

Disclaimer:

The sponsors of this event cannot be held liable or responsible for accidents, theft, material damage, and/or injury. Every reasonable effort will be made to make the walk safe and enjoyable. Participants are cautioned to take due care and restrain your children. Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult and pets must be on a leash. It is requested that participants keep the trail free from papers and other debris. By registering for this event, the participant agrees to these conditions.

Sponsors:

The River City Ramblers is a non-profit walking club located in Evansville, Indiana. It is a member of the Indiana Volkssport Association and the American Volkssport Association.

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Web Address: www.ava.org

Directions:

Monastery of Immaculate Conception, 802 E. 10th Street, Ferdinand Indiana

From the East and West

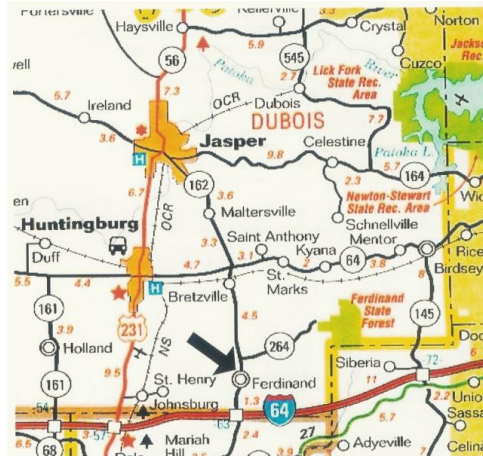
From I-64, take Exit 63 (IN-162) and turn north. Follow Main Street about 1 mile into the town of Ferdinand. Turn right onto 10th Street. The monastery will soon appear on your left.

From the North

Take IN-162 South into Ferdinand, where it becomes Main Street. Turn left onto 10th Street. The monastery will soon appear on your left.

From the South

Take IN-162 North into Ferdinand, where it becomes Main Street. Turn right onto 10th Street. The monastery will soon appear on your left.



The River City Ramblers Present Christkindlmarkt Volksmarch

A Non-Competitive 5 K or 10 K Walk Event

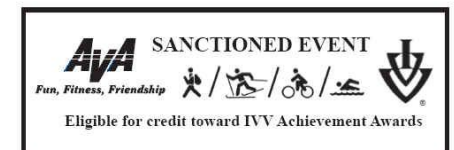


Ferdinand, Indiana Saturday, November 16, 2013

**Start Time:
9:00 AM to Noon EST
Finish Time:
Before 3:00 PM EST**

Trail Rating: 2B

This Walk Qualifies for: Fraternal Organizations, Struttin' Down Main Street, Walking America's Murals



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Welcome:

The River City Ramblers welcome you to Ferdinand Indiana and the Christkindlmarkt. Located in Dubois County the town was established in 1840. The town was named for Emperor Ferdinand of Austria. On Aug. 20 1867, three Benedictine Sisters arrived from Covington KY to become teachers in the school founded by Rev. Chrysostom Foffa, OSB. The Monastery Immaculate Conception was begun. The sisters of St. Benedict live the 1500-year-old monastic tradition of the rule of St. Benedict, a special way of living in a religious community. The Christkindlmarkt is sponsored by Ferdinand Tourism. This German heritage market heralds in the Christmas shopping season. Several locations, brimming with antiques, collectibles and handcrafted artisan creations, along with the merchants on Main Street are here for your holiday shopping pleasure. It is an incredible array of Christmas wares, handmade treasures, art and antiques, regional foods and wines, and collectible gifts. Shops open at 9:00 a.m. and close at 5:00 p.m. EST. Ferdinand: www.ferdinandindiana.org

Start Time:

Between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon EST.

This is a map guided walk. You will be given a map of the trail and encouraged to Shop ‘Til You Drop!

Finish Time:

By 3:00 p.m. EST.

Start Location:

The Monastery Immaculate Conception, located at the top of the hill at 802 E. 10th Street, Ferdinand IN, 47532. Phone 812- 367-1411

www.thedome.org. The Monastery can be seen several miles in any direction.

What is a Volksmarch?

A Volksmarch is literally a “folks walk” or a walk for the people. It is a self-paced walk for all to enjoy. Local clubs develop routes, selecting trails for scenic interest, historic points, natural beauty, and walkability. The purpose of a Volksmarch is to encourage physical fitness, promote fellowship and to enjoy the outdoors. It is fun activity to do with the family, friends or all by yourself. Most volksmarches are 10 km, or 6.2 miles, in length. There are clubs in every state of the US and more than 30 countries.

Registration & Start Cards:

All participants, including infants and children, must check in at the registration table and receive a start card. Your start card must be signed before the walk and returned to the finish table upon completion of the walk. This procedure allows us to keep track of all participants. Pre-registration is not necessary, as fees will be the same as on the day of the event.

Event Award:

The award is a 2 ¼ inch button with a picture of Kris Kringle. Availability of the “A” award is guaranteed.

Fees:

Everyone is welcome to participate in this event for free. The fee for the award and IVV credit is \$4.00. The fee for IVV credit only is \$3.00. There will be no refunds.

Refreshments:

Water and restrooms will be available at the Start point, check point, Monastery Immaculate Conception and at all shopping sites located along the walk.

Pets:

Pets must be on a leash and may not be allowed in buildings.

Weather:

This event will be held rain or shine. Please dress appropriately.

Trail Rating and Description:

Rating 2B. The trail is along city streets, gravel paths, grassy areas, and paved walking trails. It passes by all shopping sites. Not all streets have sidewalks and not all curbs are cut. There are some moderate hills and stair climbing. The trail may be suitable for strollers but not wheelchairs.

Parking:

Parking is available at the Monastery start point. Several thousand people visit this shopping experience each year, you may want to arrive early.

The Monastery Immaculate Conception

The monastery’s architectural magnificence has earned it the name “Castle on the Hill.” The heart of the monastery is the church which is listed in the National register of Historic Places. Also on the grounds are a Lourdes Grotto, outdoor Stations of the Cross, the Rosary Steps, a walkway for recitation of the traditional prayer, and Hildegard’s Labyrinth for walking and prayer meditation. Several years ago the Church began a restoration project. August 21, 2005 was the dedication of completion of this project. You are invited to tour the church. Currently, 115 sisters live in Ferdinand at Monastery Immaculate Conception. In the past 140 years over 1,000 women have entered the Ferdinand Benedictine community. At a time when many religious communities have not had new members in years, the Ferdinand Benedictine community has average almost three new members yearly for the last twelve years. A reminder: your financial support will help the Sisters of St Benedict continue their ministries.