

7(seven) TWC Year-Round Events

Walk 1: Bartlesville (50 miles North of Tulsa): Register at the GNC Store inside Washington Park Mall, 2350 SE Washington Blvd. in Bartlesville. Store phone is 918/335-2732. Call to confirm hours. Several trails offered but only one stamp; drive to Start Point listed on map.

Walk 2: Galena, KS (West of Joplin, MO): Start/Finish point is Pickle Jean's Café on West 7th Street. Call Contact for hours.

Walk 3: Mannford/Lake Keystone: Start/Finish point is the Park store just inside the entrance to the park. Store hours vary with season. Please call the Park Store, phone: 918/865-4477, to confirm the store will be open for your visit.

Walk 4: Tulsa/LaFortune Park: Start/Finish point Thornton Family YMCA, 5002 S. Fulton (on North side of park). Open 7:00AM to 7:00PM Mon. thru Sat. Sundays, open 1:00 to 5:00PM. Phone 918/280-9622. Several trails offered but only one stamp.

Walk 5: Tulsa/Promenade Mall: Start/Finish point GNC Store inside mall, corner of Yale Ave. & 41st Street. Store phone is 918/663-6164. Call store for open hours before going. Two trails offered but only one stamp.

Walk 6: Tulsa/Utica Square: Start/finish point Med-X Drug Store, 1714 S. Utica Square at 21st St & Utica Ave. Walk dawn to dusk. Store Phone # 918/743-9968. Several trails offered but only one stamp.

Walk 7: Tulsa/River Parks Trails: Start point address is 2738 E 91st St., located at corner of 91st & Delaware (between Harvard & Riverside) Tulsa, OK. Register at Fiesta Mart (918/299-8131), then drive to trailhead at 96th & Riverside Drive. (Please let business customers go first.) Several walks, but only one stamp. One crosses Arkansas river and goes by the Oklahoma Aquarium and RiverWalk shops in Jenks, OK. A second, walks alongside the Creek Tunpike to Hunter Park in South Tulsa; and another goes North along the Arkansas River on the Riverside Trails.

A Tulsa Walking Club YRE Award Patch is available at all TWC OK YRE walk sites. Cost is \$4 in addition to the walk's credit stamp fee.

YRE credit may be earned twice per year per event, but distance credits are unrestricted.

YRE COORDINATOR CONTACTS

1 Bartlesville YRE Walk

Call Dorothy Brown at 918/437-8404

2 Galena, KS YRE Walk

Call Barbara Hixenbaugh at 620/783-2649

3 Mannford Lake Keystone YRE Walk

Call Dan Nerren at 918/245-2024

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4 Tulsa LaFortune Park YRE Walk

Call Jim Dillinger at 918/299-1758

Email: dillinger@hotmail.com

5 Tulsa Promenade Mall YRE Walk

Call Janice Hiatt at 918/622-1972

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6 Tulsa Utica Square YRE Walk

Call Cynthia Hines at 918/621-4163

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7 Riverparks YRE Walk

Call Teresa Arnold at 918/355-3820

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View Club Logo Pin (\$4.00 at start table) at:
<http://www.ava.org/clubs/TulsaWalkingClub>

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Event # 83201 in 2009

McIntosh County and
Muskogee County

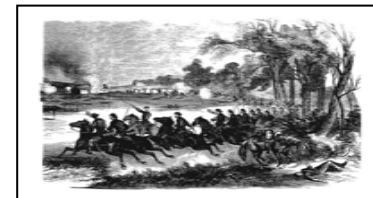
Rentiesville, OK

10K AND 5K VOLKSWALK
EVENT

Saturday, November 21, 2009

Start: 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM
Finish by 3:30 PM

Civil War Walk at
Honey Springs
Battlefield



This is an IVV sanctioned achievement award, and special programs credit event:

**Authors & Literary Landmarks,
Cemetery Stroll, Museums, Native
American Culture, Walk the USA "R"**

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AVA Club 0291



ELIGIBILITY: Event is open to the public and all are welcome to participate. This is an excellent activity for families. Children under age twelve must be accompanied by an adult.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Trail rating is 1+. It follows both paved and gravel roads. Strollers and wheelchairs will find the gravel paths difficult.

