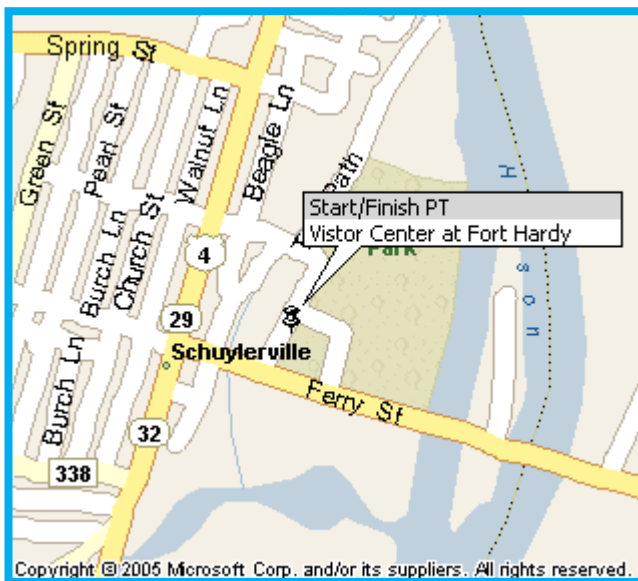


Start Point: Visitor Center at Fort Hardy, Schuylerville, NY. This walk will help commemorate the 240th Anniversary of the surrender of British Gen. Burgoyne's forces to American Gen. Gates' on Sunday, Oct. 17, 1777. At 10:00 am, there will be a reenactment of the Surrender Ceremony of 1777 that 5K walkers may be back in time to attend.

Directions:

From South & West: Take Northway (I-87) to Exit 14 & turn west (towards Saratoga Springs). In a very short distance, at first road on right (Henning Rd.), turn right. Follow signs to Route 29 East (Lake Ave.). At that "T", turn right & go about 10 miles into Schuylerville to intersection with Rt.4, & turn right. Continue on Rts 29 East & 4 South for 0.3mi to traffic light at Ferry St., & turn left. Go just 2 short blocks, 0.1 mi, to Reds Rd/St. (no sign) & turn left. Visitor Center & parking lot on right.

From South & East: From Troy/Waterford area, follow Rt. 4 North into Schuylerville to traffic light at Ferry St./Rt 29 East. At intersection, turn right & go just 2 short blocks, 0.1 mi, to Reds Rd/St. (no sign) & turn left. Visitor Center & parking lot on right.



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Victory Walk

October 17, 1777 – 240TH Anniversary

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Philip Schuyler House

10k/5k Walk

Tuesday, October 17, 2017

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Start/Finish: Visitor Center at Fort Hardy, Schuylerville, NY.

Time: Registration: 8:30-8:55 AM; Guided Walks Start Time: 9:00 AM; 10K finish about 11:30 am; 5K, 10:45 in time for part of reenactment of the Surrender on shore of Hudson River at Ft. Hardy Park.

Ratings: 3B/1B: The 10 km (3B) guided route follows roadways, & sidewalks in villages of Victory Mills & Schuylerville, & a wooden walkway in Victory Woods. Route starts where British laid down their arms in surrender; cross over Fish Creek past Schuyler House; on to spot where British Gen Burgoyne gave up his sword to Gen. Gates; on to Saratoga Monument; into Victory Woods (final encampment of British troops before their surrender); past spot of Burgoyne Headquarters; to old & new Champlain Canal & locks; along the Hudson River & tow path of old Canal; back to Visitor Center. A 5 K self-guided route, 1B, is available in Two-Parts so participants will not need to climb large hill: Part 1 starts with 10K walkers past Schuyler House, then break off to walk streets of Schuylerville & back to Start Point parking lot. Part 2 will be car pooling to follow a route past the Surrender Spot, up to Victory Mills, Saratoga Monument, & walk through Victory Woods. Participants will return via car to Visitor Center & go to gazebo on shore of Hudson River to view reenactment of surrender & elementary students reciting history of that day, 240 yrs ago.

Stipulations: There is no pre registration, and these walks will take place regardless of weather. At time of registration, each participant accepts the guidelines for AVA Volkssport events. There are no refunds. If walk is terminated for any reason, books will be stamped accordingly. Pets must be leashed. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult & watched carefully, especially near roads & waterways. Smoking is prohibited in public buildings by NYS Law.

Procedure: Each participant must register & sign waiver at "Start Table". As a guided walk, no "Start Card" needed. Fees: All walkers over 12, \$2.; Those IVV & club Credit Walkers, \$1. more for stamping all your books for which credit is needed.

IVV Books: For record keepers, you may receive one (1) Event Credit for this event, as well as credit for other AVA Special Programs. Distance Credit may be earned each time the course is completed.

Disclaimer: The American Volkssport Association, ESCV, National Park Services, the villages of Victory Mills & Schuylerville, 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 a safe & enjoyable event.

Restrooms: Very limited number of restrooms at Start & along trail.

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Saratoga Monument

- Dedicated This Date, 105 Years Ago (1912).
- Cornerstone Laid This Date, 140 Years Ago.

The Saratoga Monument commemorates the surrender of British Army troops commanded by Gen. John Burgoyne to Gen. Horatio Gates commander of America forces on 17 October 1777 following two battles of Saratoga. Battles & subsequent surrender are considered a turning point in American Revolution by leading to French support & hope of ultimate victory. This lofty sight was chosen for the monument because of its commanding view of surrounding battlefield sites & its historical association with Burgoyne's campaign. The cornerstone was laid on 17 October 1877, one hundred years after the British surrender. The capstone was put into place in 1882 and the decorative elements of bronze statues and interior bass relief was finally completed in 1887. A cast iron stairway leads up 184 steps to an observation deck. Dedication ceremony held October 17, 1912

Turning Point in the American Revolution

Some historians have ranked what happened in fall 1777 in this upstate New York wilderness as one of the top ten war victories of all time, resulting in the formation of a new country. The rag-tag army of patriots had achieved the impossible: forced a British army to surrender for the first time in over 200 yrs.

British Gen. Burgoyne developed a plan to split the New England Colonies from the rest of the colonies by conquering Albany. His 3-prong attack had him lead a powerful force of over 10,000 troops and natives from Canada, up Lake Champlain and down the Hudson River, while a detachment lead by St. Leger would come from the west via Ft. Stanwix (Rome), & Gen. Howe up the Hudson River, all converging on Albany. With St. Leger being turned back at Battle of Oriskany, & Howe deciding to go & occupy Philadelphia instead of Albany, Burgoyne's forces were left alone to fight their way. At first, victories came easy at Crown Pt., Ticonderoga, Hubbardton, Vt., Ft. Ann and Ft. Edward. However, while trying to capture provisions, he lost heavily near Bennington, Vt. (Walloomsac, NY) to Gen. Stark's New Hampshire Regiment.

Just 40 mi. to Albany, Burgoyne needed to get by patriots on Bemis Heights that held a commanding view of the River. On Sept. 19, and again on Oct. 7, he attacked their lines, both attempts failing. With winter approaching, Burgoyne tried to retreat to Ticonderoga. With less than 6,000 exhausted Brits and Germans, the natives already having left, and surrounded by about 13,000 patriots, Burgoyne asked for terms. The agreement called for British arms to be stacked at confluence of the Hudson & Fish Creek, Saratoga on Oct. 17, 1777.