

FOOTNOTES NEWSLETTER



FM# 534 (717 Lakeport Rd, Chittenango, NY 13037)

November 2025

Folksmarch is a non-competitive walking event conducted monthly for people of all ages and abilities in Central New York.

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November 2025 Folksmarch

Date: Saturday, November 8th, 9:00 – 12:00 and Sunday, November 9th, 1:00 – 3:00

Annual Membership Pass: \$40
Includes Yearly Passport card and 12 monthly walks.

Yearly Passport card: \$10 prorated semi-annually

Monthly Walking Rates:
First Time Walkers FREE!
Adults \$4.00
Youth 6-18 \$1.00
5 and under FREE
Family \$9.00 (max)

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November Folksmarch in Chittenango

CNY Folksmarch will be walking in Chittenango on November 8 and 9 at the Chittenango Landing Canal Boat Museum. We have not walked at this site in quite some time and are glad to return to enjoy the trail and museum. The center is located at 717 Lakeport Road, Chittenango, NY 13037, less than a mile north of the village.

Walkers will register at the Canal Landing Visitor Center on Saturday, November 8 between 9 a.m. and Noon; or on Sunday, November 9 between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. The center holds several nice exhibits about the canal and the center's plan for improvements. The canal path is reached by crossing a pedestrian bridge and is designated as a birding site in our State. The museum buildings and grounds will also be available for exploration.

History: A three-bay dry dock operated along the enlarged Erie Canal on the site at Chittenango Landing from 1855 until 1917. Once the site closed following the completion of the larger barge canal, it quickly fell into disrepair.

In 1985, local enthusiasts rediscovered the abandoned canal site, uncovering remnants of its three-bay dry dock and boatyard. They recreated the 1850s site through archaeology, research, and hard work. This became the Chittenango Landing Canal Boat Museum, an education and recreation park facility. It hosts the only recovered historic dry dock complex on the Erie Canal.

The goal is to inspire life-long interest in innovation and Erie Canal history. The canal museum was greatly affected by the pandemic closing. With new energy, the board of trustees is taking on the challenge of clearing out the dry dock of overgrown vegetation, making repairs to museum buildings, as well as a plan to open a 2,600-foot, four-season building with an outdoor patio that will expand their educational and cultural programs potential.

Thanks to Mr. Kevin Cook, newly appointed Coordinator, Programming & Site Operation for allowing CNY Folksmarch to keep our Saturday morning start time.

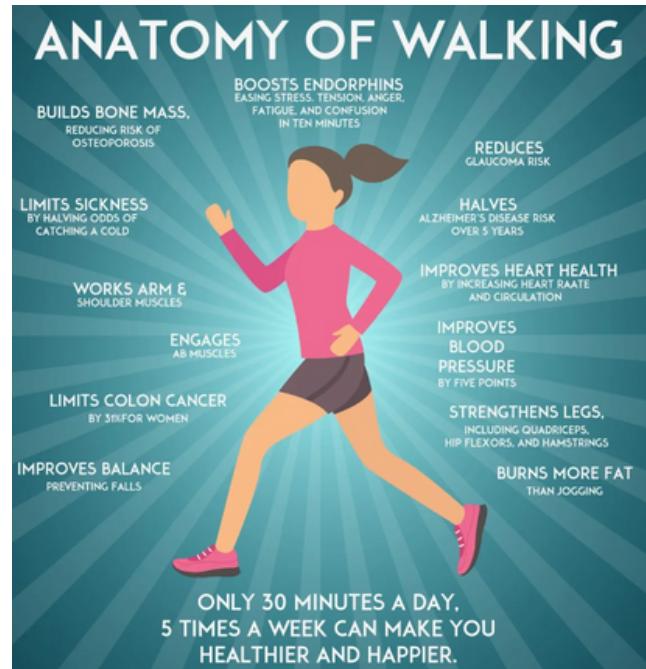
Directions: The Landing Museum recommends driving east on Route 5 from Syracuse into the Village of Chittenango. When Route 5 makes a sharp turn to the right at a traffic light towards Canastota, YOU should continue straight, through the intersection, onto Lakeport Road. The Canal Landing is .7 miles ahead on your left. If coming from Cicero and northern areas, you could drive East on Route 31, through Bridgeport, and turn right onto Lakeport Road. The Canal Landing will be on your right, just before you get to the Village.