START/FINISH TIMES: The event will take place on Saturday, November 21, 2009, rain or shine. Start time **9:30 AM to 12:30 PM**. Finish by **3:30PM**.

PROCEDURE: All participants must obtain a start card at the registration (start/finish) point and present this card at all check points along the route, even if no fee is required. Upon completing the walk, the card is surrendered, and the participant then receives any award or IVV credit earned. Remember to bring your IVV record books to record your credit. Record books are for sale at the event.

AWARDS AND FEES: "Credit only" is \$3.00. No fee is charged if IVV credit is not desired. There is no "A" award for this event.

REFRESHMENTS: Water and restrooms will be available at the start/finish point.

DISCLAIMER: Sponsors of this event are not liable for accidents, thefts, and/or material damage. Every effort will be made to keep this event safe, enjoyable and memorable.

What is a Volkssport?

Volkssporting events include walking, biking, swimming and cross-country skiing. A volkswalk or a volks-bike is an organized, leisurely walk or bike through a scenic, historic or interesting area over a predetermined route. Volkssporting is designed to appeal to people of all ages. The walk, bike, swim or ski is non-competitive. Participants can travel at their own pace, thus making it an excellent recreational activity for the whole family.

TRAIL DESCRIPTION: Interpretive walking trails lead visitors to where (1) the Federal Army

rested after marching from Fort Gibson, (2) the Federal battle line was drawn, (3) the Confederates waited in the trees to defend the approach to the bridge over elk Creek, (4) the heaviest hand-to-hand combat occurred, and (5) the final confederate counter-attack took place. On each of these trails, wayside exhibits use quotes from original first hand accounts to describe the day's events.

Re-enactors will be present at the historical site this date.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

Traveling East or West on I-40, take exit 264B and travel north on US-69 approx. 3 miles to the second exit ["Bus. US-69 / Checotah / Rentiesville"]

On the off-ramp is a sign "Honey Springs Battlefield - 4 miles"; turn the direction indicated by the arrow.

Drive north on old US-69 1.75 miles to John Hope Franklin Boulevard (Rentiesville Road) and turn; drive east 2 miles to the corner of the battlefield identified by a sign on the northeast corner.

One half mile north of the intersection are the battlefield granite monuments, which for nearly 40 years were the only interpretive devices to be seen.

Continue another one-half mile north where the road turns right (east); drive east one-fourth mile to Honey Springs Battlefield Road and turn left (north); continue one mile to the temporary interpretive center.

Traveling South on State Hwy 69 (apx. 16 miles South of Muskogee, exit at the Checotah/Rentiesville exit. Turn right from this exit onto business 69 North. *Follow the directions in italics above.*



GPS coordinates:

N 35° 32' 48.61" W 95° 28' 27.76"

START POINT: The Interpretive Center at Honey Springs Battlefield. (History below.)

One of the least known but most strategically important battles of the Civil War took place on July 17, 1863, in what was then the far West.

The Battle of Honey Springs was a bloody engagement fought to drive back Southern forces that were threatening an attack on the Union base of operations at Fort Gibson (Fort Blunt), Oklahoma. A Union victory, the battle was in many ways the turning point of the war in the West.

Honey Springs in 1863 was an important stopping point or "depot" on the Texas Road. This wagon trace led south across the rolling hills of Oklahoma and was a vital North-South route through the Indian Territory where the "Five Civilized Tribes" had been resettled following the Trail of Tears. By July 1863, Confederate and Union commanders in the trans-Mississippi West knew the struggle for Indian Territory was ending. Both sides thought it a contest they could win.

Honey Springs was unique among Civil War battles, in that the number of African American and Native Americans engaged outnumbered the European Americans on either side. Honey Springs Battlefield Park is a memorial to their courage. Come step back in history as we explore this battlefield.