

SOUTH DAKOTA COUNTY WALKS 2018

Prairie Wanderers Volkssport Club

The Prairie Wanderers have sanctioned 6 walks in the Eastern South Dakota area. The walks will take place the weekend of September 14, 15 and 16 of 2018. There will be one walk in each of the following counties: Roberts, Day, Clark, Kingsbury, Hamlin and Moody.

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DESCRIPTION: Five of the walks will be in small town eastern South Dakota farming support communities. These cities were founded in the late 1880's as farming support cities. Time has taken a toll on the size of these cities. Larger farms and larger equipment require fewer people to farm the land. Three of the cities are county seats and the walk will feature the courthouse. The cities are Webster (Day County); Clark (Clark County); De Smet (Kingsbury County); Estelline (Hamlin County and Flandreau (Moody County). The sixth walk will be at Hartford Beach State Park near Corona. This walk will be the first walk of the weekend.

STIPULATIONS: The walks are open to everyone and take place unless the weather conditions are deemed unsafe.

REGISTRATION: There will be no preregistration for these events. All walkers must register at the start points and carry their start card with them. Walkers will be able to register for all six events at the first walk they are able to attend. You may walk any of the walks in any order once you have picked up your start cards. We encourage participants to try to follow the walk order established by the Prairie Wanderers if at all possible.

PARTICIPATION: People of all ages are welcome to participate. Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult. All walks will start and finish at the same location. Walkers are encouraged to carry water while on the trails. Water will be available at the start of each walk. Be prepared for all types of weather. South Dakota can be hot or cold and rainy or dry during this time of the year.

SANCTIONS: All walks are sanctioned by the AVA: Americas Walking Club. A member of the International Federation of Popular Sports (IVV).

DISCLAIMER: The sponsors will expend every reasonable effort to make this event safe and enjoyable for all participants. The Prairie Wanderers Volkssport Club and the AVA are not liable for accidents, thefts and/or material damage.

AWARDS: There will be awards for any of these events.

FEES: The fee for all walkers will be \$3.00.

LODGING INFORMATION: There will be no arrangements made with any hotels in the area due to the widespread nature of the events. Some of the cities have a motel or two (usually mom and pop). Milbank, Watertown and Brookings are located in the area and have national brand motels. If there is enough interest we will do a group dinner on Saturday evening (the 15th) in De Smet.