

WAF 29: Driving Directions Continued

South Lido County Park

2201 Benjamin Franklin Dr, Sarasota, FL 34236

27.299634, -82.566036

Nov 3 Walk Registration & Start



From the hotel: From the hotel, right to U turn. Drive 19 miles to Sarasota. Left on Mount, FL786W, and curve right on Bay St. Left on Gulf Stream onto John Ringling Causeway for 3 miles passing St. Armands Circle. Curve left on Ben Franklin Rd. to park. Start will be near large restroom facility. Park in park lot.

From I-75 N/S: Take Exit 210 to 780W/Fruitville Rd., to Sarasota. Continue 6 miles

on 780W/Fruitville Rd. to US 41/Tamiami Trail. Left to Gulf Stream. Right to cross John Ringling Causeway for 3 mi. Left on Ben Franklin Dr. to Park. Start will be near large restroom facility. Park in park lot.

Need a Bike?



Florida Bike & Beach will deliver & pick-up at the hotel. Single day rental is \$20 for a standard beach cruiser (no gears) or \$25 for a geared bike. Bikes come with helmet. Call 941-412-1411. Hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. daily. For more info: floridabikeandbeach.com

Real Bikes is just a 5 minute walk away at 581 US 41 Bypass N. Venice, FL 34285. Single day rental is \$25. Call 941-485 -3113. Hours are 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Closed Sunday. For more info: realbikesvenice.com.

Bicycles International will deliver & pick-up at the hotel. Single day rental is \$25. Call 941-497-1590. Hours are Mon-Fri 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Sat 9:30 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.; Sun 9:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m. For more info: bicycleinternationalfl.com.

Some Extras to Pack

Lawn Chair. Bring a lawn chair to enjoy your Negrito in style at the Aperitivo on the Plaza and the box lunch under the trees.

Masks. Don't forget your mask for the Sat night activities. Wear the best one and you'll take home a prize!

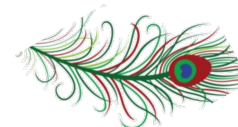
Cooler & Ice Pack. Always handy for keeping some cool beverages, these are necessities for your lunch on Sunday! Contact pipers@tampabay.rr.com by Oct 21 if you need some cooler space.



Walk Around Florida 29



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WAF 29: A Carnival in Venice

Join the Happy Wanderers, Mid-Florida Milers and Sun-coast Sandpipers in a longstanding tradition: Walk Around Florida, a weekend of volkssports, food and camaraderie occurring in a different location each year. For 2019, the sponsors have chosen the Venice area of Sarasota County. Venice's lovely downtown and beautiful beaches, the storied circus past, the rail and aviation ties and the allure of a carnival theme proved irresistible to WAF 29 planners.

Volkssports. The hosts are volkssport clubs whose members may earn credit towards distance and event accomplishments as they walk and bike. For more information on volkssports, ask at start points. However, it's not necessary to walk for credit. All are welcome!

General Policies. *Events are held rain or shine!* We cannot make refunds for no shows. Water will be available at walk starts and checkpoints but Florida in fall can be warm; **please carry water.** See walk descriptions for pet eligibility.

Lodging. Event headquarters will be **Hotel Venezia**, 425 US 41 Bypass North, Venice, FL 34285. Call (941) 308-7700 and request the Walk Around Florida rate: \$89 for a double queen room; \$119 for a king suite. Breakfast can be added for a small fee.



Registration. Preregistration is required for event related meals and is encouraged for walk/bike events (see registration form and waiver). When you check in at the hotel on Fri, Nov 1, you'll receive an Activity Card showing what you've paid for. Please present card at every event and checkpoint. If not preregistered, you may sign up for all walks on Fri afternoon and receive the Activity Card. On Sun, Nov 3, unregistered participants sign up at the walk start, South Lido County Park.

Dining. On Fri, join us for happy hour at the hotel from 4-6 p.m. Afterwards, try one of the charming Venice Ave. restaurants or enjoy the hotel's famous Fish Fry or other specialties. On Sat, no formal lunch is planned. On Sat evening, join us for aperitifs on our version of Piazza San Marco, in this case the hotel's courtyard. Featured will be the Negroni, a celebrated Italian cocktail celebrating its 100th birthday. Then it's a short gondola ride to the hotel Breeze Ballroom for our Carnival Buffet. The repast features antipasto, shrimp risotto, cheese manicotti and a bit of tiramisu to top it off. On Sun morning, pick up your boxed lunch with wrap of choice as you check out of hotel. Be sure to bring ice packs/cooler to keep lunches safe. Unable to bring a cooler? Contact pipers@tampabay.rr.com by Oct 21 for cooler space.

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(7K) or stay on the nature trails and beach (6K). On the return, it's a final farewell to the Gulf of Mexico before we return to the park and our boxed lunches with beverage bar. With uneven surfaces and unshaded sidewalks, the route is moderately difficult and rated 1B; parts are not suitable for strollers/wheelchairs. Sorry, no pets!

