## **WELCOME:**

The ILLINOIS TREKKERS invite you, your family, and your friends to join us for a walk through Shiloh, Illinois. Settlers were first recorded in the area about 1785. You will walk to the new Freedom Park to see the first "Freedom Rock" in the State of Illinois. The murals highlight area military history as a way of Honoring America's Veterans.

**VOLKSMARCH:** A Volksmarch is literally a "folks walk" or a walk for the people. It is a self-paced walk for all to enjoy. The purpose of a Volksmarch is to encourage physical fitness, promote fellowship and to enjoy the outdoors.

START LOCATION: June's Breakfast + Patio, 430 South Main Street, Shiloh, Illinois. Parking at Corpus Christi Catholic Church, Corner of Shiloh Station Road & 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in Shiloh.

**START/FINISH POINT AND TIMES:** Start anytime between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Walk or run at your own pace. You must be finished by 2:00 p.m.

**DISTANCE:** 5k, 10k, 15k & 20k walks will be offered. The first 5k loop takes you to the Engelmann Farm. One Engelmann brother published the first newspaper in Illinois and the other Engelmann brother, a botanist, helped develop the Missouri Botanical Garden. Today the Engelmann Farm is a St. Clair County Park. The farm has a paved path, two historic homes, and a family cemetery. The second 5k walk will take you on town streets, through Shiloh Valley Cemetery and through the Shiloh Community Park where you will see the September 11 Memorial.

**TRAIL:** The trail is rated 1A(1+) 3 small hills.

**REFRESHMENTS:** Water will be provided at the Start/Finish. Restrooms are available at the Start/Finish point.

**REGISTRATION:** Everyone is welcome to participate in this event for a fee of \$3. An adult must accompany children age 12 and under. All participants must check in at the registration table and receive a Start Card. The Start Card must be carried on the walk. Start Cards remain the property of the Illinois Trekkers and must be turned in at the finish point at the end of the walk. There is no refund for monies paid. Event will take place regardless of weather. Pets are welcome and must be kept on a leash and you must pick up after your pet. **PLEASE NOTE:** Bibs will be available for you to wear "In Memory Of" or "In Honor Of" a veteran.

**DISCLAIMER:** AVA and the sponsors of this event are not liable for accidents, thefts, or material damage. Every effort will be made by the sponsors to make this a safe, enjoyable and memorable event.

**SPECIAL PROGRAMS**: Little Free Libraries, Walking With America's Veterans, Walking the United States, Walking the USA A - Z

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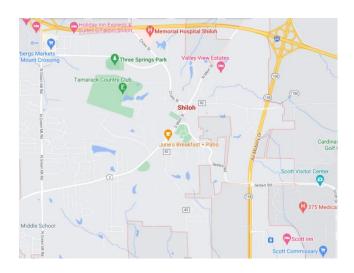




September 11 Memorial at Shiloh Community Park.

Each side of the memorial represents a different group of people, including police, firefighters, EMS personnel and military personnel.

Directions: From Interstate 64 Take Exit 19 onto Route 158 toward Scott Air Force Base. Continue on 158 to Maple Street. Turn Right on Maple Street. Turn Left on Main Street. Turn Right on Shiloh Station Road & continue to parking lot at  $2^{\rm nd}$  Street.



## HONORING OUR VETERANS IN SHILOH, ILLINOIS

A Non-competitive 5k, 10k & 20k Walk Credit Only



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