

FOOTNOTES NEWSLETTER



FM# 535 (25 North Main St., Jordan, NY 13080)

December 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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December 2025 Folksmarch

Date: Saturday, December 13th,
9:00 – 12:00 and Sunday,
December 14th, 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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Join Us in Jordan, NY

Our local communities often look so festive during the winter holiday season. On the weekend of December 13 and 14, CNY Folksmarch will explore the Village of Jordan, just a short drive west of Syracuse, to enjoy that local feel. Our registration site is Christ Episcopal Church, located at 25 North Main Street, Jordan, NY 13080. This lovely church has a moderate-size parking lot. Convenient street parking is available.

Jordan was incorporated as a village in 1835. Situated on the original Clinton's Ditch and first enlargement, the village had mills, warehouses, an opera house, churches, and a variety of businesses. Several businessmen had mansions on James Street in Syracuse during the growth in the mid to late 1800s.

Village historian, Elaine Peters, has planned a 5K route around village streets and has provided some information on various historic buildings and sites to see along the way. Sections of the Enlarged Erie Canal were filled in to create a lovely park, and our path takes us past it in two locations. The walk is primarily on village sidewalks, which are cleared of snow by village staff.

Registration is on Saturday, December 13 between 9 a.m. and Noon. Sunday registration is between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Local businesses in the historic district will be open on Saturday and a few on Sunday. Elaine may be available for a short period on each day to answer questions about local history.



Directions:

Thruway: Take Exit 40 (Weedsport) and turn RIGHT onto Route 34 at the exit's traffic light. At the next intersection, turn LEFT onto Route 31 East. Continue about 4 miles and turn RIGHT onto Route 317 (Main Street). Continue down North Main Street a short distance and Christ Episcopal Church will be on your right.

Route 5: Take Route 5 west from Syracuse. Pass through the Village of Elbridge. Turn right at the intersection of Route 5 and Hamilton Street. Continue up Hamilton into the Village of Jordan. Turn RIGHT onto Clinton Street and LEFT onto Main Street. The church will be a short way up Main Street on your left.

Route 31: If you come along Route 31 turn onto Route 317 (North Main Street). Continue down North Main Street a short distance and Christ Episcopal Church will be on your right.



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.



Annual Passes and Yearly Passports for 2026

It is hard to believe 2025 is coming to a close. Annual Passes for 2026 will be available at the December walk site in the village of Jordan for \$40.00. That cost gives you 2 monthly walks and the Yearly Passport at a savings of \$18.00. Yearly Passports will also be available for \$10.00. While Passport holders still pay the \$4.00 walk donation, the Passport saves you \$2.00 for the year. You may also purchase either item at our website: <https://cnyfolksmarch.org>.

Ten - Walk Recognition

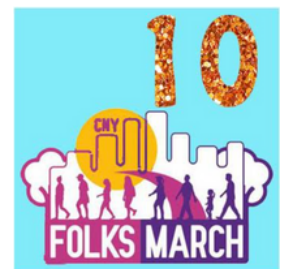
The Board of CNY Folksmarch likes to recognize walkers who participate in our monthly events. We are pleased to announce the group of regular walkers who are the first to earn a 10-Walk pin. Besides the pin, those present at Chittenango Landing Canal Boat Museum also received a manual pace counter donated by one of our walkers. The first group to earn the 10-Walk pin includes:

Julie B., Donna C., Marc J., Betty K., Robert P., and Patrick S.

In addition to the October winners, several people made their 10th walk in November. If these folks did not receive a pin and pace counter at the Chittenango event, know that you can pick them up in Jordan at our December walk. These winners include: **Lori N., Adria R., Sue, S., and Cindy T.**

Several people are on their way to earn a pin by completing the December walk!

Note: it will help the walk leader at each walk if you have your Passport handy so we may verify the number of walks you have completed.





CNY Folksmarch Annual Meeting

The 2025 Annual Meeting of CNY Folksmarch, Inc. board met on Saturday, November 8, at 12:30 p.m. at the Chittenango Landing Board Museum. We were happy to have a few Annual Pass and Yearly Passport holders attend. Brian Noll's nomination for Treasurer for another 3- year term as a board member that includes 2 years as Treasurer; updates to the bylaws were reviewed and discussed. Brian's nomination and the updated bylaws were approved unanimously.

The members liked the idea of a holiday community service collection. Final plans for how to approach our annual community support project will be forthcoming. See the community project article below for this year's project.

President Ripka stressed the need for our members or interested regular walkers to step up to volunteer to spend time at a monthly walk. Volunteers as walk leaders and those who can work at the sign in tables are vital to CNY Folksmarch continuing.



**CNY Folksmarch
wishes all our walkers
and supporters a
Merry Christmas and
a Happy Holiday
Season for 2025.**



2025 Walk Schedule

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

Community Service Project

CNY Folksmarch walkers are so generous during our yearly Community Service Project. Considering the challenges many people are facing due to the cost of food, **Folksmarch is suggesting walkers who come to the December walk in Jordan bring an item, or several items, that will be donated to the food pantry in Jordan.**

Christ Episcopal Church supports this food pantry. Their staff have volunteered to bring items Folksmarch collected during our December walk to the food pantry.

Items should be non-perishable items like canned foods, dry items like rice, pasta, various specialty mixes (Rice-a-Roni, taco kits, tea bags, coffee, etc.). Personal care and cleaning supplies are often needed. So, hand soap, laundry detergents, shampoo, tooth brushes and tooth paste would also be appreciated.

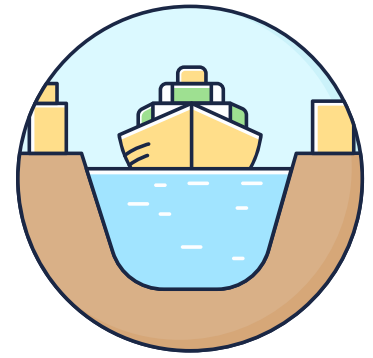
Any walker who donates to this community service project may receive one of the manual pace counters, regardless of the number of walks you completed this year.



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 of member of the CNY Folksmarch walking group.

A WALK ALONG THE ERIE CANAL



Chittenango Landing Canal Boat Museum proved to be a perfect location for the November 2025 Folksmarch. Besides the opportunity walk along the canal, the exhibits inside the museum welcome center and the historic buildings on the grounds really offer a picture of life on the Erie Canal.

Thanks to Coordinator, Kevin Cook for his enthusiasm in having our walkers come for a walk and a visit. Our participants were able to explore the exterior buildings at no cost because of CNY Folksmarch's donation to the organization.

If you had a chance to look at their event flyer, you noticed that a variety of programs are scheduled each month. The museum is taking on a major capital project to increase their building space as well as to refresh the outside museum that will include clearing the debris from the dry dock area. Perhaps we will put the Canal Boat Museum on our Folksmarch walking schedule in the future to see the improvements. In the meantime, you can keep track of everything going on at the museum on their website: <https://www.chittenangoland.org>

Thanks to our volunteers for the Chittenango Landing walk: Adria, Barbara, and Dawn. We welcome first-time walkers: Diet S., Mary W., Pat L, Cathy D., and Susan R. Thanks, also, to those who completed the short paper survey about possible walking locations. The board will review your responses as we plan for 2026.



THE NEXT CNY FOLKSMARCH EVENT WILL BE HELD JANUARY 2026 AT DESTINY MALL IN SYRACUSE.

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