

AVA 50 Years Celebration

2026 Calendar of Signature Events - Updated as of 11-16-25

Date(s) of Event	Region	Name of Event	Location	Host Club	POC	Email
January 9-11, 2026	Pacific	AVA Chairman's Anniversary Weekend	Boulder City, NV	Las Vegas High Rollers & Strollers	Al Korejwo & Carl Cordes	lvhrs1985@yahoo.com chairman@ava.org
February 20-22, 2026	Southwest	6th Annual AVA/IVV & IML Texas Trail Roundup	Fredericksburg & San Antonio, TX	Texas Trail Roundup & AVA National Office	Amanda Jauregui	amanda@ava.org
March 20-22, 2026	Atlantic	Atlantic Regional Conference (+ Pre- walk)	Williamsburg, VA	Virginia Volks-sport Association	Sandy Croushore	szcroushore@verizon.net
April 17-19, 2026	North Central	Memories on the Mighty MO	Council Bluffs IA & Nebraska City NE	Nebraska Trailblazers	Sandy Spaulding & Jill Champley	netrailblazers@gmail.com
May 16-20, 2026	Northeast	Walk the Story that Changed the World: A Multi-day Event on Revolutionary War Battle Sites	Lake George, NY	Empire State Capital Volkssporters	Louise Remillard & Lea Darling	louiseremillard3@gmail.com leadarling27@icloud.com
June 6, 2026 (Crazy Horse) & June 7, 2026 (Outlaw Ranch)	North Central	40th Annual Crazy Horse Memorial Volksmarch (Saturday Only) and Outlaw Ranch (Sunday Only)	Crazy Horse & Custer, SD	Black Hills Volkssport Assn.	Anne Horst & Mary Jayne Jordan	abaustian@aol.com mjordan920@gmail.com
June 19-21, 2026	Mid-America	Mid-America Regional Conference	IL & IN	3 Mid-America Clubs	Roxie Geiser-Weaver	geiserweaver@gmail.com
July 24-25, 2026	Pacific	50 Works of Art for 50 Years of Walking	San Francisco, CA	San Francisco Bay Bandits	Mary Bond & Priscilla Fife	bondsrf@gmail.com prfife@gmail.com
July 28 - August 1, 2026	Rocky Mtn	Rocky Mountain Rendezvous	Colorado Springs & Other Unique Front-Range Locations, CO	Falcon Wanderers	Terry Lunghofer	tlunghofer0031@gmail.com
August 28-29, 2026	Northeast	AVA 50th Anniversary Walk in Boston	Boston, MA	Walk 'N Mass & AVA's Walking Waves II	Carol Giesecke & Rob McDaniel	ne_rd@ava.org mcdanielr99@yahoo.com
September 7, 2026	Mid-America	Annual Mackinac Bridge Walk	Makinaw City & St Ignace, MI	Mid-America RD	Bob Buzolich	sonofbuzz@prodigy.net
September 24-27, 2026	Northwest	NW Regional Conference "Walking in the Footsteps of Lewis and Clark"	Astoria, OR	Oregon Trails State Volkssport Association	Ed Hainline, Pat Jewett & Sandi Severtsen	opahainline49@gmail.com nw_drd@ava.org nw_rd@ava.org
October 16-18, 2026	Atlantic	25th Annual AVA/IVV & IML FreedomWalk Festival	Arlington, VA	U.S. Freedom-Walk Festival Club	Dolores Grenier / USFWF Club	USFreedomWalk@gmail.com
October 28 - Nov 1, 2026	South Central	South Central Roundup "Halloween Clicks on Route 66"	KS, MO, OK	Sunflower Sod Stompers + Other SC Clubs	Terri Tyler	tttyler50@gmail.com
November 6-8, 2026	Southeast	35th Annual Walk Around Florida	Tampa Bay Area, FL	Suncoast Sandpipers	Alice Lawrence	pipers@tampabay.rr.com
November 14, 2026	Mid-America	Ohio Wander Freunde Honors Veterans	Dayton, OH	Ohio Wander Freunde	Dawn Gruber	dgruber333@aol.com
December 5, 2026	Southeast	Weihnachten Lights Spectacular	Helen, GA	Alpine Helen Volksmarch Club	Rod Powell	roderick.2002@yahoo.com