

Suncoast Sandpipers

2026 Year Round and Seasonal Events



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15 lovely walks in the Tampa Bay area and beyond... Everyone is welcome!

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Enjoy the Florida sunshine safely!

- Use sunscreen
- Wear hat/shades
- Carry water



These events are sanctioned by the American Volkssport Association (AVA), a member of the International Federation of Popular Sports (IVV) and count towards the acquisition of IVV Achievement Awards. The AVA or its subsidiary clubs are not responsible for theft or loss of personal belongings or property.



GENERAL INFORMATION

Procedures for non-online start boxes: Ask for walk box at start location; please be considerate of staff and patrons. Register, sign waiver & use start cards to return at finish. You can earn volkssport event and distance credit every time you complete course. Insert pages, water and rest rooms are at start points. Pets are permitted, with the exception of beaches on the Tarpon Springs/Howard Park route.

Procedures for online start boxes (OSB). See OSB procedures and AVA links in event descriptions for the Belleair-Largo, Bradenton, Dunedin, Fort Myers, Gulfport, Safety Harbor, Sarasota, and St. Petersburg walk descriptions.

Walk Fees: Fee for non-OSB walks is \$3 each day you do the event and includes volkssport credit if desired. The fee for OSB walks is \$4. You may walk twice for distance credit for same fee on same day (not Belleair-Largo 20K). There is no A award. Non-OSB start boxes have B awards for 50¢ and club pins for \$3.

Payment: Please pay by check made out to Suncoast Sandpipers. If you can't pay by check at the time of event, send payment to club address. Some monitors may provide envelopes to their home addresses.

Special Programs: The Sandpipers participate in the following programs (it is understood that all are eligible for Walking the United States—50 States):

- Anniversary Hurrah (AH)
- Lighthouse (L)
- Par for the Course (Pfc)
- Rails to Trails (RtT)
- Step to the Beat (StB)
- Walking with America's Veterans (V)
- Walking the USA A—Z (USA—Initial)

Membership/Events Info: To join the club (membership is free!) or to see the latest on upcoming events, go to suncoastsandpipers.org; facebook.com/suncoastsandpipers; pipers@tampabay.rr.com

Belleair-Largo Stroll 5/10K /20K Year Round Walk 130703 2026/Y0969

OSB: This event has an online start box. For more walk details, see link below. Please go to my.ava.org to register. You will need to establish an account, sign a waiver and download the instructions. After completing the walk, check in at online finish table. You will be sent a stamped insert card.

Special Programs: Pfc, RtT (20K only) StB, USA—B, V.

[AVA Link](#)

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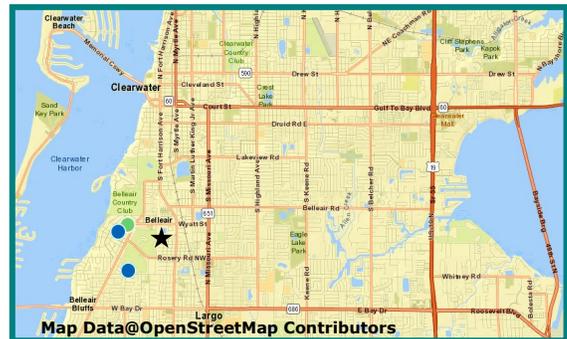


Photo by Michelle Devlin

Bradenton Riverwalk 5/10 K Year Round Walk

130961 2026/Y3560

OSB: This event has an online start box. For more walk details, see link below. Please go to my.ava.org to register. You will need to establish an account, sign a waiver and download the instructions. After completing the walk, check in at online finish table. You will be sent a stamped insert card.

Special Programs: PFC, StB, USA—B, V.



For more details: [AVA Link](#)

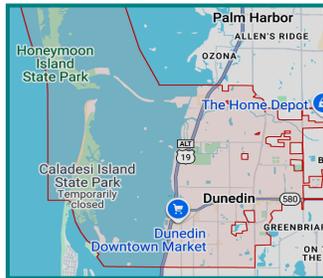
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Dunedin Historic Stroll 5/11K Year Round Walk

130704 /2026 Y1992

OSB: This event has an online start box. For more walk details, see link below. Please go to my.ava.org to register. You will need to establish an account, sign a waiver and download the instructions. After completing the walk, check in at online finish table. You will be sent a stamped insert card.

