

Sunflower Sod Stompers
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Come enjoy
HALLOWEEN Klicks
on
Route 66
aka
**South Central
Regional Roundup**

Walks in Kansas, Oklahoma & Missouri
in towns along Historic Route 66

10 Walks

10 Swims



**October 27, 28, 29, 30, 31
& November 1, 2026**



**AMERICA'S
WALKING CLUB**
— ESTABLISHED 1976 —

SANCTIONED EVENT

Eligible for credit towards IVV Achievement Awards



HALLOWEEN Klicks on Route 66

Since 2026 is an even-numbered year, it is time for the South Central Region to host their 13th biennial get-together known as their Regional Roundup. This year, the Dogwood Trailblazers, Sunflower Sod Stompers, Tulsa Walking Club, and Wandergruppe of OKC are combining their efforts to host "Halloween Klicks on Route 66". With the 100th anniversary of this famous highway's designation by Congress, it was a natural theme for our Roundup since the "Mother Road" went through 3 of our regions states.

Ten sanctioned walking events will be located in Kansas, Missouri, and Oklahoma near the Interstate 44 corridor. This extended weekend will start on Wednesday with the Dogwood Trailblazers' YRE walks of Joplin & Carthage. Thursday will be devoted to all 13.2 miles of US 66 in the Sunflower State. A traditional event will be sponsored by the Sod Stompers featuring the small community of Riverton. Just a few miles further down the Mother Road, the Baxter Springs YRE will be available. This event will start at the Heritage Center and Museum. Baxter Springs is known for its Fort Blair Civil War Historical Site and its well-preserved (& decorated) US 66 businesses.

Friday will be filled with 2 traditional walks in Oklahoma. The morning event will be in Miami & the afternoon walk will be in Will Rogers' hometown of Claremore. Both of these walks will have numerous signage, murals, and businesses associated with US 66. The Claremore event will start in the J.M. Davis Arms & Historical Museum. This Museum will also be place for our "Brats & Bites" on Friday evening before our travels to Tulsa.

On Saturday morning, the Tulsa Walking Club will be sponsoring a walk featuring the Gathering Place then the afternoon will be devoted to another traditional walk along 11th Street, known for its large, statue-like characters, signs and the old businesses that lined US 66.

Wandergruppe of OKC will sponsor traditional walk in Bristow on Sunday morning. This town features highlights of railroading days along with Route 66. The Chandler YRE will be offered as a "remote" registration for any interested participant for the afternoon. Each town will have some unique sites from this historic highway which helped with the westward settlement of the U.S. in the 1900's.

Two swims have been sanctioned for those who enjoy the water. Come and enjoy the indoor pool and earn more IVV events. Water walking is acceptable. There will be qualifiers for some of the AVA Special Programs. Each event has some different histories and things to see and to enjoy. Motel rooms are blocked; meals and restaurants have been arranged along with some area speakers.

There definitely will be fun, fitness, friendship and food on the agenda, so come enjoy this festive weekend as you do your "Halloween Klicks on Route 66" in the South Central Region!



TRAVEL INFORMATION

Events are located in the tri-state area of Kansas, Missouri, & Oklahoma - along the Interstate 44 corridor. Our first 3 days of activities will be centered around the Joplin area. Joplin is 155 miles south of Kansas City, and is 110 miles to the northeast of Tulsa, with OKC being 110 miles further away. The last 2 days will be in the Tulsa area.



Meet and Greet

Tuesday Night – October 27

6:00p.m. – 8:30p.m.

Holiday Inn Express in Joplin

Conference Room & Breakfast Area

Variety of Pizza Pies -- Veggie Bites

Soda Pop -- Bottled Beer

Dessert



WALKING EVENTS INFORMATION

On Wednesday, October 28, the Dogwood Trailblazers will be featuring 2 of their YREs with assisted registration

Joplin, Missouri



Jasper County

Year Round Event #3752

Distance: 5km/10km

Location: Holiday Inn Express 3400 S. Rangeline Road

Location: The Holiday Inn Express will be the remote start/finish place for this event. HIE is 0.3mile north of I-44, Exit 8. Turn Left after the Kum & Go, & before the McDonald's. The hotel sits off Rangeline Road. Assisted registration will be in the lobby area. Once registered/checked-in, you will drive approximately 4 miles to a parking area & the start of the walk.

