



This Month's Walks & Events:

12/7, Sunday, 12:00-3:00ish, Dairyland Walkers Holiday Party
In the Rashke Room at Goodman Community Center
12:00 registration, 12:30 5K walk
1:45 membership meeting/potluck [add to calendar](#)

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Holiday Party and Walk, by Mary Liebig

Join the Dairyland Walkers as we celebrate the holidays with a 5k walk, membership meeting, and potluck. The event will take place on Sunday, December 7 at the Goodman Community Center in the Rashke Room located at 149 Waubesa St. in Madison.

We'll be doing a 5k version of the Madison Eastside Walk; arrive around 12:00 p.m. to register if planning to walk. The guided walk will start promptly at 12:30 p.m. and Frequent Walker coupons may be used. A membership meeting will follow at around 1:45 p.m. and after that will be a potluck. Board members will be bringing chili; bring a dish to complement the chili and your own drink.

There'll be an opportunity to hear of plans for 2026, purchase 2026 Frequent Walker coupons, and pay 2026 membership dues.

Starting 2026 With Walking Plans, by Don Suloff

Next year is just around the corner and I encourage you to block off the following dates for 2026 as we set our schedule for the Dairyland Walkers traditional walks. Our club counts on your support to continue our aggressive walking plans.

A number of the walks are standard programs from years past. We will start the year on January 24 at West Towne Mall, followed by a similar indoor walk at East Towne Mall on February 14. On March 14 (yes, exactly 3.14!) we will enjoy our annual Pie Walk.

On April 18 we will enjoy a new walk with a route near Pleasant View Golf Course and including some newly discovered trails.

National walking week will be recognized by the club with a series of guided walks from May 17-23. These walk will include Belleville, West Waunakee, Sun Prairie, Fort Atkinson,

Mt. Horeb, Governor Nelsons State Park, and Oregon. Each of the walks will be 5K in distance and start at 1:30.

On June 12 and 13, 1976, the first volksmarch was held in the US and we will join many clubs in honoring the AVA's 50th anniversary. We believe that the first club established in Wisconsin was at Cedarburg in 1991. With that background, we will encourage walkers to spend the weekend of June 13 and 14, 2026, visiting the year-round and seasonal walks in Milwaukee, Port Washington, and Cedarburg and a guided walk at West Bend (on June 14 only). Although there are no plans to block rooms for Saturday night, we will try to have a restaurant room in Cedarburg blocked for dinner on June 13.

There will be no walk in July, but our club picnic on August 12 will include a guided walk.

A visit to the old walk at Horicon Marsh will be available on both September 26 and 27. We are testing having the walk available on both Saturday and Sunday to determine if we can increase our walker numbers. We will have another "oldie but goodie" revisited on October 3 in Wisconsin Dells.

The year will wrap up on November 7 with our annual Veterans Walk and on December 6 with a guided walk in conjunction with our Christmas Party.

I hope to see you at most if not all of these walks!

AVA's Mailing Address, by Kristi Kenyon

In October 2024, AVA moved their headquarters to 1032 S Alamo St, San Antonio, TX 78210. When you are sending in your books, make sure to use this new address. Kristi Kenyon has stickers with the new address that can be affixed over the old one on your books so you'll have the right information once your book is complete. Find Kristi at an upcoming event.

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Meeting Minutes

Pending board approval, here is the [link](#) to minutes from the most recent club board or membership meeting.