



Asheville Amblers  
PO Box 18957  
Asheville, NC 28814

## ASHEVILLE AMBLERS AVA-046

Invite you to

### ASHEVILLE AMBLERS 40<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

FEATURING FOUR FANTASTIC  
WALKS

SE20/6371 – FRANKLIN, NC  
SE20/6372 – TALLULAH, GA  
SE20/6474 – CHEROKEE, NC  
SE20/6475 – HIGHLANDS, NC

September 4-7, 2020



**Date:** Fri – Mon, September 4-7

**Registration Point:** [Comfort Inn,  
313 Cunningham Rd, Franklin, NC  
28734](#)

**Registration Check-In Times:**  
Fri 1-7, Sat 8-5, Sun 8-10 & 2-5.  
Mon 8-11

**Walk Times:** Dawn to Dusk after  
registration

**Comments:** Registration for all walks at  
Comfort Inn. Join us Friday night Meet/Greet  
(BYO); Saturday for supper and birthday cake  
at Fat Buddies BBQ; Sunday midday famous  
Ambler brat platter (\$6) at Tallulah. Driving  
directions to walk start points at registration.  
See updates sheet.

#### Trails:

**Franklin** – 6/12 KM rated 2B. Walk through  
picturesque town established in 1700's by the  
Scotch/Irish. See churches, cemeteries and  
Indian mound. While strolling quaint downtown,  
visit the Scottish Tartan Historic Society  
Museum and the Gem Museum. Gem Museum  
has the largest collection of gems in the SE.  
Walk the quiet Little Tennessee Greenway  
including a covered bridge. No special  
programs. Macon County for Tarheel 100  
Program.

**Tallulah** – 5/11 KM rated 1B. Enjoy walking  
the rim of the deepest gorge east of the  
Mississippi with great views of gorge and falls  
from overlooks on both rims. Interpretive Center  
has interesting movie and exhibits. As option,  
you can go down 300 stairs to suspension  
bridge and 347 steps up to other rim making  
trail rating 4. 11 KM includes loop of wooded  
trails along old Short Line (made famous by  
Monopoly) rail bed and lake formed by Tallulah  
Dam. No special programs. \$3 parking fee  
(exact change).

First Class Mail  
Address Correction requested

## Trails (continued):

### Cherokee – 6/10/12/24 KM rated 2B.

Depending on route(s) used, you will enjoy walking along a swift flowing river, Museum of the Cherokee, Qualla Arts and Crafts Center, the site of Pageant - Onto These Hills, Oconaluftee Indian Village and Gardens, Oconaluftee Island Park with its bamboo tunnel, Oconaluftee Visitor Center (gateway to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park) with its mountain farm museum. All can be experienced on the 24 KM route. Special programs - National Parks and Ice Cream Parlors. Swain County for Tarheel 100.

**Highlands** – 5/10 KM rated 3C. Climb up to Sunset Rock for magnificent view of Highlands (fascinating old resort town) and surrounding mountains where southerners came to escape the summer heat. Meander through Botanical Gardens with lake and boardwalk. Continue on Highlands Plateau Greenway into town where you can enjoy shopping and eating in upscale shops and restaurants. Special programs - Ice Cream Parlors, City Parks and Little Library. Macon County for Tarheel 100

**Trail Notes:** Restrooms at or near start points. Sneakers OK for all short distance walks and all of Franklin and Cherokee. Sturdy shoes for the rest. Pets OKs. Always carry water and a snack.

**Fees and Awards:** IVV credit is \$3. IVV credit for children 15 and under is free. Free walkers welcome. **DONATIONS WELCOME.**

**Procedure:** All participants must complete a Start Card at Registration Point. Card is carried on walk and returned when done. This applies even if you are a free walker. An adult must accompany all children under 16. All Start Cards remain the property of the Asheville Amblers.

**Stipulations:** Event proceeds rain or shine. NO REFUNDS.

**Disclaimer:** The sponsors are not responsible for accidents, theft, and/or material damage. Every effort has been made to make this a safe, enjoyable and memorable event.

**Where to stay:** Rooms reserved at Comfort Inn Franklin. Ask for “Asheville Ambler” special rate \$114. Call 828-369-9200.

