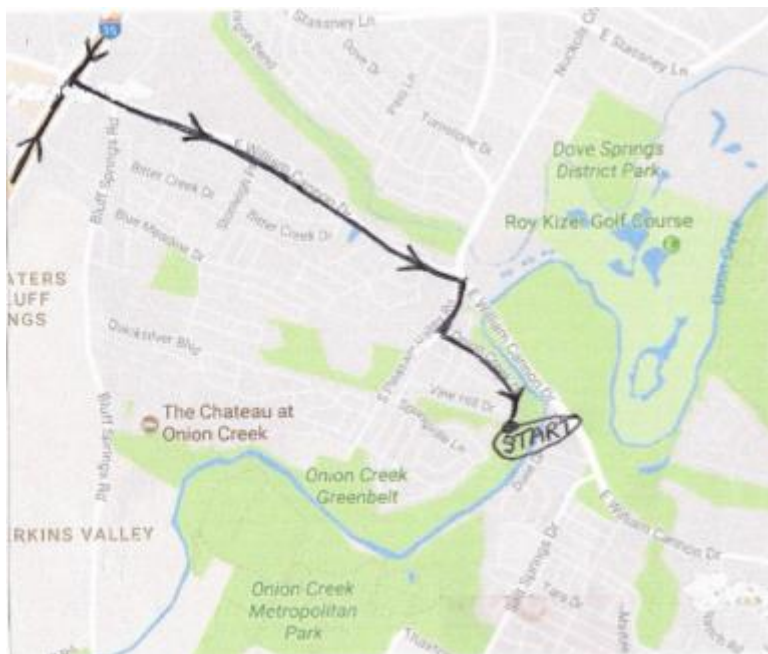


DIRECTIONS: Driving **N** on I 35, take exit 228, William Cannon Dr. Go **Rt** (East) on William Cannon about 1 ½ miles to the traffic light at Pleasant Valley Rd. **Rt** on Pleasant Valley, then the first, immediate **Lt** on Onion Creek Dr. Drive ½ mile to start.

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*The Colorado River Walkers
Present a Volksmarch*

“Ghost” Neighborhood At Onion Creek

Saturday, November 18, 2017



Special Programs: You'll Never Walk Alone, Honoring Our Flag, City Parks, Louisiana Purchase, Amphitheater, El Camino Real, Food for Thought

10k/5k Walk
Event ID: SW17/ 109573
AVA – 77, TVA -24



HISTORY: *Onion Creek is in the southeastern part of Austin, Tx, and historically was prone to flooding during prolonged heavy rains. Nearby neighborhood homes were built in the 1970s when the area was not thought to be in a floodplain. The area experienced serious flooding in 1998, 2001, 2013 and 2015. Since then, floodplain maps have been revised to include these neighborhoods.*

From June 2014 until now, the City of Austin has purchased 801 properties in a buyout program. The damaged houses were razed and cleared away. What remains is a ghostlike neighborhood with street names intact. Former driveways and cement home pads are clearly visible. Some land has been made into a greenbelt and park. Future plans include pedestrian footbridges over Onion Creek, so the large, mostly undeveloped, Onion Creek Metropolitan Park to the south, can be accessed.

Part of the walk will go through a manufactured home community, "Chateau at Onion Creek". Clubhouse, pool, 24 hour fitness center, and park combine to make the residents happy to be living in this well maintained and secure environment.

LOCATION Start/Finish: Onion Creek Greenbelt Trailhead, 7004 Onion Creek Dr. Austin Tx. 78744

START / FINISH TIMES: Start between 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., finish by 2:00 p.m.

ROUTE: Both the 5k and 10k routes will walk on a dirt trail along the creek as well as on streets of the Ghost Neighborhood. The 10k route also walks through the Chateau at Onion Creek community. Route is 1A.

WALK FEES:

All walkers (Credit or non-credit) are \$3.00.
Non-credit children under 12 are \$1.25 to cover AVA fee.

AWARDS: "B" awards from previous walks will be available. Children under 12 are eligible for a free "B" award.

DISCLAIMER: The Colorado River Walkers are not responsible for accidents, injuries, or any lost or stolen items during the event. Reasonable effort will be made to make this a safe, enjoyable event.

EVENT CONDITIONS: The event will be held regardless of weather conditions. All participants (including small children) must carry a Start Card. Walk route twice on same Start Card for additional distance credit. Events are noncompetitive. Walk, jog, or run at your own pace. Pets are allowed on the trail, but must remain on a leash with owner doing cleanup. **NOTE: THE GREENBELT IS A LEASH FREE AREA FOR DOGS.**

ELIGIBILITY: Everyone is welcome. These events are open to all, regardless of age, sex, creed, race or nationality. An adult must accompany children under age 12.

IVV CREDIT: This event is sanctioned by the American Volkssport Association (AVA), a member of the International Federation of Popular Sports (IVV) and counts toward acquisition of IVV Achievement Awards. IVV books may be purchased at the event for \$6.00. New Walker packets are available for \$5.00.

AMENITIES: Water and restrooms are available at the Start/Finish and at other places along the route.

Conduct: Participants are reminded that this event is open to all, including families. Please conduct yourself accordingly. The Colorado River Walkers retain the right to ask anyone engaging in offensive or inappropriate behavior to cease to participate and to leave the event area and facilities.

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