Start/Finish: Start 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.; finish by 12:00 p.m.

Course: Walkers will see Rt. 66 murals in downtown Joplin. Memorial Hall opened in 1925 to honor our WW1 veterans. Our new Cornell Center presents musical entertainment along with several art galleries. Sections of the 1890's Murphysburg neighborhood are on the National Register of Historic Places. 10k walkers will walk Rt. 66 in the East Town neighborhood. Trail Rating 1-A

POC: Glen Conyers 417-434-0977 glenconyers@sbcglobal.net



Carthage, Missouri

Year Round Event #1002

Jasper County

Distance: 5km-10km

Location: Boots Court Visitor's Center 125 S Garrison Ave.

Location: From Holiday Inn Express, go Right on Rangeline 0.3 mile to I-44. Turn Left & enter I-44, going east 3.1 mile to Exit 11B. Go north & east on Rt. 249 14 miles toward Carthage. In Carthage, go through 2 stop lights on Central Avenue, passing Sonic & Burger King. Turn Right at the third stoplight onto S Garrison. Boots Motel is 250 feet on the right. Route 66 Visitor Center just past the motel. Park at the Motel or the Pancake Hut just past the VC.

Start/Finish: Start 1:30 pm. – 2:30 p.m.; finish by 5:00 p.m.

Course: Walkers will follow Rt. 66 passing many of the older homes, Carthage Square, & Central Park. The grounds of the Congregation of the Mother of the Redeemer and Stations of the Cross are also on this trail. Trail Rating 1-A

POC: Karla Cole 214-232-8432 karlamcole15@gmail.com



Riverton, Kansas

Thursday, October 29

Cherokee County

SC-132372

Traditional Walk - Map Guided Distance: 5km/10km

Location: First Baptist Church 6895 Bluebird Lane

Location: The walk event will start/finish inside the First Baptist Church. From the Holiday Inn Express parking area, go Right on Rangeline 0.3 mile to I-44. Turn Right & enter I-44, going west 8.4 mile to Exit 1. Go Right on to US 400/US166 toward Baxter Springs. Follow US 400 for 8.0 miles where US 400 merges with US 169 Alt. North. Go Right on US 400/US 169 Alt. 1.8 mile to traffic circle. Go Right on Ks. 66 0.7mile to traffic signal. Left on SE 70th St. 0.2 mile to Bluebird Lane. Left on Bluebird Lane 500 feet. Park on the east side of the church.

Start/Finish: Start from 9:00a.m. - 10:30a.m.; finish by 12:30 p.m.

Course: Routes will be out and back. The course will be on the berm edging along Ks. 66 to Old Route 66 Park. The 10km route will continue on original Historic Route 66 to the Rainbow Bridge. Trails will lead through some residential areas of Riverton & open farmland. Surfaces will be cement & gravel roads. Trail Rating: 1-A

POC: Terri Tyler 785-817-6333 tttyler50@gmail.com



Baxter Springs, Kansas

Thursday, October 29

Cherokee County

Year Round Event #784 Distance: 5km-10km

Location: Ks. Heritage Center & Museum 740 East Avenue

Location: From Riverton, go west on Old Route 66 traffic light to US 400 traffic circle. Left on US 400 3.7 miles to East 8th Street. Go Left 1 block to the Museum. From Joplin, same as to Riverton except follow US 166 (East 12th Street) west 2 miles, then turn Right on East Street 0.3 mile. Museum will be on the right side.

Start/Finish: Start 1:30 pm. – 2:30 p.m.; finish by 5:00 p.m.

Course: Walk is along residential streets and through Kiwanis Park. Historic downtown has been renovated with a theater and more buildings highlighting Rt. 66. Fort Blair and several Civil War historical markers are scattered along the walk. Trail Rating 1-B

POC: Glen Conyers 417-434-0977 glenconyers@sbcglobal.net

Miami, Oklahoma
Friday, October 30



Ottawa County
SC-132373

Traditional Walk - Map Guided **Distance: 5km/10km**

Location: Main Street Café Route 66 230 South Main

Location: The walk event will start/finish in the foyer area of the Main Street Café Route 66. From Joplin Exit #8 (Rangeline Road), go west on I-44 for 22 miles to Exit #313 in Oklahoma. Turn Left on OK-10 N/E Steve Owens Blvd 1.4 miles to S Main St/U.S. Route 66. The Café is located at this intersection. Go straight through the intersection then turn Right after the Café. Please park in the area closer to "A" Street, leaving adjacent space for local patrons.

