



Sandy Spring, MD
Underground Railroad Trail
 10 km (6.2 miles) or 6 km (3.7 miles) Walk
Saturday – November 17, 2018
 Credit only event #108028 -- AVA trail rating 2 B

Sponsor: Seneca Valley Sugarloafers Volksmarch Club, Inc. (AVA 419), a member of the Maryland Volkssport Association.

Sanctioned by: The Maryland Volkssport Association and The American Volkssport Association, a member of the International Volkssport Verband, to promote leisure sports in the interest of family health, recreation, fun, and companionship.

Start/Finish: Woodlawn Manor / Underground Railroad Trail, 16501 Norwood Rd., Sandy Spring, MD 20860

Start Time: 9:00 a.m. - noon. Must finish by 3:00 p.m.

Trail: This trail is located in northeastern Montgomery County. You will enjoy a pleasant walk through the woods and around fields which demonstrates the typical terrain faced by escaped slaves making their way to freedom on the underground railroad. You will appreciate their experiences as you read the sign markers on the trail.

Neither an “underground” nor a “railroad”, this informal system arose as a loosely constructed network of escape routes for slaves that originated in the South, intertwined throughout the North, and eventually ended in Canada. An unknown number of runaway slaves apparently used the Sandy Spring trail between 1800 through 1860.

In addition to this underground railroad trail, we are also walking on other historic trails and sidewalks. We’ll walk past the Sandy Spring, where water still flows; past the Harewood Farm, summer and weekend home of Dean Acheson, Secretary of State under President Harry Truman; and past the Friends Meetinghouse, the center of the local Quaker Community.

And we’ll walk through the Sandy Spring community, passing the Sandy Spring Museum, Sherwood High School with a World War II memorial to the alumni who died in that war, a bell from Triadelphia that survived the Johnstown, PA, Flood of 1899, and the 300+ year-old Maryland Champion White Ash Tree.

Event Information: For more information about this event, please contact:
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Eligibility: We welcome everyone to walk with us. All participants must register and sign a waiver of liability. Each participant must carry a start card throughout the walk. Please turn the card in at the end of your walk so we know that you are safely off the trail. An adult must accompany children under 12 throughout the entire walk. Parents of minor children must sign a waiver of liability for the children.

Conditions: This event is open to everyone and will be held in reasonable weather conditions. Restrooms available at start / finish and along the trail.

- Walking sticks are recommended.
- Water and candy will be available at the Start / Finish Point.
- Dogs are allowed but must be leashed at all times.

Fees: Our walk is free. IVV credit is \$3.00. Children under 12 may earn IVV credit for no charge at all events sponsored by the Seneca Valley Sugarloafers. IVV Record books and New Walker Packets will be available for sale.

AVA Special Programs: Underground Railroad, Vice President Walks.

Disclaimer: Neither the Seneca Valley Sugarloafers Volksmarch Club, Inc., The Maryland- Capital Park and Planning Commission, nor the Community of Sandy Spring shall be liable for accidents, theft, or material damage. Every reasonable effort will be made to make this a safe, enjoyable, and memorable event.

Membership: Membership in the Sugarloafers Volksmarch Club is open to everyone interested in walking for fitness, fun, and fellowship. For information about club membership, contact Carolyn Thurber at 301-926-0915 or cbthurber@verizon.net

Volksmarch Information: www.sugarloafers.org & www.ava.org & www.mdvolks.org

DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO START POINT

Rt.355 North to Rt 28 East; LEFT at Layhill Rd. (Rt 182); LEFT at Norwood Rd. Woodlawn Manor on right.

I-70 to exit at MD 97 South (GA Ave.); LEFT at Prince Phillip Dr; LEFT at Olney-Sandy Spring Rd. (Rt. 108); RIGHT at Dr. Bird Rd.; Continue straight on Norwood Rd; Woodlawn Manor on left.

I-495 to exit at GA Ave. North (Rt. 97); RIGHT at Layhill Rd. (Rt. 182); LEFT at Norwood Rd.; Woodlawn Manor on right.

Rt 32 to exit on MD 108 West; LEFT at Norwood Rd.; and LEFT again to stay on Norwood Rd.; Woodlawn Manor on left.

