

Directions: The Stockade Inn, 1 N Church St, Schenectady, NY 12305

From the East:

Take RT. 7 to Union St. west.
The Stockade Inn is on the corner of Union and Church Streets.
(second red light after Erie Blvd.)

From the North and West via RT. 50:

Take RT. 50 south to Glenville. At the intersection of Rte. 50 and Freeman's Bridge Rd. (traffic light) turn left onto Freeman's Bridge which becomes Erie Blvd. after you cross the bridge.
At the intersection with Erie Blvd, and Union St. turn right onto Union to the Inn is at the corner of Union and Church Streets.

From the NYS Thruway:

Take Exit 25(Schenectady) onto 890 to Washington Ave exit.
Exit off ramp and go directly across State St. (Do NOT turn.)
Proceed to Union St. and turn right. Go one block to the corner of Church and Union Streets. The Inn will be on your left.



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**Schenectady, NY
Holiday Party Walk**

10k/5k Walk

Saturday, December 2, 2017

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- Cities in Song • Point of Reference • Honoring Our Flag •
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AVA Rules & Conditions

- Start/Finish:** The Stockade Inn, 1 N. Church St, Schenectady, NY
- Time:** Registration begins & start between 9-11:30 am, Finish* by 2:30 pm.
- Note:** **Must finish by Noon to attend the Holiday Party.*
- Trail Rated:** 1A - The 10k route is throughout the streets of Schenectady including the Campus of Union College. The walk is suitable for strollers or wagons.
- Stipulation:** There is no walk preregistration and this walk will take place regardless of weather. At time of registration, each participant accepts the guidelines for AVA Volkssport events. There are no refunds if the walk is terminated for any reason. Books will be stamped accordingly. Pets are not allowed into the Start Point but may be leashed on the walk route. Children under 11 must be accompanied by an adult and watched carefully.
- Procedure:** Each participant must register and sign a waiver at the "Start" table. A "Start Card" must also be filled out & carried in order to record "Checkpoints" along the route. The card is then returned to the "Finish" table and becomes the property of ESCV.
- Event Fees:** For IVV Credit only\$ 3.00
All Other Participants\$2.00
- IVV Books:** Event & Distance books will be available at the Start/Finish for \$6.00 each. You may receive (1) Event Credit for this trail, and Distance Credit may be earned each time the course is completed.

New Walker Kits that contain both Event & Distance books are available for only \$10.

Disclaimer: The American Volkssport Association, ESCV, The Stockade Inn, the City of Schenectady, or any properties associated with this walk, cannot be held responsible for any lost or stolen items, damage, accident or injury of any kind, at any time. Every effort has been made to make this a safe and enjoyable event.

Restrooms/Water: Available at the Start/Finish, at cookie house stop on route and Union College

For further information regarding this event please call or e-mail POC Bernie Geren at 518-399-8400, BGEREN@nycap.rr.com.

History

The annual holiday party of the Empire State Capital Volkssporters is a long standing tradition. The day begins with a walk through the historic areas of Schenectady including;

The Stockade: First settled in 1661, Stockade is the oldest existing residential area in the United States. The first historic district in New York, it has over 40 homes over 200 years old and was cited by the National Park Service as being the "highest concentration of historic period homes in the country".

Proctor's Theater: Built in 1926 as a vaudeville theater, it had early success before the decline of live entertainment in favor of movies. After transitioning to a movie theater it gradually went into decline until a group of concerned citizens saved it from demolition in the 1970's. Today it is a busy venue for live theater including touring Broadway shows and local productions as well as a large screen movie theater. In 1930 it hosted the first public demonstration of television.

Union College: Chartered in 1795, the college was originally located in the Stockade area but moved in the early 19thc. The layout of the campus, designed in 1813, was the first unified campus plan in the country. Its graduates include President Chester Arthur and William Seward, Lincoln's Secretary of State.

GE Realty Plot: In 1899 a subsidiary of the General Electric Co. purchased a plot of land as a site for a development of substantial homes. Many were occupied by high level GE managers and staff including the eminent mathematician George Steinmetz, the "Wizard of Schenectady". His home no longer stands but most of the others still remain as single family homes (a requirement of their deeds).

1177 Oxford Place: Home of ESCV member Pat Rush who will again graciously open her home to the walkers for our traditional "cookie stop" checkpoint where you may stave off hunger before the luncheon with an array of delicious sweets.

Holiday party: The walk will be followed by ESCV's annual holiday party at the Stockade Inn. Attendees must make and pay for reservations prior to the day of the party. Reservations are limited. A reservation form with details and cost will be available on the club website www.walkescv.org in the fall.

**Join us for the Holiday Luncheon after the walk.
Limited Seating NOON TO FINISH**