

# **"WAY OF LIGHTS" WALK**

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows  
Belleville, Illinois

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2017**



**5K & 10K Distances**

**Start: 3:30pm – 6:30pm Finish: By 8:30pm**

Trail Rating: 2B

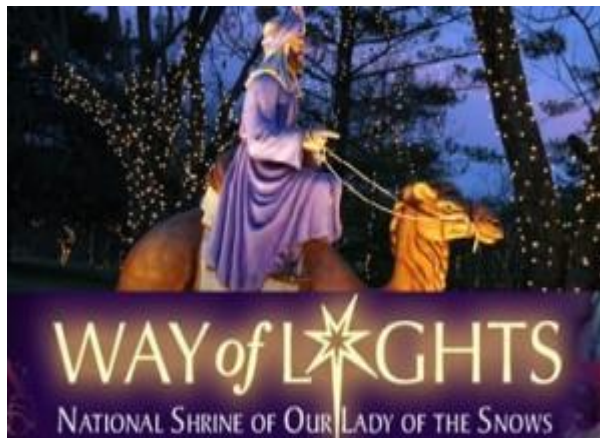
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**\* Please bring a FLASHLIGHT  
for safety while walking the trail. \***



## **WELCOME TO THE ANNUAL “WAY OF LIGHTS” WALK:**

Experience the tradition – bring your family and friends on this most unique volksmarch in the metro-east Illinois area as you walk among over one million miniature lights illuminating trees, figures, and displays that depict the true Christmas story. The Shrine campus is not open for public display during this event, so minimal traffic will interfere with your enlightening walk experience.

**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:** Church of Our Lady of the Snows Shrine, 442 South De Mazenod Drive, Belleville, Illinois 62223-1095.

**PARKING:** Ample free parking available in church parking lot and near gift shop/restaurant area across from the hotel.

**START/FINISH:** Start between 3:30pm and 6:30pm; finish by 8:30pm. Walk at your own pace and pleasure. **Please bring a flashlight for safety reasons!** Event will take place regardless of weather. Dress appropriate for late fall walking. Restrooms are available at the start point and on the trail.

**DISTANCE:** The 5k route will be marked, and written walk directions will also be available. Walk trail twice for 10k credit. Route is on sidewalks or paved streets. Route 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:** 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.

**AWARDS:** There is no award for this walk. Other “B” awards will be available for \$1 each. The Shrine Gift Shop is open until 5:30 p.m. for purchase of commemorative items.

**SPECIAL PROGRAMS:** Amphitheatres, Points of Reference

**PROCEDURE:** Obtain and fill out a start card at the start point. Carry this card with you on the walk and present it at any checkpoints. Start cards remain the property of the Illinois Trekkers and must be turned in at the finish point when the walk is completed.

**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.

**DIRECTIONS:** FROM I-64, I-55, or I-70: Exit on I-255 to Route 15 East (Exit 17A). Go one mile on Highway 15. Shrine complex entrance on right. FROM BELLEVILLE: Take Route 15 West to Shrine complex on left. Follow signs to Our Lady of the Snows Church.

**WEBSITES:** [www.illinois-trekkers.org](http://www.illinois-trekkers.org)  
[www.ava.org](http://www.ava.org)

## **FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:**

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For information on the Shrine, see: [www.snows.org](http://www.snows.org); or call: 800-682-2879. For Shrine Hotel information, call 618-397-1162.

**DISCLAIMER:** The sponsors of this event are not liable for accidents, injury, lost or stolen items, and/or material damage. Every effort will be made by the sponsors to make this a safe, enjoyable and memorable event.

*Make this a “Walking Weekend” – 16 YREs available within immediate Metro-East IL/St. Louis area.*