Start/Finish: Start from 8:00a.m. - 9:30a.m.; finish by 12:00 p.m.

Course: The routes will include the Main Street corridor featuring the downtown area with signage, murals, and businesses associated with US 66 along with some residential areas. Fairly flat surfaces will include streets & roads and sidewalks where available. Areas of full sun and wind exposure on the trails. Trail Rating: 1-A

Claremore, Oklahoma
Friday, October 30



Rogers County
SC-132374

Traditional Walk - Map Guided **Distance: 5km/10km**

Location: Davis Firearms & Hist. Museum - 330 JM Davis Blvd

Location: The walk event will start/finish inside the JM Davis Firearms & Historical Museum. From the Café, return to I-44 and follow I-44 west for 60 miles to Exit 255. Take Ok-20 West for 2.1 mile to JM Davis Blvd. Right on Davis Blvd. for 0.3 mile. Museum entrance will be on your right.

Start/Finish: Start from 1:15p.m. – 2:30p.m.; finish by 4:45 p.m.

Course: The routes will include the Oklahoma 66 corridor featuring murals, and businesses associated with US 66, the downtown & residential areas. Flat walking surfaces will include streets & roads and sidewalks where available. Areas of full sun and wind exposure on the trails. Trail Rating: 1-A

POC: Terri Tyler 785-817-6333 ttyler50@gmail.com Both Friday Walks



Tulsa, Oklahoma



Tulsa County

Saturday, October 31, the Tulsa Walking Club is sponsoring 2 Traditional Walks with Remote Start

Map Guided

Distances: 5km/10km

Remote Start Location: Walk registrations & finishing will be located at the Holiday Inn Express Midtown – 4680 East Skelly Drive – Conference Room. Driving directions will be given for the walk start/finish along with the walk directions for each.

Location: The Holiday Inn Express is located on I-44 Exit 229 – Yale Avenue Exit, behind Maverick Gas Station

Gathering Place Morning Walk

SC-132375

Start/Finish: Start from 8:30a.m. – 11:00a.m.; finish by 12:00 p.m.

Course: The courses will include portions of Route 66, the Gathering Place, and the Midland Valley (rail-trail) Trail-featuring areas along the Arkansas River. Fairly flat surfaces will include streets & roads and sidewalks. Trail Rating: 1-A

POC: Teresa Arnold 918-630-3206 arnoldtea@hotmail.com



Route 66 Land of the Giants Afternoon Walk **C-132376**

Start/Finish: Start from 1:00p.m.-3:00p.m.; finish by 4:00p.m.

Course: The routes will highlight the Route 66 corridor along 11th Street featuring the Land of the Giants besides the numerous businesses and signage associated with historic Route 66. Mostly flat surfaces which will be sidewalks & city streets. Trail Rating: 1-A

POC: Cynthia Hines 918-406-6077 vetretiredclh@yahoo.com



Please allow the sponsoring clubs sufficient time to prepare for their events and to pack-up when finished. We will get you on the trails as soon as we are ready, and safe for walking.

Bristow, Oklahoma
Sunday, November 1



Creek County
SC-132377

Traditional Walk - Map Guided **Distance: 5km/10km**

Location: Bristow Train Depot & Museum 1 Railroad Place

Location: The walk event will start/finish at the Bristow Train Depot & Museum, 1 Railroad Place. Travel on I-44 35 miles west to Exit #196. Follow Ok-48/North Main Street south 1.3 mile to East 7th Street. Turn Left on 7th, then turn Right in about 350 feet before the railroad tracks. Additional parking along 7th Street or at NAPA lot.

Start/Finish: Start from 8:30a.m. – 10:00a.m.; finish by 12:30 p.m.