What, Exactly, is CNY Folksmarch

As our regular walkers, and hopefully new walkers know, CNY Folksmarch is a non-competitive walking group. The goal is to encourage people of all ages and abilities to get out and walk by meeting at a variety of locations in Central New York. For 40+ years, we have walked monthly on the second weekend of each month. Walks are usually 5k in length, but participants may walk as far as their abilities and interest allow.

The walks are the visible part of the organization. However, you may not know how we are structured. In 2016, when support by the Greater Syracuse YMCA was no longer available, a handful of long-time participants decided to continue the Folksmarch by forming a not-for-profit organization. Today, CNY Folksmarch is a 501(c)(3) organization that has a board of directors, officers, and bylaws.



Remembering a Faithful Walker

The board of CNY Folksmarch shares notice of the passing of long-time walker and supporter, Helen Dayal. Helen walked regularly with Folksmarch for most of its years, volunteered to help at registration, and enjoyed several of our overseas as well as weekend trips. Condolences were extended to her family, including her sister, Laura Bigness. Laura and Helen made a pleasant pair in their walks together.

Congratulations are due!



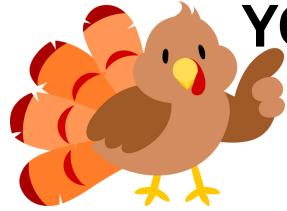
Earlier this year, the CNY Folksmarch Board of Directors decided to initiate a new incentive program in 2025 to recognize walkers who reach several milestones as they walk at our monthly events. Those incentives include one for completing 10 Folksmarches and one for completing 25 Folksmarches. The program tally began with our January 2025 walk in Cazenovia.



We are pleased to announce that 6 of our regular participants achieved 10 walks by completing the October walk at Jamesville Beach County Park. There are a dozen more regular walkers who may hit the mark in November or December of this year.

We would like to award the special 10 walk pin to our 6 winners at the annual meeting on Saturday, November 8, 2025. The meeting will be held soon after we close registration at Noon on that day. We hope our 6 winners will attend the meeting to be recognized.

We just finished the tally through October, so no names will be released until we verify the count. Winners will be notified individually and invited to the Annual Meeting.



YOU Are Invited to the CNY Folksmarch Annual Meeting for 2025



The CNY Folksmarch Annual Meeting was moved to Saturday, November 8, 2025 because the Chittenango Landing Canal Boat Museum offers a community room in which we may meet. The open pavilion at Jamesville Beach County Park would not have provided any shelter had weather been challenging.

The meeting will begin at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 8. Anyone who participates in Folksmarch may attend. It is imperative, however, that holders of Annual Passes and Yearly Passports try their best to attend.

Only Annual Pass holders and Yearly Passport holder (considered members) may vote on issues that need approval. Two issues are nominations to the board and updates to the organization's bylaws.

Besides the two issues that need member approval, the agenda will include typical meeting items: minutes from the last annual meeting, Treasurer's Report through October 2025, and several items that would benefit from your input. We need your thoughts on monthly walk locations for 2026, volunteering to help at monthly walks, and exploring new ways to expand CNY Folksmarch.

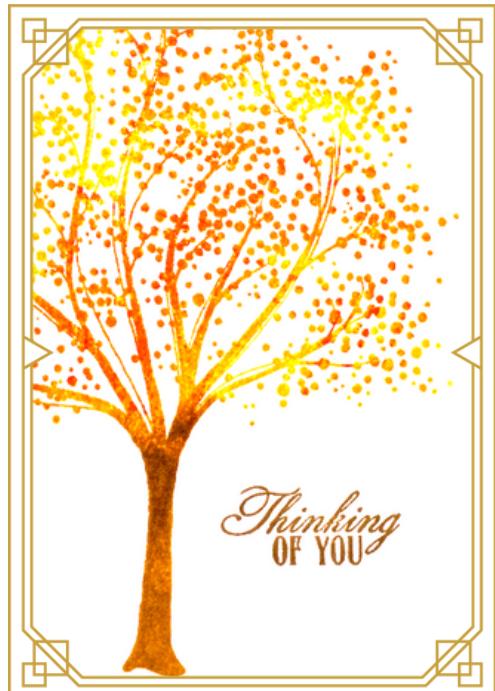
Light refreshments will be available. The meeting will last approximately 45 minutes.

