



This Month's Walks & Events:

- 5/17, Sunday, Walking Week Belleville Walk, 1:00-1:30 registration
Belleville Community Park 39 River Street, Belleville [add to calendar](#) 📅
- 5/18, Monday, Walking Week West Waunakee Walk, 1:00-1:30 registration
Waunakee Village Park, 410 E Main St, Waunakee [add to calendar](#) 📅
- 5/19, Tuesday, Walking Week Sun Prairie Walk, 1:00-1:30 registration
Carriage Hills Estates Park, 450 N Musket Ridge Dr, Sun Prairie [add to calendar](#) 📅
- 5/20, Wednesday, Walking Week Fort Atkinson Walk, 1:00-1:30 registration
Barrie Park, 210 Robert St, Fort Atkinson [add to calendar](#) 📅
- 5/21, Thursday, Walking Week Mt Horeb Walk 1:00-1:30 registration
Old Depot Shelter, 2nd Street, Mt Horeb [add to calendar](#) 📅
- 5/22, Friday, Walking Week Governor Nelson Walk, 1:00-1:30 registration
4960 Borchers Beach Rd, Waunakee [add to calendar](#) 📅
- 5/23, Saturday, Walking Week Oregon Walk, 1:00-1:30 registration
Kiser Fireman's Park, Oregon [add to calendar](#) 📅

Articles:

Walking in Milwaukee in 2026, By Jerry Wilson

The Milwaukee Walk physical start box (PSB) is in place at the Residence Inn, 948 N. Plankinton Ave. This is one of the Dairyland Walkers' many seasonal events, available April 1 - December 31 annually. Here are some changes for the Milwaukee Walk:

- The 6 km route has been altered to include passing the Bronze Fonz statue. The character from the 1970s TV show Happy Days set in Milwaukee greets walkers. (The statue was already included on the 10 km route.)
- Two versions of the 6 km and 10 km routes are stored in the walk box. One each traditionally starts from the start point at the Residence Inn. This route, if the walker is not staying at a downtown Milwaukee hotel/motel will continue to be forced to pay for vehicle parking downtown. Added in 2026 is a second set of walk directions for each route (6 km and 10 km) that allows walkers to relocate their vehicle to an area where on-street parking, at no cost, is often available.

So, when using the Milwaukee Walk PSB, select carefully after registering. Pam was able to indicate both start locations on both the 10 km and 6 km on all the attached maps. Caution: The alternate on-street parking will be severely limited on days when festivals

are being held at Henry Mayer Festival Park, such as SummerFest, Irish Fest and the many other festivals held on Summer weekends.

2027 AVA Walking Week and Biennial Convention, By Jerry Wilson (Excerpt from an April AVA Checkpoint Article)

The site and dates of the 2027 Walking Week and Biennial Convention have been accepted by your AVA Board of Directors.

On March 12 the AVA Board of Directors accepted the recommendation of the Convention Committee to hold the 2027 AVA Biennial Convention the week surrounding June 28 - July 2, 2027 in Springfield Missouri. As in the past, pre and post-convention activities will surround these dates. Planning is just beginning, so stay tuned.

At the 2025 AVA Biennial Convention, during the Thursday night Gala, three convention bureau representatives presented proposals for hosting our 2027 event. Selected in a non-binding vote/survey Springfield MO received the most votes of those present. In late 2025 all three locations were visited, visitor bureau representatives showed the AVA President and Convention Chair the best of their area locations. Our Trailmaster joined us for the Norman OK visit, while during late 2025 examined each of the three areas for walk route possibilities. So, work has begun.

WALK, WALK, WALK! By Don Suloff

The Dairyland Walkers have designated the week of May 17 through May 23 as Walking Week and will offer a guided walk every afternoon. These walks will all be 5K and will offer registration beginning at 1 pm and start walking at 1:30. The fee will be \$4 and the Traveling Guided Walk stamp will be used.

On Sunday, May 17, we will walk in Belleville, meeting in the Belleville Community Park.

On Monday, May 18, we will walk in Waunakee, meeting at the Village Park Gazebo.

On Tuesday, May 19, we will walk in Sun Prairie, meeting in Carriage Hills Estate Park.

On Wednesday, May 20, we will walk in Fort Atkinson, meeting in Barrie Park.

On Thursday, May 21, we will walk in Mt. Horeb, meeting at the Old Depot Shelter.

On Friday, May 22, we will walk in Governor Nelson State Park. We will meet at a private residence, so a Park pass will not be required. The residence is located at 4960 Borchers's Beach Road in Waunakee.

On Saturday, May 23, we will complete the week of walks in Oregon, meeting in Kiser Fireman's Park.

For more detailed information on each of these walks, go to our website at Dairylandwalkers.com

Membership Update, By Mary Liebig, Membership Coordinator

Please welcome the following member who joined our group since our last newsletter:

Carla Grzybowski, Madison

Carla joined at the Pleasant View walk in Middleton on April 18

AVA Recent Mailings

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Meeting Minutes

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