



Official Newsletter of the RANDOLPH ROADRUNNERS (AVA44)

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Next Meeting – To be Announced
A member of the American Volkssport
Association (AVA) & the International
Federation of Popular Sports (IVV)
The Public is always welcome

**Randolph Roadrunners
Volkssport Club
A Walking Club Established 1980
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www.ava.org

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www.walktexas.org

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Renewal Time

The following membership renewals are currently due:
Samantha Goldstein, Glenda Parra, Heather Hedquist, Bart Marlar, Rebecca Rozmus, Debbie Lindsey, Jerry Rehmar, Andy & Cindy Welch, Howard & Lynn Tidwell, Lisa DeLuna, Laura Burruss, Clare Vail, Sandra Machuca, Ian McCollum, Steve & Rita Anderson, Donna & Steve Crary, Beverly Ferreira, Linda & James Gavin, Denise Lasater, Ruth & Gabby McLain, Stephanie Porter, Connie & Jim Tree, Phyllis Wiggins, Sharon Winston, the Ellison Family and Brenda Dever-Armstrong. To renew your RR membership, fill out the application attached or print it off our website: www.RandolphRoadrunners.info and send it with \$4 for 1 year or \$10 for 3 years, to Caryl Swann c/o RR, PO Box 2744, Universal City, TX 78148.
Remember: Lifetime Memberships are available for \$30 per person.

RR Club Meetings:

We meet at 6:30 P.M. on the 3rd Thursday of every month at: Universal City Library, 100 Northview Drive, Universal City, TX 78148. **No in-person meetings until further notice.**



**From the Desk of
the Pres--**

TVA Special Programs:
E Camino Real de los Tejas Historical Markers
Walk Texas and Texas Coastal Cities and the Rio Grande Valley.
Any questions about these programs or if you want a book, Ellen will direct you to the right person.

The Roadrunners have a new seasonal event that starts 1 February. Register at the Drury Inn at 1604 and I-10 and drive to the start at 3104 N Loop 1604 W. It starts at the Salado Creek Trail at 1604 which is between Bitters Rd. and NW Military on the south side of 1604.

There are 2 - 5km trails... one goes north toward Eisenhower Park and the other goes south and east toward Inwood. Also, the Rodeway Inn has had another name change to Hillview Inn.

Any questions can be directed to me. Ellen at: ellenott@sbcglobal.net

The following RR events are scheduled for 2021:

- 1 April Any Schertz yre - Thursday - first day of International Walk Week
- 6 April Salado Creek at 1604 yre - Tuesday -our new yre this year
- 21 May Beethoven/King William
- 17 July Taco Cabana - UC
- 14 August Taco Cabana - StoneOak
- 18 Sept. Gonzales
- 9 October a featured YRE
- 11 Dec. Boerne Christmas walk



Pat

Gunter, RR Treasurer –

As club treasurer, I am asking the RR membership to approve paying the convention registration fee plus \$500 travel and hotel expense for president, Ellen Ott.
Thanks to the hard work and countless unpaid hours by Ellen the treasury has sufficient funds to do this. Ellen constantly strives to make sure the Randolph Roadrunner club is viable and able to provide many walks. Please send your comments and/or approval to: patgunter@yahoo.com.



#NationalWalkingWeek

National Walking Week
April 1st to 7th

April 1 to 7
every year — Includes the
traditional “National Walking
Day” on the first Wednesday in
April

April 1 – Thursday- RRR Schertz YRE

April 2 – Friday- TTR Downtown
churches YRE

April 3 – Saturday- HVC Easter Walk
April 5 – Monday- TXW Riverwalk
South

April 6 – Tuesday- RRR Salado Creek
at 1604 new YRE

April 7 – Wednesday- SAP blue Star to
Mission Concepcion YRE

AVA National Office will be posting
available events on a National Walking
Week Events page.

Convention Committee

Jerry Wilson - Chair

AVA CONVENTIONS AND THE 2023 OLYMPIAD

The 2023 IVV Olympiad has been
awarded to the AVA. This is a major
step in being further recognized
worldwide. The IVV Olympiad takes
place every two years in an IVV
member country. The IVV Olympiad
includes walking, swimming, and
cycling, and additional types of
Volkssport events. The supporting
program offers participants many
opportunities to make and cultivate
international friendships in a
harmonious atmosphere. The 2023 IVV
Olympiad in San Antonio, TX will be
the 18th international event held,
following the rescheduled 17th IVV
Olympiad in South Korea during
October 2022.