Special Programs: PFC, RtT, StB, USA—D, V.



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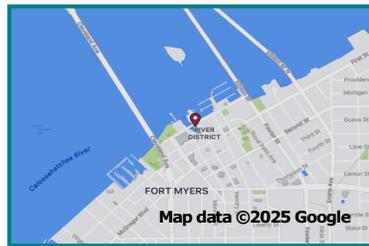
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Downtown Fort Myers 6/11 Year Round Walk

131230 2026/Y2887

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Special Programs: PFC, StB, USA—F, V.



For more details: [AVA Link](#)

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Gulfport 6/10K Year Round Walk

130701 2026/Y3764

OSB: This event has an online start box. For more walk details, see link below. Please go to my.ava.org to register. You will need to establish an account, sign a waiver and download the instructions. After completing the walk, check in at online finish table. You will be sent a stamped insert card.

Special Programs: AH, PFC, StB, USA—S, V.



For more details: [AVA Link](#)

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Safety Harbor 5/10K Year Round Walk

130962 2026/Y0661

OSB: This event has an online start box. For more walk details, see link below. Please go to my.ava.org to register. You will need to establish an account, sign a waiver and download the instructions. After completing the walk, check in at online finish table. You will be sent a stamped insert card.

Special Programs: AH, PFC, StB, USA—S, V.



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Sandpiper YREs

Downtown Sarasota 5/10K Seasonal Walk Sarasota Lido Key 5/10K Seasonal Walk

130959 2026/Y0486

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Downtown Sarasota

Special Programs: PFC, StB,
USA—S, V.

[AVA Link](#)

OSB: These events have online start boxes. Please go to my.ava.org for further walk details and to register (see links below). You will need to establish an account, sign a waiver and download the instructions. After completing the walk, check in at online finish table. You will be sent a stamped insert card.

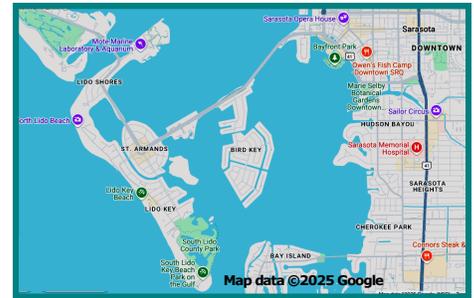
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Sarasota Lido Key

Special Programs: PFC, StB,
USA—S.

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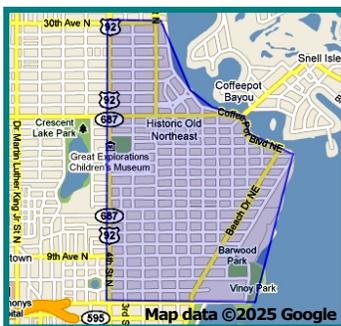
Historic NE St. Petersburg 5/10K Year Round Walk St. Pete Mural Walk 6/10K Year Round Walk St. Pete Pier—Roser Park 6/10K Year Round Walk

130963 2026/Y1143

130964 2026/Y3033

130965 2026/Y1717

OSB: These events have online start boxes. Please go to my.ava.org for further walk details and to register (see links below). You will need to establish an account, sign a waiver and download the instructions. After completing the walk, check in at online finish table. You will be sent a stamped insert card.



Historic NE St. Pete

Special Programs: PFC,
RtT, StB, USA—S

[AVA Link](#)



St. Pete Mural Walk

Special Programs: PFC, RtT,
StB, USA—S.

[AVA Link](#)



St. Pete Pier—Roser Park

Special Programs: PFC, RtT
StB, USA—S.

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Tampa 5/10 Year Round Walk

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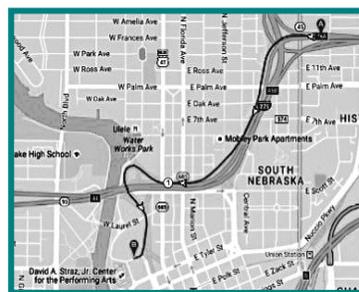
Start/Finish: The Barrymore Hotel Tampa Riverwalk, 111 W. Fortune St., Tampa, Hillsborough County. Registration box is at front desk. Water and rest rooms are available.

