



WALK the Muddy Branch Greenway Trail

10 km (6.2 miles) or 5 km (3.1 miles)

Saturday – October 13, 2018
Gaithersburg, MD

Credit only event #110637 -- AVA trail rating 2C

Sponsors: Seneca Valley Sugarloafers Volksmarch Club, Inc. (AVA 419), a member of the Maryland Volkssport Association, Muddy Branch Alliance, MedImmune/AstraZeneca, and the City of Gaithersburg.

Sanctioned by: The Maryland Volkssport Association and The American Volkssport Association, a member of the International Volkssport Verband, to promote leisure sports in the interest of health, recreation, fun, and companionship.

Start/Finish: MedImmune/AstraZeneca, 200 Orchard Ridge Dr., Gaithersburg, MD 20878.

Parking is in the parking lot behind this building.

Start Time: 8 am – noon. Must finish the walk by 3 pm.

Trail: There are 10 km and 5 km trails. AVA rating 2C. The planned excursion are out and back walks on the Muddy Branch Greenway trail, a natural surface path which traverses the Muddy Branch stream valley in twists and turns over varied terrain and through ecosystems including upland forests, stream banks, and meadows. The trail does extend 12 miles to the Potomac River. Not suitable for strollers or wheelchairs.

Eligibility: We welcome everyone to walk with us. All participants must register and sign a waiver of liability. Each participant must carry a start card throughout the walk and turn it in at the end of your walk, so we know that you are safely off the trail. An adult must accompany children 12 and under throughout the entire walk. Parents of minor children must sign a waiver of liability for the children.

Refreshments: Walkers may bring a snack and water for use on the trail.

Event Information: For more information about this event, please contact:

Jone Parr (301) 385-0054 Jone.P@comcast.net
Paul Hlavinka (Muddy Branch Alliance) (240) 424-5392 phlavinka@gmail.com



Conditions: Pets are allowed on this walk, but must be leashed at all times. Port a Potties will be available at the start/finish. Trail instructions and a map will be available. Water and hard candy will be at the start. This walk will be held, unless conditions cause the sponsors to close the trail for safety reasons. If in doubt, call Jone Parr at 301-385-0054 - cell

Fees The fee for IVV credit is \$3.00. Children 12 and under can earn IVV credit for no charge at all events sponsored by the Seneca Valley Sugarloafers. . You may walk for free without IVV credit. A special event t-shirt is being prepared for the event, which may be purchased the day of the event for \$15.00.

AVA Special Program: Bridges.

Disclaimer: Neither the Seneca Valley Sugarloafers Volksmarch Club, Inc., nor Muddy Branch Alliance, Astra Zeneca, nor the City of Gaithersburg shall be liable for accidents, theft, or material damage. Every reasonable effort will be made to make this a safe, enjoyable, and memorable event.

Membership: Membership in the Sugarloafers Volksmarch Club is open to everyone interested in walking for fitness, fun, and fellowship. For questions concerning membership, contact:
Carolyn Thurber at 301-926-0915 or cbthurber@verizon.net.

Volksmarch Information: www.sugarloafers.org & www.ava.org & www.mdvolks.org

Muddy Branch Alliance Information: www.muddybranch.org

DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO START POINT

FROM I-270 , heading South-- Follow I-270 S to EXIT 11 = MD-124 S/Quince Orchard Rd in Gaithersburg. Take Quince Orchard Rd to Orchard Ridge Dr. Turn left onto Orchard Ridge Dr. Then 1st driveway on right =200 Orchard Ridge Dr....parking lot is behind the building.

FROM I-270, heading North—Follow I-270 N to EXIT 10-11 = MD-124/MD-117/Montgomery Village Ave/W Diamond Ave toward Clopper Rd/Quince Orch. Rd. Take Quince Orchard Rd to Orchard Ridge Dr. Turn LEFT onto Orchard Ridge Dr. Then 1st driveway on right =200 Orchard Ridge Dr....parking lot is behind the building.