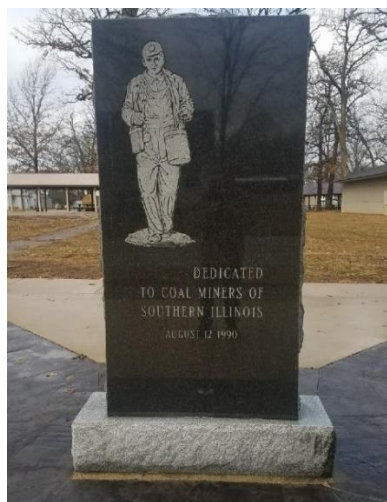




The Illinois Trekkers invite you to walk historic Marissa to help Marissa celebrate their Coal Festival and Illinois celebrate their bicentennial. Starting in the late 1800s and continuing to the present day, one of the largest local industries has been the mining of steam coal. Currently most of the coal mined here is burned to generate electricity. The Marissa Coal Festival is held each year on the second weekend of June. The activities begin Thursday evening & run through Saturday night with the crowing of the Festival queen. Saturday afternoon features a parade that begins at 4:00 pm.



What is a Volksmarch: A Volksmarch is literally a “folks walk” or a walk for the people. It is a self-paced walk for all to enjoy. The purpose of a Volksmarch is to encourage physical fitness, promote fellowship and to enjoy the outdoors.

START LOCATION: Park pavilion in the Marissa Village Park located at the corner of West St. Clair Street and South Main Street.

START TIME: Start between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 pm. Walk at your own pace. You must be finished by 3:00 p.m. Please no pets allowed.

DISTANCE: 5k and 10k walk will be offered. The first 5k loop is on Main Street and city streets past many beautiful homes. The second 5k loop is in the Marissa Cemetery and city streets. The walk is suitable for wheelchairs and strollers.

TRAIL: The trail is rated 1A and is on sidewalks, the cemetery roads and city streets.

REGISTRATION: Everyone is welcome to participate in this event for a fee of \$3. An adult must accompany children age 12 and under. All participants must check in at the registration table and receive a start card. The start card must be carried on the walk. Start Cards remain the property of the Illinois Trekkers and must be turned in at the finish point at the end of the walk. There is no refund for monies paid. Event will take place regardless of weather.

REFRESHMENTS: Water and restrooms will be provided at the Start/Checkpoint/Finish.

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Illinois Trekkers Website is www.illinois-trekkers.org/

DISCLAIMER: AVA and the sponsors of this event are not liable for accidents, thefts or material damage. Every effort will be made by the sponsors to make this a safe, enjoyable and memorable event.

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DIRECTIONS: From Interstate 64 take Exit 23 South toward Mascoutah. Continue driving on IL Route 4 through Mascoutah. At stop sign in Fayetteville turn Left. Continue on IL Route 4 through St. Libory. Turn Right at first stop sign. Turn Left at four way stop onto Main Street. Turn Right on West St. Clair Street (Street sign on Left. Sign on right says Lions Den.) Park will be on the left. For GPS enter address 518 South Main Street. Turn right on St. Clair Street immediately after this address.



Marissa Coal Festival Walk

A Non-competitive 5k, 10k & 20k Walk Credit Only



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