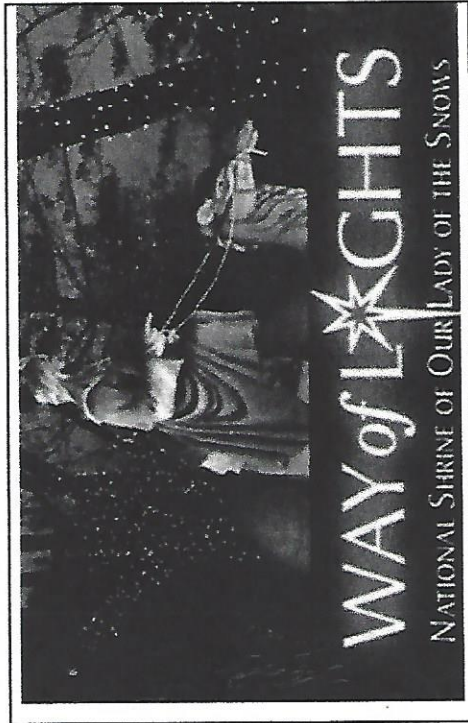


"WAY OF LIGHTS" WALK

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows
Belleville, Illinois

Tuesday, November 15, 2016



5K, 10K, & 20K Kilometer Distances

Start: 3pm - 6pm Finish: By 8:00pm

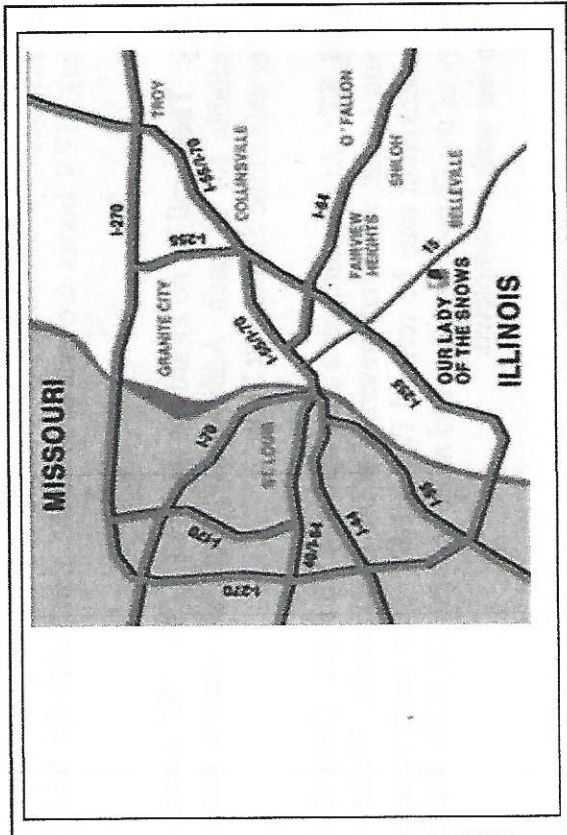
Trail Rating: 2B

EVENT: MA-2016-105013

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ILLINOIS TREKKERS VOLKSSPORT CLUB
NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS



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WELCOME TO THE ANNUAL "WAY OF LIGHTS" WALK: We invite you to this unique volksmarch. On the walk you will experience over one million miniature lights illuminating trees, figures, and displays that depict the true Christmas story. This walk is like no other walk in the area. Bring your family and friends to enjoy an awesome evening. **THE WALK THIS YEAR IS ONE WEEK PRIOR TO THE LIGHTING OF THE GROUNDS, SO THE WALK SHOULD HAVE VERY FEW VEHICLES TO INTERFERE WITH THE TRAILS.**

WHAT IS A VOLKSMARCH: A volksmarch is a leisurely walk through a scenic, historic, and/or interesting area over a clearly marked trail. The event is a family oriented, noncompetitive walk done at your own pace. An achievement program is available to keep track of your accomplishments.

LOCATION: National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows Shrine Hotel, 451 S. De Mazenod Drive, Belleville, Illinois 62223-1095 (see map on reverse).

PARKING: Ample free parking available to the left of the gift shop and restaurant area across from the hotel.

START/FINISH: Start between 3:00pm and 6:00pm; finish by 8:00pm. Walk or jog at your own pace. You must be on the trail by 6:00pm and finished by 8:00pm. **Bring a flashlight for safety reasons!** Event will take place regardless of weather. Restrooms are available at the start point and on the trail.

DISTANCE: There will be a 5k trail marked with streamers and signs. Walk trail twice for a 10k credit and four times for 20k credit. Trail marked with arrows and streamers. Trails are all on sidewalks or paved streets. Trail is suitable for strollers and wheelchairs but some difficulty may be encountered on the hills.

REGISTRATION: The fee is \$3 for all walkers and is open to everyone -- all ages are welcome. An adult must accompany children under the age of 12. There is no pre-registration for this event and **no refunds.** Pets are welcome but must be kept on a leash and it is your responsibility to clean up after your pet(s). Only service animals allowed in buildings.

SANCTION: The American Volkssport Association (AVA), a member of the International Federation of Popular Sports (IVV), sanctions this event. We remind you to bring both IVV books (event and distance). IVV books are available at the start/finish for \$6.00 each.

AWARDS: There will be no award for this walk. Other "B" awards will be available for \$1 each. Additionally, there are various items available for sale in the Shrine Gift Shop.

PROCEDURE: At the start, get a start card and fill it out. Carry this card with you on the walk and present it at the checkpoints. Walkers missing a checkpoint may be refused IVV credit. Start cards remain the property of the Illinois Trekkers and must be turned in at the finish point when the walk is completed.

REFRESHMENTS: Russian tea and water will be provided at the Checkpoint. Water will be available at start/finish. Restaurant will be open for business.

WEBSITES: www.ava.org
www.illinois-trekkers.org
www.snows.org

For information on Shrine call 1-800-682-2879. To obtain Shrine Hotel information call 618-397-1162.

DIRECTIONS: FROM I-64, I-55, or I-70: Exit South on I-255 to Route 15 (Exit 17 East). Go approximately 2 miles. Exit into Shrine complex on right. FROM BELLEVILLE: Take Route 15 West to Shrine complex on left and follow signs to the Hotel.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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