With the awarding of the 2023 IVV
Olympiad the AVA National Board
voted in January to not hold a 2023
AVA Biennial Convention and instead
convene a national general membership
meeting on a convenient 2023 date, a

meeting held in accordance with
association bylaws. This move is
deemed necessary to provide for robust
AVA member attendance at the 2023
IVV Olympiad. This allows National
Office to better focus on coordinating
the Olympiad while not pressing
potential attendees to travel for two
separate national events or travel for a
greatly extended time period away from
home. To this end 2023 convention
hosting applications will not be
entertained.



AVA - West Texas Trail Walkers

Hold the dates: October 5-10, 2021.

Hike with an “altitude” over the
Columbus Day weekend with the West
Texas Trail Walkers (WTTW) in Big
Bend, Texas. This marks our 40th year
as a club hiking in the remote national
and state parks in west Texas. The hikes
this October are along the “Big Bend”
of the Rio Grande in one of the most
isolated and ruggedly beautiful areas of
America.

Both the Big Bend National Park
(BBNP) and the Big Bend Ranch State
Park (BBRSP) are strictly limiting the
size of group hikes due to the COVID
19 pandemic. To comply with these
restrictions, WTTW will be offering 5
sanctioned walks that can be hiked any
day, any time over the six days from
October 5 through October 10. Sign-in
one time at the registration tables, get
your books stamped and then enjoy the
week hiking the sanctioned trails in the
national and state parks on your own.
Don't forget to come back for the
Friday night Happy Hour and the
Saturday BBQ dinner at the Big Bend
Resort and Adventure Motel.

The *Window Trail* starts in the Chisos
Basin, BBNP. It offers a scenic view of
the desert flatlands to Mexico and the
canyons along the Rio Grande River.
The hike is 5k/10k and is moderately
difficult.

Blue Creek Trail begins at the Homer
Wilson Ranch Overlook, BBNP.

Distances are between 5k-20k. The first
half of the trail is easy but it becomes
more difficult as you increase altitude.
The trail is an out and back up the Blue
Creek and winds along amazing
geological formations. Another option
is to start at the Chisos Basin on the
Laguna Meadows trail, hike down this
trail and connect with the Blue Creek
Trail. This option is all downhill. A
shuttle vehicle is required.

Mule Ears Trail is off the Ross
Maxwell Scenic Dr, BBNP. The trail is
a moderate hike through rolling desert
terrain with views of the majestic Mule
Ears Peaks. The trail is 6k/10k out and
back.

Fresno Divide Trail begins at the West
Contrabando trail head, BBRSP. It
features geologic formations and ridges
caused by volcanic activity and uplift
action. Further erosion caused by wind
and rain amplifies the beauty of the
trail. A moderately difficult 14k loop or
6k/10k out and back are offered.

Spectacular Shorties are easy to
moderate hikes featuring a landmark in
the Big Bend area. Participants can
walk any or all of the trails for up to
22k in total. Two trails, *Closed Canyon*
(3k) and *Hoodoos* (2k) are in the Big
Bend Ranch State Park along the Rio
Grande river on FM 170. The four trails
in Big Bend National Park feature
spectacular geologic features, historical
ruins or scenic river views: *Santa Elena
Canyon* (3k), *Dorgan-Sublett Trail* (2k),
Lower Burro Mesa Pourouff (2k) and
Balanced Rock (4k). The other short
hikes are the *Terlingua Ghost Town
Walking Tour* (3k) and the *Indian Head
Trail* (3k) at the edge of the national
park, near Big Bend Resort and
Adventures motel.

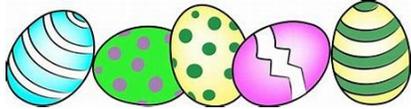
Make your lodging reservations from
now to September 4 to secure the
special pricing at the **Big Bend Resort
and Adventures Motel**, 53623 TX-
118, Terlingua, TX, 432-371-3382.
Mention you are with WTTW to secure
the \$116 rate for a room with two queen
beds and \$107 for a single queen bed
room (plus tax). For other lodging and
camping options, please visit the
website: www.visitbigbend.com. The

flyer and pre-registrations forms will be available on our website: westtexastrailwalkers.org in June 2021. For additional questions contact Susan Noonan, susan.noonan@gmail.com.

Alert! With the uncertainty about COVID-19 pandemic, these hikes are subject to change or cancellation. Please keep checking our website for updates, westtexastrailwalkers.org. Pre-registration closes September 24, 2021.



