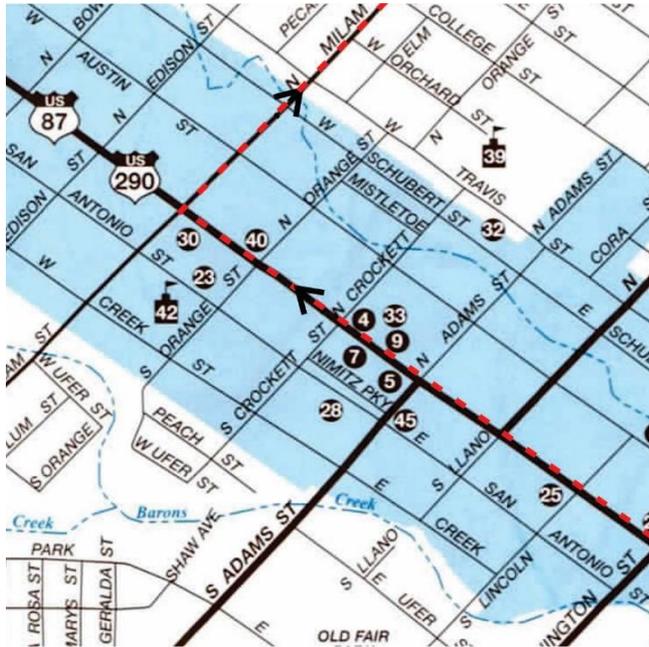


DIRECTIONS TO START

The Start is at the Kinder Halle in the northwest corner of the Marktplatz square (Crockett and Austin, near #33 on the map below). Parking may be easier to find along Austin or Crockett, depending upon the number of weekend visitors in town. Entering Fredericksburg from the North or West, continue through town on Main Street (87/290) until you get to Crockett Street. Turn left onto Crockett; Marktplatz is on your right. From the South or East, continue past the Marktplatz on 87/290 and turn right onto Crockett.



The Volkssportverein Friedrichsburg (AVA-1/TVA-1)



Invites You to Participate in the

2022 Founders' Day Walk
SW22/121564
June 11, 2022



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**AMERICA'S
WALKING CLUB**
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SANCTIONED EVENT
Eligible for credit towards IVV Achievement Awards



SPONSOR: Volkssportverein Friedrichsburg

ELIGIBILITY/TYPE OF EVENT: Noncompetitive. Walk or run at your own pace. The event is open to all, and families are encouraged to participate. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. All participants (or their parents if under 12) will sign a waiver of responsibility and must carry a Start Card on the route. The events will be held regardless of weather conditions (unless there's a freak ice storm).

START POINT: Kinder Halle, between the playground (corner of Crockett and Austin) and the Vereins Kirche Museum (the octagonal building in the center of the Marktplatz).

START AND FINISH TIMES: Registration will be conducted 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Walks must be completed by 2:00 p.m.

DISTANCES: 5 and 10 kilometers.

REGISTRATION: All participants must compete and carry a start card with waiver. There is no pre-registration.

FEES: The fee is \$3.00 for all walkers. Log Books will be available for purchase if required.

ROUTES: The routes are in town on flat, paved surfaces.

WATER & RESTROOMS: Water and restrooms are available at the Start. There are also places in town that offer refreshments and restrooms.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS: Little Free Libraries, Mayflower, Rocking around the Clock, Town Halls/City Halls, Walking with America's Veterans, Texas Counties = Gillespie.

PETS: Leashed pets are allowed along the routes; however, not in most buildings along the routes. You must clean up after your pets.

DISCLAIMER: The sponsors are not responsible for accidents, thefts, and/or material damage. Reasonable effort has been made by the sponsors to make this a safe, enjoyable, and memorable event.

DONATIONS: to help defray event expenses and to promote Volkssporting are always welcomed.

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ABOUT THE FREDERICKSBURG FOUNDERS' DAY WALK:

Fredericksburg native, the Reverend Kenn Knopp attended a church meeting in Rome in 1975 and went to visit his aunt and uncle in Germany after the meeting. They were avid walkers and walked with him around town. Although Kenn was in his early 40's, he was overweight and out of shape. His walking tour drove him to his bed, and his uncle and aunt told him he should do something about his condition and that walking was the best all-around way to achieve it. They also told him that there was a walking club in town and showed him a poster promoting the IVV. Kenn contacted the club, who referred him to the IVV President, Herr Gunther Hartmetz. Upon his return to Fredericksburg, Kenn wrote Herr Hartmetz about having a walk in Fredericksburg as part of the American Bicentennial (Kenn was on the town's bicentennial committee). Without having participated in a volksmarch, Kenn and a small group organized a walk fest on June 12-13, 1976. The walks (6 and 12 miles) started at the Vereins Kirche and involved 230-235 walkers. Only after this first volksmarch in the US did Kenn return to Germany and participate in one in Europe. For further information on the early days of volkssporting in the US, Charlene Agne-Traub's "History of Volkssporting in the U.S.A. 1976-1989" is recommended.

Unsolicited Hint: Fredericksburg is surrounded by a number of YREs. If you haven't been in the area for a while, think about extending your visit and trying those at Enchanted Rock, Comfort, Stonewall, Boerne (3), Bandera (2), Mason, Kerrville (4), Lost Maples State Park, and Junction (2). Remember, some State Parks require reservations, so plan accordingly.