Directions: From I-275 N, use exit 44 (Downtown West); exit right onto Fortune St. (first right). From I-275 S, use exit 45A, Downtown East-West; follow signs to Downtown West/Ashley St. Get in right lane and exit right onto Fortune St. immediately after crossing I-275S.

Parking: Use metered street parking.

Time: Hotel is open every day, 24 hours a day.

Trail: Trail (rated 2A) is mostly on side-



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walks. Route tours University of Tampa, Bayshore Dr. waterfront and Hyde Park dining and shopping area (not 5K). Walk requires crossing a pedestrian bridge with stairs and is not recommended for strollers and wheel chairs.

Special Programs: AH, PFC, StB, USA—T, V.

For more details: [AVA Link](#)



Photo by Michelle Devlin

Tarpon Springs/Howard Park 5/10K Year Round Walk
Tarpon Springs/Sponge Docks 5/10K Year Round Walk

130966 2026/Y0031

130967 2026/Y0815

Start/Finish: Bayou Café, 118 E. Tarpon Ave, Tarpon Springs, Pinellas Co., FL. Water and rest rooms are available. For the Howard Park walk, you'll drive 4 miles to walk start after registration.

Directions: From Tampa, take SR 60 to US 19. Head north (right) about 15 miles to Tarpon Ave. Left on Tarpon Ave 1 mile to public parking lot on corner of Alt 19 and Tarpon Ave. From other points, take US 19 or Alt US 19 to Tarpon Ave.

Parking: Park in public parking lot on Pinellas Ave. between Court St. and Tarpon Ave. or on street. Please don't use café parking!

Time: Bayou Café is open 7 a.m.–2 p.m., daily. Café is closed Christmas and New Year's Day. Café may close on other holidays, including Greek

Alt US 19/Pinellas Ave.	Café	Tarpon Ave	SR 582	N
		Court St		
		Klosterman Rd	CR 880	
		Tampa Rd	CR 752	
		Curlew Rd	SR 586	
		SR 580	US 19	CR 611
	SR 60			

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Orthodox holidays. Call Café to check. 727-514-2617.

Trail: Sponge Docks walk is through historic Tarpon Springs; Howard Park goes through a county park and to two beaches. Walks are on sidewalks, roads, & grassy areas. Trail ratings are 1A. A combined route can be done for 2 event/20K credit (register and pay for both events). With modifications, walks are OK for wheel chairs/strollers. Pets aren't allowed on Howard Park beaches.

Special Programs: Both: PfC, StB; USA—T. Howard Park: LH. Sponge Docks: RtT, V.

For more details:

[AVA Link](#) (Howard Park)

[AVA Link](#) (Sponge Docks)

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 Jan 2-Dec 31, 2026

Venice 6/10K Seasonal Walk

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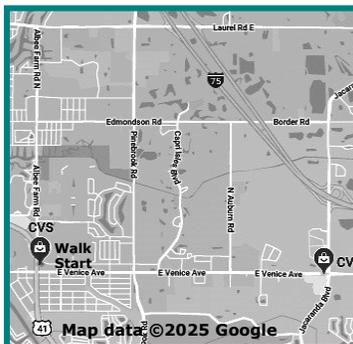
Start/Finish: CVS, 100 U.S. 41 Bypass N, Venice, Sarasota Co., FL, 941-484-8814. Water and rest rooms are available. Ask for volkssport box at counter just to right of entrance.

Directions: From either north or south on I-75, take Exit 193, Venice/Jacaranda Blvd. Turn left from south, turn right from north. In about 0.75 mile turn right on Venice Ave. Go 3 miles (just before US 41) and CVS is on right.

Parking: CVS lot.

Time: CVS is open 24 hours, daily & most holidays. Call on major holidays for hour changes.

Trail: Rated 1 trail is city walk through "old" Venice, along Venice



Beach known for collectible shark teeth, and a delightful stroll on Venice Ave., with chic shops and sidewalk cafes. Walk is suitable for wheelchairs/strollers with alternative route.

Special Programs: PfC, StB, USA—V, V.

For more details: [AVA Link](#)

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 Jan 2-Mar 31, 2026



NOTICE

Reconstruction and repairs due to hurricane damage continue to go on at several of our events. Please be careful and adjust the route if necessary.