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**SANCTION & IVV CREDIT:** This event has been sanctioned by the American Volkssport Association (AVA) and the International Federation of Popular Sports (IVV) and is conducted under the rules of those governing organizations. Fee paying participants will be eligible to earn IVV credit for event and distance. Event and Distance Books will be available for \$6.00 each at the Start/Finish. Participants who have previously purchased books are reminded to bring them.

**DISCLAIMER:** The sponsors of this event cannot be held responsible for any lost or stolen items, accidents or injury at any time. Every reasonable effort will be made to make this event safe and enjoyable. By virtue of registering for this event, the participant agrees to the conditions set forth herein.

**FACILITIES:** Restrooms are located at the Start/Finish.

**REFRESHMENTS:** Water and hard candy are provided at the Start/Finish and Checkpoint. You may carry refreshments, but please do not litter.

**CONDITIONS:** This event will be held regardless of weather conditions. There are no refunds for any reason.



**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

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**DIRECTIONS:**

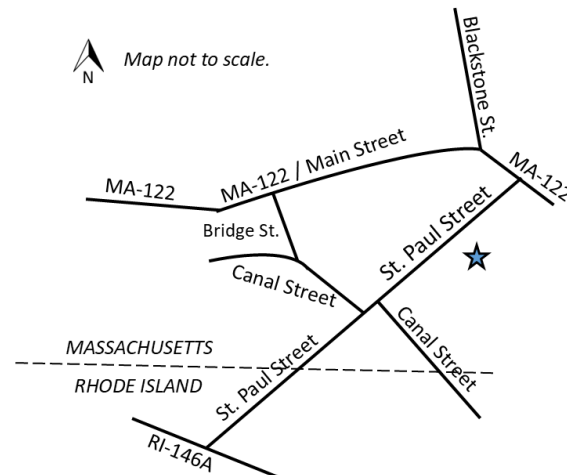
**From I-495:**

1. Exit 46 toward Medway/Bellingham.
2. **LEFT** on MA-126 South/Hartford Ave.
3. Continue straight on Hartford Ave.
4. **LEFT** on Cemetery Street.
5. **LEFT** on Providence Street for 1.6 miles.
6. Continue on Blackstone Street for 1 mile.
7. **Slight RIGHT** to stay on Blackstone Street for another 2.2 miles.
8. **LEFT** on MA-122 South (Main St).
9. **RIGHT** on St. Paul Street; Roosevelt Park on left.

**From RI-146:**

1. Exit 14 toward Forestdale/RI-5/RI-102/Slatersville.
2. **Merge** onto School Street.
3. **RIGHT** on RI-146A South.
4. **LEFT** on St. Paul Street for 1.5 miles. Roosevelt Park on right.

**PARKING:** At Roosevelt Park parking area.



# Blackstone

## Massachusetts

### 5km & 10km Walk Routes



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### Credit Only Event



**Saturday, Sept. 6, 2025**

Start: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.



**Event Number: NE 25/129517**



**WELCOME!** The Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club invites you to walk either the 5km (3.1 miles) or 10km (6.2 miles) routes in Blackstone, MA.

Anyone may participate regardless of age or physical fitness. A non-competitive event, this walk is accomplished at your own pace along a marked 5km (3.1 miles) or 10km (6.2 miles) route. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Leashed pets are welcomed on the trail and clean-up laws apply.

**START/FINISH:**

Roosevelt Park  
15 St. Paul Street  
Blackstone, MA 01504

**REGISTRATION/START TIMES:**

Saturday, September 6, 2025

Register & begin walking between 9:00-Noon

**FINISH TIME:** by 3:00 p.m.

**PARTICIPATION FEES:** Participation fee is \$4.00 per person. Ask us about the IVV achievement program!

**REGISTRATION PROCEDURE:** Each participant must register, fill out a Registration Card, and sign an insurance waiver at the start. Cards are validated at a checkpoint along the route, and must be turned in at the finish table after completing the event. This procedure is necessary to keep track of participants.

**AWARD:** No award though IVV Credit is offered.

For those new to volksmarching, the IVV achievement program is an international system for tracking your walk (and other IVV sports) events as well as distances accomplished, and there are established milestones to recognize your achievements. Get an AVA New Walker packet at a great value at this event.



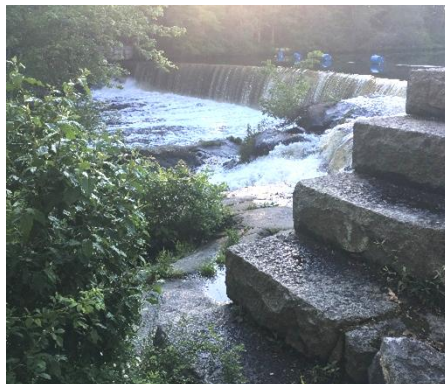
***Blackstone River***

**TRAIL DESCRIPTIONS:** Both routes explore the Blackstone Gorge (pictured below) and are on paved paths with areas of natural terrain.

The 5km route explores a small section of the Blackstone Gorge with natural paths as well as the paved Blackstone River Greenway rail trail.

The 10km route is on part of the Southern New England Trunkline Trail (SNETT), the portion through Blackstone is called the Blackstone River Greenway. Other sights include the Blackstone River & Canal Heritage State Park, and the Blackstone Historical Museum.

The 10km & 5km routes have an AVA rating of 1A and are generally doable for strollers and wheelchairs. The routes are on paved surfaces with some areas on natural terrain.



***Blackstone Gorge***



***Playground at Roosevelt Park***

**AREA HISTORY:** This region was first inhabited by the Nipmuc. Blackstone was settled by European immigrants in 1662 and was incorporated in 1845. The town was originally part of Mendon, Massachusetts before becoming a separate municipality. Blackstone is within the area of the John H. Chaffee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

The Blackstone River runs from Worcester, MA to Providence, RI. Its waters powered the Slater Mill in Pawtucket, RI, America's first successful cotton spinning mill. This creative spark began the nation's economic transformation from Farm to Factory. Today, the Blackstone River Valley is a special type of National Park—a living landscape containing thousands of natural and historic treasures.

Learn more: [www.nps.gov/blac/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/blac/index.htm)

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