Texas Traditional & Special Events - April, 2021: (check the AVA website for any changes or cancellations)



4/3/2021 - 4/3/2021 - Walk

Event Number: 118809 10K/5K

Start: The Comfort Backyard

Event City: Comfort - Easter Walk

Host Club: Hill Country

Volkssportverein

More Details: [Click here for directions, ratings, etc.](#)

Write for more information to:

P O Box 822

Comfort, TX 78013

Contact: John Bohnert, (830) 496-1746

E-Mail: johnbohnert63@gmail.com

4/10/2021 - 4/10/2021 - Walk

Event Number: 118707 10k/5k

Start: Castroville Regional Park, 816 Alsace Street, Castroville, Tx.

Event City: Castroville - 10th Annual Tour de Castroville

Host Club: San Antonio Pathfinders

More Details: [Click here for directions, ratings, etc.](#)

Write for more information to:

12235 White Ash St.

SAN ANTONIO, Tx 78245

Contact: Mike Schwencke, (210) 382-0367

E-Mail: mike.schwencke@outlook.com

4/17/2021 - 4/17/2021 - Walk

Event Number: 118791 10 KM/6 KM

Start: Flush Juicery (Brookhollow cntr)

Event City: San Antonio - Shady Oaks

Host Club: Texas Wanderers

Event Website:

www.walktx.org/TexasWanderers

More Details: [Click here for directions, ratings, etc.](#)

Write for more information to:

102 Wildridge Trail

Universal City, TX 78148

Contact: Gerald Kamicka, (210) 658-2160

E-Mail: geraldk726@aol.com

Club Website:

www.walktx.org/TexasWanderers

4/24/2021 - 4/24/2021 - Walk

Event Number: 118785 6k/11k

Start: Elizabeth Milburn Park, 1901 Sun Chase Blvd, Cedar Park, TX 78613

Event City: Cedar Park, TX - Texas Caves

Host Club: Colorado River Walkers

More Details: [Click here for directions, ratings, etc.](#)

Write for more information to:

2005 Autumn Fire Drive

Cedar Park, Texas 78613

Contact: Doug Eide, (512) 591-1320

E-Mail: doug.eide@yahoo.com

Club Website:

www.coloradoriverwalkers.org

4/24/2021 - 4/24/2021 - Walk

Event Number: 118655 5/10 km

Start: Mike Lewis Park

Event City: Grand Prairie

Host Club: Dallas Trekkers, Inc.

Event Website:

www.DallasTrekkers.org

More Details: [Click here for directions, ratings, etc.](#)

Write for more information to:

2334 SAHARAH DR

GARLAND, TX 75044

Contact: Helen Hull, (972) 530-1026

E-Mail: helenthahun@yahoo.com

Club Website: www.dallastrekkers.org

Friedrich Wilderness Park Walk - 1/30/21



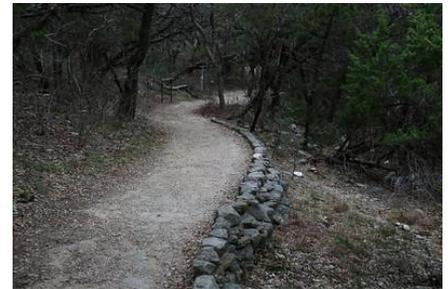
Workers at the walk registration, Start point



Susan Alton and Susan Medlin next to a map of the trail routes.



Mike Phillips and Diane Dueterhoeft with John Ives pointing out the trails in the park.



Path along the walk trail.



A picnic area at the park trail beginning.

Sequin Featured YRE 2/27/21



Ellen Ott and John Ives working the start table.



Martin Callahan and Rudy pose for a picture along the walk trail in front of the Campbell Cabin built around 1850

***All Walk Photos Courtesy of Martin Callahan**



Kathy and Mike Schwencke stop for a picture along the Seguin Historic YRE Walk trail



RANDOLPH ROADRUNNERS

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RANDOLPH ROADRUNNERS APPLICATION

PO Box 2744, Universal City TX 78148-1744

Please check applicable box (es):

Renewal

New Member

Family member(s) included (see instructions below)

DATE _____

Name _____

NEW MEMBER FEE: \$4.00 for 1

\$10.00 for three years

Address _____

This fee applies to the primary member. Additional family members require a \$2.00 fee per individual.

RENEWAL FEE: \$4.00 for one year

\$10.00 for three years

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

This renewal fee includes each family member who paid \$2.00 with the original application.

Telephone number _____

If the \$2.00 fee was not paid with the original application, add family members now by including \$2.00 for each person.

E-mail address _____

Lifetime membership for (1) one person is available for a \$30 fee.

Family members _____

AVA Volkssport Associate Yes No

Amount submitted \$ _____

Eager to serve as club officer _____ or committee chair _____