

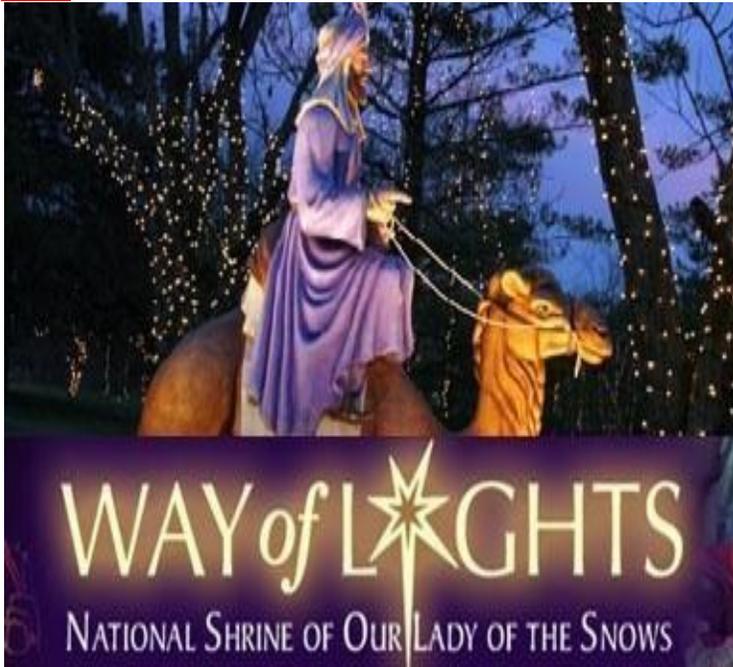
"WAY OF LIGHTS" WALK

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows
Belleville, Illinois

Monday, November 21, 2022



Please bring a FLASHLIGHT for safety while walking the trail.



5K, 10K, & 20K Kilometer Distances

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

Trail Rating: 2B

EVENT: MA2022- 123031

Special Programs: "Walking the USA A-Z"

HOSTED BY:

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



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 two and a half million miniature lights illuminating trees, figures, and displays that depict the true Christmas story. The Shrine campus will have all their activities available to walkers. Activities include the Christmas Tree & wreath Display, Lego Brick Display, Camel, Donkey & Pony Rides, Petting Zoo, Camel rides (\$6), Carriage Rides (\$65 for 6 people & \$100 for 10 people), Kettle corn & refreshments for purchase.

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 Visitor Center, 442 South De Mazenod Drive, Belleville, Illinois 62223-1095 (see map on reverse).

PARKING: Ample free parking available to the left of the Visitor Center.

START/FINISH: Start between 3:30 pm and 6:30 pm; finish by 8:30 pm. 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: There will be a 5k trail marked with streamers and signs. Walk trail twice for a 10k credit and four times for 20k credit. 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. **Masks are always required for registration and inside 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. The Shrine Gift Shop is open until 5:00 p.m. for purchase of commemorative items

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: Water will be provided at the Checkpoint. Water will be available at start/finish.

WEBSITES:

www.ava.org

www.illinois-trekkers.org

www.snows.org

<https://snows.org/events-2/way-of-lights/>

For information on Shrine call 1-800-682-2879. To obtain Shrine Guest House 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 Visitor.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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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.