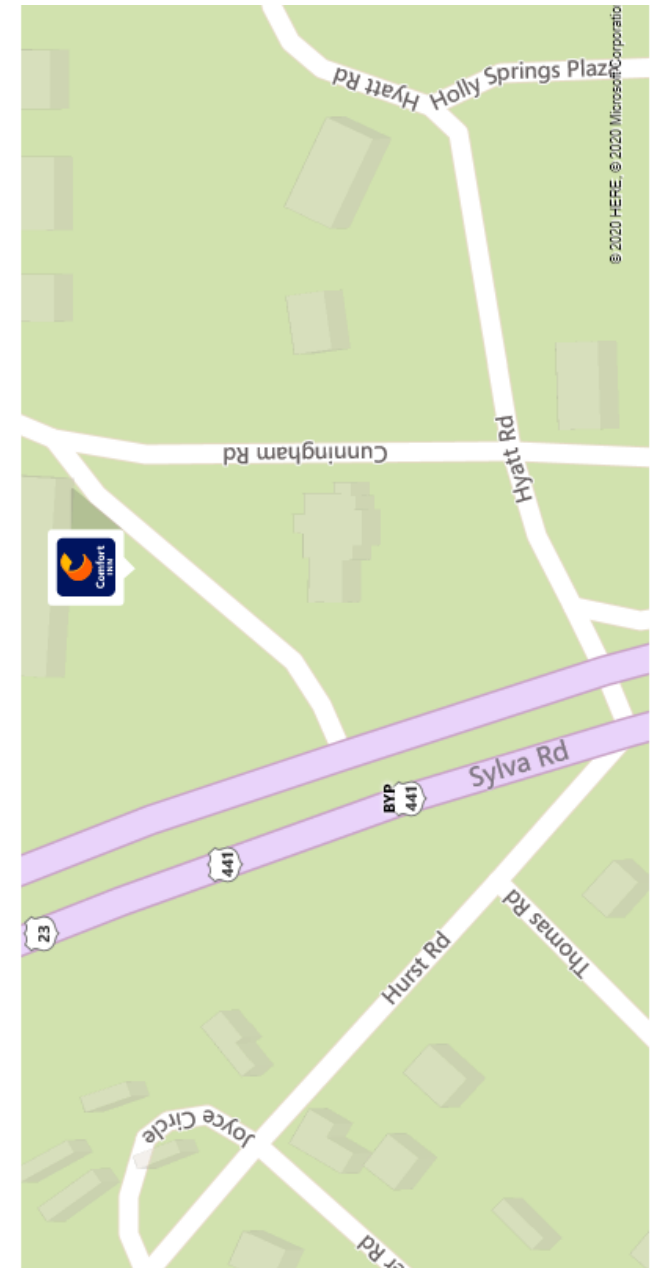
**What is a Volkswalk:** A non-competitive walk, typically 10KM (6.2 miles) long through an historic or scenic area. It is designed to promote fun, fitness and fellowship. American GIs brought it from Germany in the 1960s.

**Directions:** [Southbound to Franklin on US 441 to Hyatt Rd \(light\). Left on Hyatt .6 mile to Cunningham \(KFC on corner\). Left on Cunningham .8 mile to Comfort Inn on left. Northbound to Franklin, right on Hyatt to Cunningham as above.](#)



For More Information  
Contact: Judy Michele  
828-628-4343  
E-mail: [jumianc@aol.com](mailto:jumianc@aol.com)

**Updates at Asheville  
Amblers**  
[www.ashevilleamblers.com](http://www.ashevilleamblers.com)



## UPDATES

The Asheville Amblers Birthday Walks and festivities, Labor Day weekend Sep 4-7 2020, are a "GO".

But we need to keep in touch to alert you to possible changes

1. If you are coming or even thinking about coming, please send your email address to [dmichblue@aol.com](mailto:dmichblue@aol.com) We will keep you advised of changes affecting the walks (unlikely) and/or the socials (likely).
2. You need to advise us by email to [dmichblue@aol.com](mailto:dmichblue@aol.com) if you plan to do the Friday night Meet n Greet
3. You need to advise us by email to [dmichblue@aol.com](mailto:dmichblue@aol.com) to make reservation to attend the Saturday night meal and party. We need this information by August 27, 2020.
4. You need to advise by email to [dmichblue@aol.com](mailto:dmichblue@aol.com) if you plan to have brat platter Sunday midday 11 AM to 1:30 PM at Tallulah State Park.
5. We will be compliant with the social distancing, group numbers and masking in effect at the time.
6. We will have hand sanitizer available at start point. Please bring your own pen for signing and exact change for credit and food or any other purchases.
7. Bring your own water and snacks.

# Happy Birthday Amblers!!

