 Invite you to join us for 5km, 6km or 11km Volksmarches
Palatka, FL – Azalea Festival
and
Ravine Gardens State Park
Saturday - March 5, 2022
DATE: March 5, 2022, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. Finish by 1:00 p.m.
SANCTION NO: SE / 116158

LOCATION: Quality Inns & Suites,
201 North 1st Street, Palatka, FL 32177

AVA Special Programs: Town Halls / City Halls; Rockin' Round the Clock, Walking with America’s Veterans and Walking the USA A--Z (letter P).

AVA Trail Rating: The 6 km trail in town is 1A, on city sidewalks and suitable for strollers / wheelchairs. The 11 km trail and 5 km option in Ravine Gardens State Park are rated 2C, with some moderate hills, stair climbing and a significant part of the route (2 miles) on difficult terrain – narrow dirt trails with ruts/roots. These trail options are not suitable for wheelchairs and only support rugged-terrain strollers.

DESCRIPTION: Wander through the historic city of Palatka on the St. John’s River and visit the annual Florida Azalea Festival. View the many murals in town, as well as the spectacular grounds of Ravine Gardens State Park, a 146-acre nature area built by the CCC as a WPA project in the 1930s. The park includes more than 5,000 Azaleas that will be in bloom.

PARTICIPATION: This is a non-competitive, fun event for all participants. People of all ages are welcome! An adult must accompany all minors on this event. All participants must sign-in on our registration log containing the AVA Amateur Athletic Waiver and Release of Liability. A club representative will assist you at the start point.

EVENT POINT OF CONTACT:
John McClellan, at 781.686.0660, johnmc82@cfl.rr.com
**REGISTRATION:** Register between 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. to walk a 5 km (Ravine Gardens), 6 km (Town) or 11 km route (Both). The walks are at your own pace and not timed. We provide detailed walk instructions, a map, and a start number.

Participants walk at their own pace, normally taking about 1 hour for 3 miles (5 kilometers) and 2-2.5 hours for 6.8 miles (11 kilometers). The completion time is prior to 1 pm.

Please check-in at the finish when you return to stamp your books and turn in your start card, so we know you have completed the event.

**COSTS:** There is a $3 (cash) fee covering administrative costs for the event and for the AVA/IVV event stamp used to sanction/record the event. An additional $2.00 (cash) is required at the Ravine Gardens entrance to walk the grounds. No refunds are provided after the start of the walk.

**FOOD and WATER:** Water and hard candy are available at the start point and any checkpoints. We prefer that you carry your own drinking water. Members of the Happy Wanderer may meet for lunch after the event at a local restaurant. Info at the Registration table.

**AWARDS:** n/a

**SANCTIONED:** This event is sanctioned by the American Volkssport Association (AVA), a 501c. (3) non-profit and member of the International Federation of Popular Sports (IVV).

**DISCLAIMER:** The AVA or its subsidiary clubs are not responsible for theft or loss of personal belongings or property.
DIRECTIONS (for GPS Navigation):  
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From the SOUTH: Take I-95 to Exit 273. Drive North on US 1 for 20 miles going through Bunnell to FL Hwy 100. Turn right onto FL Hwy 100. [OR use I-95 Exit 284 to FL Hwy 100 directly, and drive West to Bunnell.] Continue another 24 miles on FL Hwy 100 to Rte. 17, North. Continue on Rte. 17 crossing the St. John’s River Memorial Bridge. Turn Right immediately after crossing the bridge, the hotel is on your right.

From the NORTH: Exit 311 off I-95 to FL Hwy 207 for 20 miles to Rte. 17, then as above.

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