



Special Notes:

- 1) The walks in Louisiana, New London, and Paris MO are online start boxes for 2020 and are seasonal walks that will run from April 1-December 31. A stamp will be available during the April 4-5 walks, so you will NOT have to register on-line during this weekend.
- 2) Stamps will be available at the walk starts for each location as listed on this brochure. You may register for all walks at any location and do the walks in any order you wish. There will be group walks posted during the timeframes indicated in the brochure if you want to walk with others
- 3) It's recommended that you eat lunch in Louisiana, MO on Day 1 and Shelbina on Day 2 as the other walk locations have few places to eat for lunch.

For more details about walk locations, trail ratings, driving directions go to [www.AVA.org](http://www.AVA.org) and search for these events.

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# 2020 Missouri County Walks Weekend #1

## April 4-5, 2020



# Walking Weekend Details

Join the Clay-Platte Trackers of Kansas City, the Pacesetters, and the Dogwood Trailblazers as we kickoff the first of many new 2020 Missouri County Walks. There will be 8 new county walks in 2020!

Two weekend walking events are being planned to kickoff these new Missouri County Walks. The first weekend walk will be April 4-5 (which is covered in this brochure). The other new Missouri county walks will be held on May 23-25, 2020 over Memorial Day weekend. You can request a brochure for these walks by contacting Tom Alyea at [tealyea@yahoo.com](mailto:tealyea@yahoo.com) or DeAnne Brown at [deeebee333@gmail.com](mailto:deeebee333@gmail.com)

## Hotel Accommodations

For the walks on April 4-5, 2020, the most central location for your stay is in Hannibal, MO. The walks are between 30 and 45 minutes from Hannibal. As there are numerous hotels in Hannibal, you are welcome to contact the hotel of your choice for reservations. There will be no official host hotel for the weekend walking events.

## Dinner

A group dinner is planned at the Mark Twain Brewery in downtown Hannibal on Saturday April 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm There will be no special menus, but we will be able to sit together and enjoy the company of fellow walkers that evening. The Mark Twain Brewery is located at 422 N. Main St. It is directly across from the Mark Twain Boyhood Home and Museum at the north end of the historic downtown area.

### Walk 1:

#### Saturday April 4: Louisiana, MO

Group walk time: 10:00am  
County: Pike  
Sponsoring Club: Pacesetters

**Start Location:**

Veterans Park  
500 Haley St  
Louisiana, MO

Louisiana, Mo is located along the banks of the Mississippi River. It is one of the oldest towns in the state, founded in 1816. Louisiana has the most intact Victorian streetscape in the state of Missouri. You'll walk by many fine antebellum mansions, get great views of the river from the bluffs above town, and understand why artists and other creative types make the downtown area a vibrant, colorful community.

It is approximately a 45-minute drive from Hannibal to Louisiana. Route 79 from Hannibal to Louisiana may be one of the most picturesque in the entire state.

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### Walk 2:

#### Saturday April 4: New London, MO

Group walk time: 2:00pm  
County: Ralls  
Sponsoring Club: Pacesetters

**Start Location:**

Ralls County Courthouse  
3111 South Main St.  
New London, MO

New London was platted in 1819. The community was named after the City of London, in England. The walk begins in the downtown area in front of the Ralls County Courthouse. The county courthouse was built in 1858 and is the oldest court house in Missouri. Along the way, you will pass through parks and neighborhoods in this quiet, but very quaint old Missouri farming town.

It is about a 45-minute drive from Louisiana to New London. The drive back to Hannibal is 20 minutes.

### Walk 3:

#### Sunday April 5: Paris, MO

Group walk time: 10:00am  
County: Monroe  
Sponsoring Club: Clay-Platte Trackers of KC

**Start Location:**

Monroe County Courthouse  
300 N. Main St.  
Paris, MO

Many people think Paris, MO is named after that famous City of Lights - Paris, France. That isn't so. Paris, MO is named after the hometown of one of the town founders who came from Paris, KY. This walk goes through the downtown/courthouse area, the Monroe County Fairgrounds and well-maintained neighborhoods.

Paris, MO is about a 1-hour drive from Hannibal, MO.

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### Walk 4:

#### Sunday April 5: Shelbina, MO

Group walk time: 1:00pm  
County: Shelby  
Sponsoring Club: Dogwood Trailblazers

**Start Location:**

Shelbina Family Restaurant  
302 N. Center St.  
Shelbina, MO

Shelbina is a small farming town that was founded in 1857. One of the most famous retailers in history lived in Shelbina during part of his childhood. The founder of Walmart - Sam Walton, attended 8<sup>th</sup> grade at the local elementary school. During his time in Shelbina, young Boy Scout Sam Walton, earned his Eagle Scout badge. He became the youngest person in the state to earn that honor.

It is approximately a 20-minute drive from Paris, MO to Shelbina.