

## FINDING WALKS

A Year-Round Event (YRE) is a walk, bike, or swim event which is open year round.

Seasonal Events are open at certain times of the year. For these, participants register themselves at a start point, take a start card and map, complete the route, and return to the start point.

Volkssport events are held at locations throughout the country each weekend. The American Wanderer is the official publication of the AVA. For subscription information: Call **1-800-830-WALK**

The Starting Point book published by the AVA provides information about all the YREs and Seasonals in the US. Call **1-800-830-WALK** to purchase. You can also find this information on the AVA's interactive website at

[www.AVA.org](http://www.AVA.org)

[www.upstatepathfinders.com](http://www.upstatepathfinders.com)



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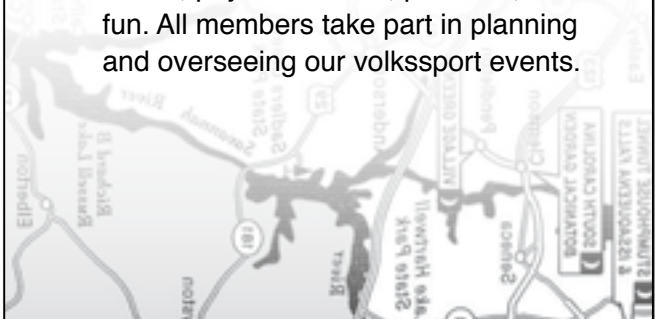
## WHO WE ARE

Thank you for your interest in our club, the UpState PathFinders. We are South Carolina's 1st and only American Volkssport Club (AVA). Chartered in April 2011. AVA is a member of the International Volkssport Verband (IVV) – founding international organization, which began in Germany in the 1960's. Both the IVV and the AVA are based on the participation of members in non-competitive sports to promote fun, fitness, and friendship.

People of all ages, abilities and "walks" of life take part in our club programs and events. Our emphasis is on walking for health, physical fitness, pleasure, and fun. All members take part in planning and overseeing our volkssport events.



UpState Pathfinders Group Photo - Historic Greenville, 2013



## WHAT WE DO

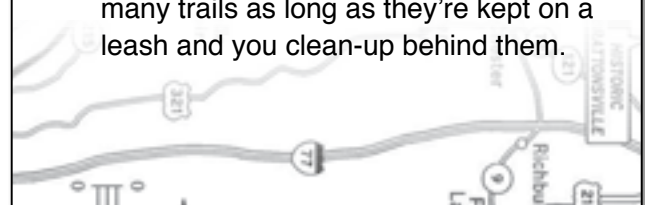
### Where did Volkssports begin?

The Volkssport movement began in southern Germany in the 1960s. In 1968, the International Volkssport Verband (IVV) was formed in West Germany, Austria, Switzerland and Liechtenstein. The IVV has continued to grow and now includes more than 25 countries worldwide. The American Volkssport Association (AVA) became part of the IVV in 1979 and now sponsors more than 550 clubs throughout the United States.

### What is a volksmarch?

A volksmarch, literally translated means "people's walk". It is a leisurely walk through a scenic, historic, or interesting area over a pre-determined route. This can be done with your friends, your family, your dogs or simply done by yourself. You may participate as often or as seldom as your schedule allows. Walks are non-competitive and participants proceed at their own pace. There are no pledge cards or quotas, just FUN-raising activities. So, bring the whole family and a few friends or if you'd like some new friends you're sure to meet them here.

Many walk events are open to those in wheelchairs or strollers. Check the details on the specific events you're interested in. Dogs are welcomed on many trails as long as they're kept on a leash and you clean-up behind them.



## MEMBER INFORMATION

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 First Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 D.O.B.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

List additional family member names and D.O.B.:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Consent to have my picture(s) used in club publications

New Member Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Renewal:

2014  2015  2016  
 2017  2018  2019

Your active participation is encouraged.

Please check one or more area(s) of interest.

<input type="checkbox"/> Event Planning	<input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter
<input type="checkbox"/> Event Registration	<input type="checkbox"/> Food
<input type="checkbox"/> Create A New Walk	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Publicity	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Awards	

**Membership runs from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

- If joining between Jan. 1 & June 30  
 Individual - \$10 or Household - \$15
- If Joining between July 1 & Sept. 30  
 Individual - \$5 or Household - \$7
- If Joining Oct. 1 or later, membership is good through December of the next year.  
 Individual - \$10 or Household - \$15

Check if you would like New Walker Packet mailed to you. - \$5.00 Fee

### NEW WALKER PACKET INCLUDES:

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| 1 Event Book (\$5 value)                               | 1 Coupon for the AMERICAN WANDERER Bi-Monthly Newspaper (\$4 value) |
| 1 Distance Book (\$5 value)                            |   |
| 3 Coupons for <b>FREE Credit</b> at Events (\$9 value) | 1 Coupon for <b>10% OFF</b> purchase of AVA Merchandise             |
|  | 1 Volkssporting Booklet   |