Course: The routes will include the Main Street corridor featuring the downtown area with signage, murals, and businesses associated with US 66 along with some residential areas. Fairly flat surfaces will include streets & roads and sidewalks where available. Trail Rating: 1-A

POC: Anne Grenier 405-830-6274 libgrenier@gmail.com



Chandler, Oklahoma
Sunday, November 1
Seasonal Year Round #3855

Lincoln County
SC-131791
Distance: 5km/10km

This seasonal event is operational as an OSB for most of 2026. A physical start box will ONLY be available during the South Central Regional Roundup October 28 through November 1.

Course: Chandler contains a number of attractions to devotees of "The Mother Road." These include the Route 66 Interpretive Center, the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Museum and Hall of Fame, the Lincoln County Museum of Pioneer History, several Route 66-themed murals, the newly restored old cottage-style Phillips 66 gas station, and one of the last remaining painted barns advertising Meramec Caverns, which is on Route 66 in Missouri. Trail Rating: 2A

POC: Leslie Jones 405-641-0948 leslie.jones@cox.net



Some of the walking and swim events are sanctioned for the entire weekend. Each walk is featured a certain day as listed & will have assisted registration that day. Walk-up event registration is available on site

SWIMS INFORMATION

Joplin, Missouri
October 27-31
2 Traditional Swims

Jasper County
SC-132370, 132371
Distance: 300 meters @



Location: Holiday Inn Express 3400 S. Rangeline Road
Location: The swims will be conducted at the indoor pool of the Holiday Inn Express of Joplin. Same directions as for the Joplin walk event.
Start/Finish: Swims may be done during the pool hours established by the motel. IVV Registration and waiver must be completed before swimming. IVV Credit is available @ day for a total of 10 swim events.
Course: Participants will swim or water walk and may rest at the ends of the pool but cannot leave the pool area during the swim events. Bring your own towels and appropriate swim attire.
Swimming facilities will also be available Saturday evening at the Holiday Inn Express & Suites – Midtown in Tulsa. 4680 Skelly Drive.
POC: Terri Tyler 785-817-6333



THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

Walking Events: These walking events will be map guided. Participants will be given directions with written descriptions and a map. Walk & swim events are CANCELLED if there is severe weather and/or dangerous conditions in the area. Return to the start/finish area ASAP. Event credit will be stamped into your IVV Record Books
Swims: Water walk or swim at your pace. Limited dressing facilities. Appropriate swim attire. The pool will be shared with the motel guests.
Registration: IVV Credit will be \$4.00 per event. Signing the AVA liability waiver is required of all participants. No free walkers. IVV Record Books may be purchased for \$6.00 each.
Event Comments: Be prepared for walking in fall weather with gusty winds and blowing leaves, in some open spaces, hopefully with sun.
Weather: Weather conditions can quickly change in this part of the U.S. Be aware of the county that you are in as weather warnings are issued by counties.
Disclaimer: The American Volkssport Association, Sunflower Sod Stompers, Dogwood Trailblazers, OKC Wandergruppe, Tulsa Walking Club and their officers, members, and agents shall not be liable or responsible for, and shall be saved and held harmless for and against any and all claims and damages of every kind, for injury to or death of any person or persons and for damage to or loss of property arising out of or attributable to the operators or events conducted by the AVA.



LODGING ACCOMMODATIONS

Overnight accommodations in Joplin & Tulsa are numerous. Rooms blocked for our volkssporting friends at the following establishments, & to cut down on driving distances.

October 27 - 30



Holiday Inn Express & Suites of Joplin
3400 South Rangeline Road
417-627-0400
\$124.00 plus taxes; Rate available throughout the weekend
Code: Sunflower Sod Stompers ----- Cutoff October 12
Ask for Madison if any booking difficulties



October 29 - November 1

Holiday Inn Express & Suites

Tulsa - Midtown
4680 East Skelly Drive
I-44 Exit #229 – Yale Exit
918-986-8200



\$134.00/night with taxes included Code: SSS
Room block held until October 16



FOOD -- DRINK

SOCIAL TIME



Some towns cannot handle larger groups even with numerous restaurants. Group meals have been arranged for us at the following establishments

FOOD & DRINK ON TAP
WEDNESDAY EVENING AT:
6:00 pm – Party area
3030 S. Rangeline Road in Joplin – west side of road
Menu entrees, non-alcoholic beverage, tax, and tip inclusive \$26.50



Thursday Night – 5:15pm



Pasta Bar, Salad, Breadsticks,
Drink, Tax & Tip - \$15.00
Baxter Springs - 1531 Military Avenue



BRATS & BITES

Friday in Claremore - 5:30p.m.
J.M. Davis Firearms & Historical Museum
Brats, Beer, Hot Dogs, Sides, Soda Pop
AVA 50th Anniversary Birthday Cake \$16.00 /person



HALLOWEEN NIGHT IN TULSA – 5:00P.M.



