

## WHAT IS THE RHODE ISLAND COUNTY CHALLENGE?

This is a club challenge co-sponsored by two Northeast Region clubs: Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club and Connecticut Valley Volkssport Club. It is not an AVA Special Program. To complete the Challenge, walkers must walk in each of the five counties, stamping (or pasting OSB stamp images) in their Record Books. The Challenge runs from April 1, 2023 to December 31, 2025.

## WHY WALK IN SUCH A WEE STATE?

Rhode Island is a fascinating place to explore. Here are just a few highlights of our current Volkswalks in each of its five counties.

### Providence (PROVIDENCE COUNTY)

Historic homes, an impressive State House, Brown University, a delightful river walk, the popular WaterFire events, a revitalized downtown, and many fine restaurants.



### Bristol (BRISTOL COUNTY)

Tree-lined streets laid out in the 1680s with red, white, and blue stripes marking the country's oldest July 4<sup>th</sup> parade route, a waterfront vista along a scenic recreation trail, and delicious seafood.

### East Greenwich (KENT COUNTY)

Quaint historic village known for fishing and ship building, home of the western hemisphere's first Navy, with lots of eateries, plus a wooded walk in Goddard Memorial State Park along Greenwich Bay.



### Newport (NEWPORT COUNTY)

A long history as a seafaring community, yacht-filled harbor, spectacular Gilded Age mansions, the famous Cliff Walk with its ocean vistas, and a mysterious stone tower.



### Block Island (WASHINGTON COUNTY)

A 3-mi. x 7-mi. pork-chop-shaped island 12 miles (45 minutes by ferry) from the Rhode Island coast, full of old inns, ocean views, bluffs, a lighthouse, and a nature preserve.



## ARE YOU WORKING ON AVA SPECIAL PROGRAMS?

Note that **lighthouses** abound in the Ocean State, along the Narragansett Sound and Atlantic Ocean, and can be seen on all but the Providence (**capital**) walks. Not so visible are the places in Newport, Bristol, Providence, and East Greenwich where George Washington and French ally Comte de Rochambeau left their imprints in the late 1700s (**Washington-Rochambeau National Historic Trail**).

## RHODE ISLAND COUNTY CHALLENGE ORDER FORM

Please print clearly.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street/PO Box \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (circle: cell or landline) \_\_\_\_\_

☐ \$10 enclosed (circle: check or cash)  
(make checks payable to CVVC)

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Send this form to:

Carol West  
CVVC-RI County Challenge  
366 Main St.  
Wethersfield, CT 06109

OR

Beate Hait  
WnM-RI County Challenge  
80 Wingate Rd.  
Holliston, MA 01746

## MORE ABOUT THE WALKS

Bristol, Newport and Providence:  
see WnM website: [www.walknmass.org](http://www.walknmass.org)

East Greenwich and Block Island:  
see CVVC website: [www.ava.org/clubs/cvvc](http://www.ava.org/clubs/cvvc)

(Other walks may be added in the future.)

## HOW DO I SIGN UP?

1. Purchase your **Record Book** (no later than Dec. 31, 2024) by sending a check for **\$10** payable to CVVC, either to *Carol West* or *Beate Hait* (address on form).
2. **Walk** one sanctioned walk in each of the five (5) Rhode Island counties at any time during the Challenge dates. Place the **official IVV stamp** in your Record Book, using either the physical rubber stamp or pasting a copy of the Online Start Box stamp image.
3. **Return your completed Record Book** to Carol West by Dec. 31, 2025.
4. You will receive the **award**, a 40-inch-long, blue, cooling towel/scarf (when wet, it provides instant relief on a hot day!), imprinted with the Challenge logo.
5. Questions? Email Carol West at [carol.west@sbcglobal.net](mailto:carol.west@sbcglobal.net)



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