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, 11-8-25 at 12:30 p.m. for this important meeting.



2025 Walk Schedule

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| January - Village of Cazenovia | July - Village of Fayetteville |
| February - Beaver Lake | August - Salmon River |
| March - Village of Liverpool | September - Village of Fair Haven |
| April - Oxbow Falls | October - Jamesville Beach |
| May - Village of Cleveland | November - Chittenango |
| June - Lime Hollow | December - Village of Jordan |



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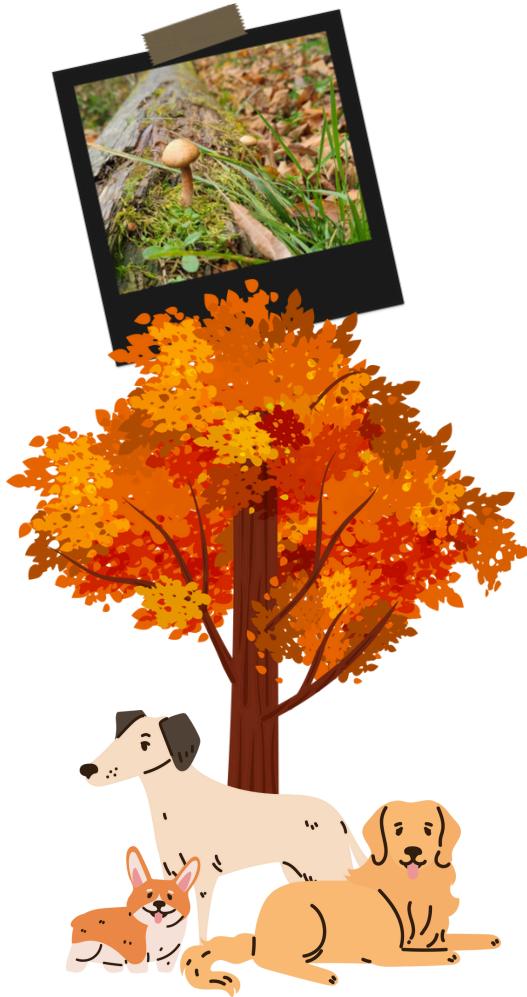
IF YOU KNOW OF A CURRENT OR FORMER FOLKSMARCHER WHO MIGHT ENJOY A CARD FOR A SPECIAL OCCASION, PLEASE CONTACT ELAINE MOUNT @ (315) 668-7175 OR EMAIL: leemount@gmail.com WITH THE DETAILS.

THIS MAY INCLUDE A GET-WELL CARD OR CONDOLENCES TO A FAMILY MEMBER OR WISHES FOR A VERY HAPPY MILESTONE BIRTHDAY.

About Us

Folksmarches are generally held on the second weekend every month. The route distance is typically 5K (3.1 miles). Routes vary at each location, but normally include a combination of paved walkways and natural settings. Routes are marked and a map is provided to each walker. A shorter modified route is always available to those who choose not to walk the longer distances. Participants receive a button to commemorate the walk and yearly passport cards are available (for a fee) for participants to record their personal accomplishment after each walk. Purchasing an Annual Membership Pass or a Yearly Passport card is a way to become a member of the CNY Folksmarch walking group.

A WOODED TRAIL & OPEN SPACES AT JAMESVILLE BEACH



Both weekend days were beautiful for October at Jamesville Beach County Park. The walk close to Butternut Creek was mostly shady and a bit tricky for some walkers, with many small side paths leading either up to fields and/or the dog park or over to the creek. Along the way one met dog walkers and their dogs, both friendly. The fields had wide roads, both paved and unpaved, that people could use.

There was a nice turnout, especially on Saturday even though Sunday was a bit warmer. Welcome to our three first time walkers: Florica C., Sue & Brian Smacher, and also to Jason K. who stopped by just before closing on Sunday and said he would be back to check out future Folksmarchs. It was lovely seeing Shirley and Jim W. who had been away from FM for a while, and to see Walt Price who no longer needs a cane!

Thanks to the several Onondaga County Park employees who were so helpful from our initial look at the park right through the weekend of the FM. And thanks to our workers at the sign-in table who are most appreciated: Dawn B., Dawn M., and Barbara C.



THE NEXT CNY FOLKSMARCH EVENT WILL BE HELD DECEMBER 2025 IN THE VILLAGE OF JORDAN
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