6536 EAST 50TH STREET
Entrée Choices:
8oz. Strip, Chopped Steak, Salmon
Pork Chops, or Chicken Breast w/
Soup, salad, bread, & beverage
\$45.50 INCLUSIVE TAX & TIP



Registration Form



13th Biennial South Central Regional Round Up
Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma
October 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, & November 1, 2026

Please copy this form for mail-in registration.
Use a separate sheet for each person.

Registration Information – Please print

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

Emergency contact person: _____

Phone &/or e-mail: _____



Registration Category



Roundup Package includes:

Registration Fee
IVV Credit for 10 walks
Meet & Greet
Bricktown Brewery Meal & Speaker
Brats & Bites AVA Anniversary Celebration
The Spudder

Total Roundup Package cost @ person is: \$170.00 _____

If you do not want the total Roundup Package and/or want additional items, register for the activities you wish to take part in the next section. Please indicate with a check mark on the line by that activity.

Payments must be received by OCTOBER 9

Individual Items

Tuesday Swims: IVV Credit: \$4.00@ #1_____ #2_____

Wednesday Swims: IVV Credit: \$4.00@ #1_____ #2_____

Thursday Swims: IVV Credit: \$4.00@ #1_____ #2_____

Friday Swims: IVV Credit: \$4.00@ #1_____ #2_____

Saturday Swims: IVV Credit: \$4.00@ #1_____ #2_____

IVV Credit for 10 Walks \$40.00 _____

Joplin YRE: \$4.00 _____ Carthage YRE: \$4.00 _____

Baxter Springs YRE \$4.00 _____ Riverton: \$4.00 _____

Miami: \$4.00 _____ Claremore: \$4.00 _____

Tulsa Plaza: \$4.00 _____ Tulsa Giants: \$4.00 _____

Bristow: \$4.00 _____ Chandler YRE: \$4.00 _____

Registration Fee \$12.00 _____

Meet & Greet \$15.00 _____

Bricktown Brewery \$26.50 _____

Bricks & Brews \$15.00 _____

Brats & Bites \$16.00 _____

The Spudder \$45.50 _____

Roundup Shirt: T-shirt: \$20.00 Long sleeve: \$26.00

Preferred Style: _____ Size: _____ \$ _____

XX or larger for any style, add \$3.00

Total enclosed: \$ _____

NO REFUNDS AFTER OCTOBER 16, 2026

Mail the filled-in registration form along with your check made payable to **Sunflower Sod Stompers** to the address below. Please remember to retain the brochure for event directions and information>>>

Sunflower Sod Stompers
P.O. Box 2576
Topeka, Kansas 66601-2576

Roundup Shirts

Our Roundup shirts will feature “Buffie” our buffalo with little ghost as they travel on Route 66. T-shirts & possibly long-sleeved shirts will be available, and they should be ordered with your mail-in registration prior to October 9. Some extras shirts might be available on site. Any re-orders will result in an additional cost for postage and handling!



**Name tags, merchandise will be available at the
“Meet & Greet”**

Here are some other Year Round Events that you might find interesting &/or enjoyable which are not too far away:



Fort Scott Independence Coffeyville

Lamar Pittsburg Republic

Joplin and Tulsa area walks

Greater Oklahoma City



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Glen Conyers glenconyers@sbcglobal.net 417-434-0977

E-mails are preferred

2027

**Huffin' & Puffin'
On The High Plains of
Kansas Week
Mid May**

Last 10 counties in western Kansas



The South Central sponsoring clubs of
“Halloween Clicks on Route 66”
THANK YOU for your participations!
Safe travels to wherever you travel next