
02-03	W	York White Rose Wanderers	Gettysburg PA (Holiday Inn Battlefield)	717-337-1667
03	W	York White Rose Wanderers	Gettysburg PA (Adams County Winery)	717-337-1667
03	S	York White Rose Wanderers	Gettysburg PA (YWCA)	717-337-1667
03	W	Gator Volksmarsch Club	Norfolk VA (Botanical Garden)	757-490-9324
4	W	York White Rose Wanderers	Gettysburg PA (Holiday Inn Battlefield)	717-337-1667
10	W	Finger Lakes Volkssports Club	Athens PA (Spalding Memorial Library)**	607-754-1979
10-11	W	Piedmont Pacers	Mt Airy MD (Linganore Wine Cellars)	410-208-0876
11	W	Wood and Dale Wanderers	Lakeridge VA (Community Park)	703-590-5317
17	W	Seneca Valley Sugarloafers	Damascus MD (Black Hill Regional Pk)	301-977-6870
20	W	Virginia Vagabonds	Newport News VA (Woodside High Sch)	757-766-3065
23-24	4W	Susquehanna Rovers	Hershey PA (Hershey Township RecCtr)	717-761-1338
31	M	Susquehanna Rovers	East Shore Library 6:30	717-761-1338

Legend: W=Walk, GW=Guided Walk, GNW=Guided Night Walk, NW=Night Walk, B=Bike, S=Swim, Sk=Ski, IS=Ice Skate, RS=Roller Skate, SS=Snowshoe, M=Meeting **=New PA County

New Counties - Mifflin is in **Juniata**; Wellsboro in **Tioga**; Lock Haven in **Clinton**; Athens in **Bradford**