



SPONSOR: The event is sponsored by the San Antonio Pathfinders, AVA 0088, TX-26, a volkssporting club promoting physical fitness and fun in nature and historic settings.

ELIGIBILITY/TYPE OF EVENT: Noncompetitive. Walk, jog, or run at your own pace. The purpose of Volkssporting is to encourage participation in the healthful hobby of walking and to provide opportunities to explore cities, neighborhoods, parks & forests. AVA events are open to all and families are encouraged to participate. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. *All participants will sign a waiver of responsibility (ATHLETIC WAIVER) and must carry a start card.* The event normally will be held regardless of weather conditions.

STARTING POINT:

**Event Tent @ Castroville Regional Park,
816 Alsace Street, Castroville, Texas 78009**

(See directions on last page)

SANCTION NO: SW26/131778 –10k/5k Walk

START AND FINISH TIMES:

Register Start: 7:20am; Walk Starts: 8:20am - 10:30am.

Finish by 1:00pm.

DISTANCES: 10k and 5k walks. Routes may be walked TWICE on the same start card for 20k Distance Credit.

WALK ROUTE: The volksmarch will follow the same *marked* routes used by Tour De Castroville through historic Castroville, “The Little Alsace of Texas”.

SPECIAL NOTE: This volksmarch is in conjunction with the annual Tour De Castroville...a Walk, Run, and Ride. It is an annual family event.

****Registration for the volksmarch is separate from the Tour De Castroville registration. Come to the START/FINISH tables that day under the event tent to register for the volksmarch****

FEES: The fee for all participants is \$4.00. There is no “preregistration” and no refunds. AVA “New Walker” coupons are accepted and encouraged.

DONATIONS: Will be most appreciated and are always welcome to help defray event expenses and promote Volkssporting in Texas.

WATER & RESTROOMS: Water and restrooms are available at the start/finish. Water is available at the checkpoints. There are a limited number of restrooms along the route.

DISCLAIMER: The sponsors are not liable for accidents, thefts, and/or material damage. Reasonable effort has been made by the sponsors to make this a safe, enjoyable and memorable event.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS: Walking with America’s Veterans, Walking the USA A-Z, Town Halls/City Halls, El Camino Real de Los Tejas, Historic Texas Landmarks, Texas Hill Country Challenge and Walk Texas.

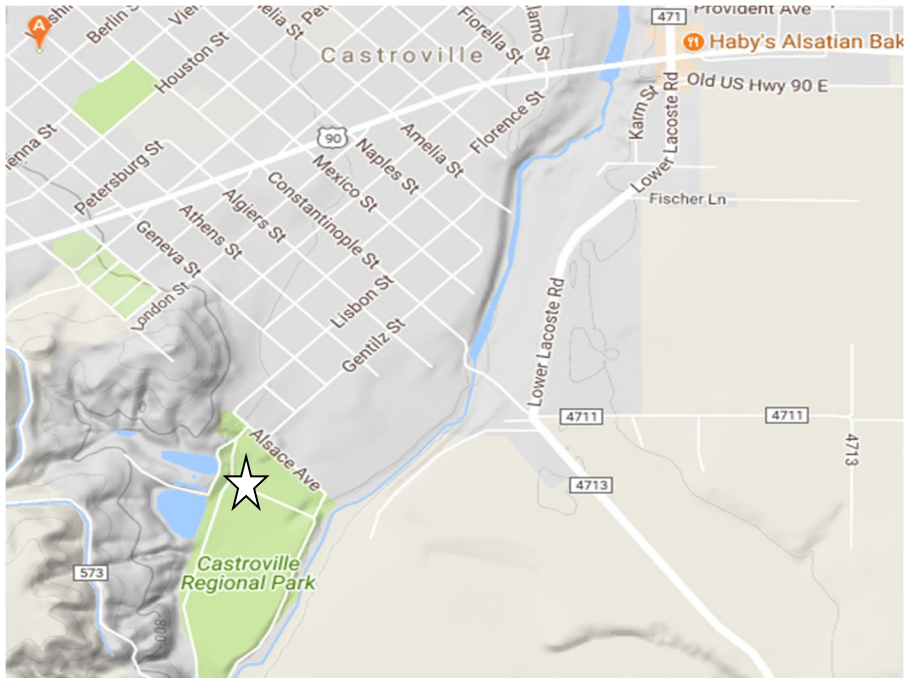
PETS: Pets are welcome and must be kept leashed at all times. Pets are not allowed inside the Start/Finish area nor in any public buildings [with the exception of service animals]. Water for pets will be provided at the start and checkpoints.

NEW WALKER INFORMATION: “New Walker Packets” and record books will be available for sale and volunteers will be available to answer any Volkssport questions.

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DIRECTIONS: From San Antonio, head west on HWY 90 to Castroville. Continue on HWY 90 through Castroville. Just past the Dairy Queen, turn left on Athens Street. Drive five blocks and turn right onto Lisbon Street. Turn left on Alsace Avenue and right into Castroville Regional Park. Park in the parking lot and walk into the park to the large event tent. Look for the AVA signs as a guide to the AVA Start/Finish.



-Map for Castroville Regional Park-

History: Castroville is a historic little town with a rich cultural heritage nestled in the Medina River Valley just 15 miles west of San Antonio. It is known as “The Little Alsace of Texas” because of its origins. The town was founded in 1844 by Henri Castro, for whom the town is named. The first European emigrant settlers in this area were mostly Catholic farmers from Alsace, a region of France, brought over to fulfill Castro’s contract to colonize vacant Texas Land. Calling themselves Alsatians, they were mostly of German descent speaking a dialect of German and French.

History adapted from: www.castroville.com/heritage--history

The ***Tour de Castroville*** is an annual effort of the:
 Castroville Special Events Foundation (CSEF)
www.castrovillespecialevents.com

American Volkssport Association (AVA) is DBA America’s Walking Club
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and
THE SAN ANTONIO PATHFINDERS
 INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR A
 VOLKSMARCH AT THE
14th Tour de Castroville



CASTROVILLE
The Little Alsace of Texas

April 11, 2026

Saturday

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10k/5k Walk

