

Three Days of Walking

Friday, November 7, 2025

K. Spoetzl Brewery, 603 E Brewery St., Shiner, Tx. 77984
Walks are 10k/5k Rated 1A; Start 1pm to 3pm, Finish 5pm
Shiner Brewery *Lawn Area* (Look for signs)
Y2363 SN: 128149

Saturday, November 8, 2025

Gonzales Chamber of Commerce/Visitor Center
304 Saint Louis St, Gonzales, Tx. 78629
Walks are 11k/5k Rated 1A; Start 8:00am to 10:30am;
Finish 12:30pm
SN: 130467

Sunday, November 9, 2025

Palmetto State Park, 78 Park Road 11 South, Ottine, Tx.
78629 (There is a fee to enter the State Park)
Public/Day Use Area (Follow Signs to Start)
Walks are 10k/5k Rated 1B; Start 8:00 to 10:30am
Seasonal Y3758 SN: 130523

The walk on **Friday** will start at the Shiner Brewery Lawn, and proceed over a pedestrian bridge for a visit of historic Shiner, Texas. Returning to the brewery, you will be able to purchase a tour of the brewery or some BBQ, listen to local bands and visit the new tasting room until 8:00pm.

Saturday's walk will start on the porch of the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce/Visitor Center and proceed through historic Gonzales, Texas. You will pass museums, such as the Gonzales Memorial Museum for a chance to visit, and see grand old homes.

The **Sunday** Walk will be at Palmetto State Park in Ottine, Texas. This walk is made up of two 5k loops, one mainly on trails and among the Palmettos, the other on trails and roads through the park.

The **Host Hotel** for this three-day event is the *Sleep Inn and Suites by Choice Hotels*, 2138 Water St., Gonzales, Tx. The hotel has blocked twenty-five rooms for walkers to reserve a room for Friday and/or Saturday nights. A set price rate may be had by calling **830-672-1888** (Tell them you are attending the *AVA Walking* event). Reservations must be made by two weeks before the event.

The Texas Volkssport Association (TVA) will hold a member meeting on Saturday afternoon in the host hotel's meeting room from 1:30pm to 5:00pm. All interested AVA walkers are invited to attend.

SPONSORS: The American Volkssport Association event is sponsored by the Texas Volkssport Association and the San Antonio Pathfinders, AVA 0088, TX-26 Volkssporting Clubs promoting physical fitness and fun in nature and historic settings. A coordinating effort is being provided by the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce/Visitor Center.

ELIGIBILITY/TYPE OF EVENT: Noncompetitive. Walk, jog, or run at your own pace. The purpose of Volkssporting is to encourage participation in the healthful hobby of walking and to provide opportunities to explore interesting areas, cities, neighborhoods, parks & forests. AVA events are open to all and families are encouraged to participate. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. ***All participants must sign an athletic waiver of responsibility on a registration sheet or start card.*** The event normally will be held regardless of weather conditions.

Fees: The fee for all participants is \$4.00. There is no preregistration and no refunds. AVA "New Walker" coupons are accepted and encouraged. There is a \$3.00 extra fee to enter the Palmetto State Park. There is no pre-registration for this event.

Donations: Will be most appreciated and are always welcome to help defray event expenses and promote Volkssporting in Texas.

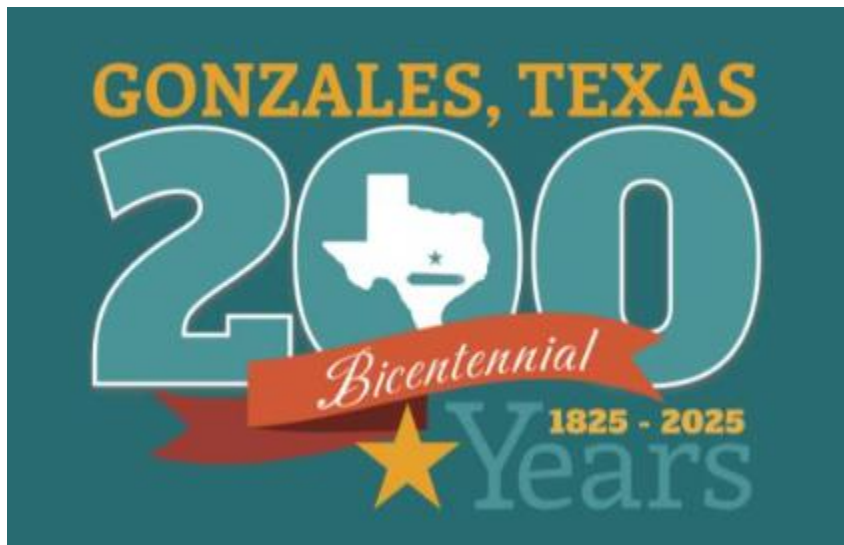
Water and Restrooms: Water and restrooms are available at the Start for each day, and at various points along some of the trails each day. Water is available at the checkpoints.

Disclaimer: The sponsors are not liable of accidents, thefts, and/or material damage. Reasonable effort has been made by the sponsors to make this a safe, enjoyable and memorable event.

Pets: Pets are welcome and must be kept leashed at all times. Pets will be allowed at these Start/Finish areas, but not in any public buildings [with the exception of service animals]. Water for the pets will be provided at the Start/Finish and checkpoints.

New Walker Information: “New Walker Packets” and record books will be available for sale and volunteers will be available to answer Volkssport questions.

Point of Contact: Mike Schwencke, San Antonio Pathfinders President at mike.schwencke@outlook.com; Phone (210) 382-0367



Texas Volkssport Association and San Antonio Pathfinders

*Invite You to Three Days of
Walking*

Gonzales, Texas

November 7 – 9, 2025



COME AND WALK IT

Art per Andy Thomas

Friday, Shiner, Texas Historic City Walk

Saturday, Gonzales, Texas City Walk

Sunday, Palmetto State Park, Ottine, Tex



Driving Directions To:

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