Special Programs (Walks)

D/T Venice (Nov 1)	Hist. Venice (Nov 2)	Legacy Tr (Nov 2)	Lido (Nov 3)
Bridges	Bridges	Bridges	Bridges
Water Fountain	Water Fountain		
City Park	City Park	City Park	City Park
Post Office	Post Office		
Treasure Hunt	Treasure Hunt	Treasure Hunt	Treasure Hunt
Street by Street	Street by Street		Street by Street
Ice Cream Parlor	Ice Cream Parlor		Ice Cream Parlor
Walk US	Walk US	Walk US	Walk US
Walk USA A-Z (V)	Walk USA A-Z (V)	Walk USA A-Z (V)	Walk USA A-Z (S)

Special Programs (Bike)

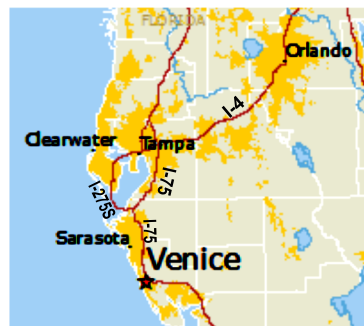
Venetian Waterway (Nov 2): Bridges, City Park, Ice Cream Parlor, Treasure Hunt

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Hotel Venezia

425 US 41 Bypass N. Venice FL 34285
GPS: 27.105395, -82.436506

Nov 1-2 Walk/Bike Registration & Start; Nov 2 Carnival Dinner



From Clearwater/St. Petersburg: proceed to I-275S. Right on I-275S to I-75S toward Naples.*

From Orlando: proceed to I-4W to I-75S toward Naples.*

From east coast: proceed to I-4W (due to I-4 construction, use I-4W exit 90B, Maitland, to FL414W to FL 429S to I-4W). Right on I-4W to I-75S (Exit 9) toward Naples.*

*Follow I-75S to exit 200, FL681, following to and onto US41S/Tamiami Trail, going through Laurel and Nokomis. Keep left onto US 41 Bypass as you enter Venice. Hotel will be on right, with a large V sign.

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WAF 29: Walk/Bike Event Descriptions

Please see schedule on page 3 for start and finish times

Nov 1: Downtown Venice & Beach 6/11K Walk. From the hotel, walkers head to Venice's downtown with diverse shops, city parks and shaded neighborhoods. The 11K route continues to Venice Beach, renowned for a beautiful shoreline and copious shark teeth; the 6K return home via Venice Ave. To reach the beach, there is another 6K option to drive to a midpoint and start walk from there. All options go through the very moving Heritage Park Route on sand is rated 1B, not for strollers/wheelchairs. Alternate route is 1A. Leashed pets are ok but not on beach.



Nov 2: Historic Venice 5/6/10K Walk. From the hotel, walkers head over the Venice Bridge again, this time to explore Venice history. The many one- and two-story homes built from 1926 to 1928, all in the then popular Mediterranean Revival style, are surrounded by a series of city parks with gardens and

sculptures. On the way home, the route goes by the Historic Train Depot. Built in 1927, the depot saw developers, circus performers and military trainees pass through its doors and serves today as a bus hub. Again, short route walkers will be given options on which part of the route to enjoy. Walk is easy, rated 1A, okay for wheelchairs/strollers (alternate route to go around steps). Leashed pets are ok.

Nov 2: Legacy Trail 5/10K Walk. The trail runs along an old Seaboard Railroad corridor from Venice north to Sarasota. Much of the trail is tree-lined and offer three parks, including Patriot Park shown here. Railroad mile markers are quaint reminders of the Legacy Trail's past, displaying the distance to Richmond, VA. Remember route etiquette: no more than two abreast and keep to the right! Walk has several steep bridges and is rated 1B, okay with assistance for wheelchairs/strollers. Leashed pets are ok.



Nov 2: Venetian Waterway 16/27K Bike Ride. Enjoy a 1-hour or 2-hour bike ride along the paved paths of the Waterway Park and Legacy trails with great vistas all around the city! Ride on your own or join us for the guided bike ride on Sat. a.m. departing at 10 am from the hotel parking lot. Trail is mostly unshaded and rated 1A. Need a bike? See bike rental info on page 8.

Nov 3: South Lido County Park (Sarasota) 6/7/11K Walk. As Boz Skaggs would say, "It's one more for the road." Heading north about 20 miles, we'll check in at the beautiful county park nestled at the southern tip of Lido Key. The different routes include nature trails, beaches and St. Armands Circle options. Those wanting a shorter walk may opt for either going to the circle

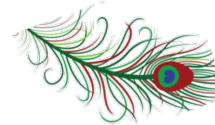


Fees. Each event is \$3. This year's award is a refrigerator magnet handcrafted by Joan Lanpher, embellished with a Venetian ceramic mask commemorating the weekend. The \$3 cost doesn't include event fee. There are 36 awards, with no reorders.

