

**DIRECTIONS TO START/FINISH POINT:**

From the west: Take I-95 south (or north, as appropriate) to State Route 10. Take Route 10 east through Hopewell (approximately 7 miles); continue on Route 10 another 55 miles, through the town of Surry, to the Route 10 bypass around Smithfield. Take the bypass **around** the town, until you see the elevated water tank. Turn left on business 10, at the stoplight. Follow Business 10 approximately 2 miles. Smithfield Station will be on your right, just after crossing the Cypress Creek bridge. Park on the left side of Business 10.

From Southside Hampton Roads (Norfolk, Chesapeake, Virginia Beach): Take Route 17 west from Portsmouth towards the James River Bridge (follow the yellow and green targets from I-64), going past I-664. Travel about 10 miles and turn left towards Smithfield, at the stoplight at the intersection with U.S. Route 258/State Route 32. Turn right at the intersection with Route 10 (about 2.5 miles). Follow Route 10 west to the intersection with Business 10 (at the elevated water tank). Turn right, and follow the directions as above.

From the Peninsula: Take the James River Bridge (Route 17) south from Newport News. Follow Route 17 to intersection with Routes 258/32. Turn right, and follow the directions for "From Southside...", above.



# GATOR VOLKSMARSCH CLUB

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### Two Events



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**Smithfield, Virginia**

**New Year's Eve Walk**  
**December 31, 2017**  
**Event AT 17-107574**

**New Year's Day Walk**  
**January 1, 2018**  
**Event AT 18-107575**



SPONSOR: Gator Volksmarsch Club (AVA 13)

START LOCATION: Smithfield Station (Restaurant), 415 Church St.  
Smithfield, VA. 23431  
GPS: 36.982088 -76.6252727

SANCTION: These events are sanctioned by the American Volkssport Association (AVA), a member of the International Federation of Popular Sports (IVV), and count towards the acquisition of IVV Achievement Awards.

WALK TIMES: Start between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., each day, finish by 4:00 p.m..

DISTANCE: 05/10Km walks (3.1/6.2 miles). Trail Rating 1 B. You may walk twice each day for 20Km credit at no extra charge.

ELIGIBILITY: The walks are **FREE**, and everyone is welcome. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Walk, jog, or run at your own pace.

REGISTRATION FEE: There are two separate events, one on 31 Dec 2017, and a different event on 1 Jan 2018. The cost for the award is \$10.00 for each award and IVV stamp. The cost for IVV stamp only (credit-only) is \$3.00 per event. If you wish, you may participate for free, as well.

AWARDS: There is a single award covering both events. It is an embroidered patch, (size 3½"x 4 ½"), shown on the front of flyer, featuring one of the "art pigs" found around town. **There will be only 35 patches available**, so please pre-register to ensure that you get one. There will be no re-order if we run out of patches. **Pre-register for the award by 1 Dec 2017.**

DISCLAIMER: Neither the American Volkssport Association nor its subsidiary clubs are responsible for theft or loss of personal belongings or property. Every reasonable effort will be made by the sponsor to make this walk a safe, enjoyable, and memorable event.

TRAIL CONDITIONS: There is one trail on 12/31/2017, and a different trail on 1/1/2018. The 12/31/2017 trail is mostly flat, but there are a couple of hills, mostly on town sidewalks and streets. The 1/1/2018 trail will start through the Windsor Castle Park (natural paths), before moving into town (sidewalks and streets) – also mostly flat but some hills. The courses are suitable for strollers, but may not be suitable for wheelchairs, particularly if there is rain or snow. Trail Rating: 1 B (both days).

IVV BOOKS: Participants are reminded to bring their IVV Record Books. Record books can only be stamped on the day of the walk. Record books will be available for purchase.

REFRESHMENTS: Water and candy will be available at the control points and at the start/finish point. Restrooms are available at the start/finish and the park on the trail. Water will also be available for pets. Food and drink will be available at several locations in town, particularly at the Smithfield Station.

PROCEDURES: Every participant must register and sign the waiver at the registration table. The start card must be carried on the volksmarsch and personally presented at the control points for stamping. After completing the event, the start card with control point stamps must be turned in at the Finish Table.

CONDITIONS: All pets are to be kept on a leash at all times. Discarding of litter or refuse along the walk is prohibited. Participants are requested to observe all traffic/pedestrian laws. Carriages, strollers or wagons may be used for small children. The event will be held regardless of most weather conditions. Pre-paid start cards not picked up are invalidated, and start cards not completed and turned in are forfeited (no refunds). **Severe Weather Conditions:** Should severe weather conditions exist on the day of the walk, you can contact Don Bradford at 757-576-0966 (cell phone) to determine the status of the walk.

FOR INFORMATION:

Don Bradford Phone: 757-430-0694 Email: dbradford23@cox.net  
Dan Horne Phone: 757-523-1614 Email: FlyerDan@aol.com

SPECIAL NOTES: (1) Smithfield Station offers a wonderful New Years' Eve dinner. Please call for reservations (757-357-7700). There are also a limited number of rooms for overnight stay. (2) Special Programs: Animal Safari, Boardwalks, Bridges – Spanning the USA, Food for Thought, Ice Cream Parlors, Take a Walk in a City Park, United States Post Offices.

**Come Walk With Us!**

For more information about our club or about volksmarching,  
[www.ava.org](http://www.ava.org) **Traditional Events**

**PRE-REGISTRATION: Make checks payable to, and mail to**  
Gator Volksmarsch Club, PO Box 16953, Chesapeake, VA 23328-6953

Name	New Year's Eve	New Year's Day

**Award/Credit Either Day - \$10.00**  
**Credit Only Either Day - \$3.00**

**Address: Street, City, State, Zip Code** \_\_\_\_\_