Divertimentos: While doing the Venice Downtown & Beach walk on Fri, search for sharks teeth, a Venice highlight. We'll have prizes for the most unusual. After the walk, join us at the pool for discounted beverages and live music. During Nov 2's events, take a cell phone or camera along to snap shots for your Venice Legacy Album. We'll provide the challenge; you capture the vision! On Sat, stroll the Piazza in your Carnival Mask and we'll take a group shot at the hotel's double staircase. After dinner, we'll announce the winners of the Shark Tooth and Carnival Mask competitions.

WAF 29 Carnival of Events

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| Nov 1 | Downtown Venice & Beach 6/11K Walk
Happy Hour by pool (no host bar) | Start 12-3 p.m.; finish by 6 p.m.
5-6 p.m. |
| Nov 2 | Historic Venice 5/6/10K Walk
Legacy Trail 5/10K Walk
Venetian Waterway 16/27K Bike | 8 a.m.-1 p.m.; finish by 4 p.m.
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8 a.m.-1 p.m.; finish by 4 p.m.
(Guided bike 10 a.m.) |
| Nov 2 | Aperitivo on the Piazza (Venezia courtyard)
Carnival Buffet in the Breeze Ballroom | 6 p.m.
7 p.m. |
| Nov 3 | 6/7/11K Walk, South Lido County Park
Boxed lunch (pick up at check-out) | 9-10 a.m.; finish by 1 p.m.
Beverages served until 1p.m. |



Don't forget to fall back 2 a.m. on Nov 3!

These walking and biking events (SE19 113873 through SE19 113877) have been sanctioned by the American Volkssport Association (AVA), a member of the International Federation of Popular Sports (IVV), and are eligible for credit toward IVV achievement awards.

The AVA or its subsidiary clubs are not responsible for theft or loss of personal belongings or property.

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WAF 29 Volkssport & Social Activities Registration

Please print/copy this page; complete forms and sign waiver. You may sign up to 2 people with same address. All must sign waiver (adult for children under 18). Mail form with check made out to Mid Florida Milers to: Sharon Predham, MFM Treasurer, 26807 River Watch Ct, Leesburg, FL 34748, postmarked by Oct 21. We cannot take any meal cancellations after **Oct 29. Don't forget to sign waiver!**

Name #1: _____

Name #2: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email #1: _____

Email #2: _____

Volkssports Registration

Please check desired options. The award is the same for all and its fee does not include walk fee.

For one award, check **one** block.

SIGN Waiver	>>>	Mask Magnet (\$3)	IVV Credit (\$3)	No Credit (\$3)
Downtown Venice	#1			
Nov 1, p.m.	#2			
Historic Venice	#1			
Nov 2 all day	#2			
Legacy Trail	#1			
Nov 2 all day	#2			
Waterway Bike	#1			
Nov 2 all day	#2			
Sarasota SLido Park	#1			
Nov 3 a.m.	#2			
\$Total:				_____



Social Activities Registration

Please check desired options. For lunch, indicate choice of wrap: B (Roast Beef & Cheddar), H (Ham & Swiss), or T (Tuna Salad). *If you have any dietary concerns, email pipers@tampabay.rr.com by Oct 21.*

Piazza Aperitivo (Free)	#1	Choice
Nov 2	#2	
Carnival Italian Buffet (\$30)	#1	
Nov 2	#2	
Boxed Lunch (\$12.50)	#1	
Nov 3	#2	
\$Total:		_____

\$Total enclosed: _____
 You may write one check for both participants. Please indicate on check who is included.

Waiver

All walk participants must sign waiver (adults for kids under 18). You will not receive an activity card without a signed waiver on file.

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in American Volkssport Association volkssporting programs and related events and activities, the undersigned:

- Agrees that before or during my participation, if I believe anything is unsafe, I will immediately advise the event supervisor or other person in authority at the volkssporting program and the related events and activities of such conditions and refuse to participate.
- Acknowledges and fully understands that each participant will be engaging in activities that could involve risk of serious injury, including permanent disability and death, and severe social and economic losses which might result not only from my own actions, inactions or negligence of others, or the condition of the premises, the trail or any equipment used. Further, that there may be other risks not known to us or not reasonably foreseeable at this time;
- Assumes all the foregoing risks and accept personal responsibility for the damages following injury, permanent disability or death;

4. Release, waive, discharge and promise not to sue the American Volkssport Association, its affiliated clubs, their respective administrators, directors, agents, or other volunteers and employees of the organization, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the event, all of which are hereinafter referred to as "releasees", from demands, losses or damages on account of injury, including death or damage to property, caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the releasee or otherwise.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAS READ THE ABOVE WAIVER AND RELEASE, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT AND SIGN IT VOLUNTARILY. I FURTHER UNDERSTAND THAT IF I PLACE MY NAME ON THE FORM UPON WHICH THIS WAIVER AND RELEASE IS PRINTED, THAT I VOLUNTARILY AGREE THAT I UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS.

Signature #1: _____

Signature #2: _____