

FAQ about the Cookie Walk

1. Do I have to walk to collect cookies?

Yes, Illinois Trekkers is a walking club. We promote fun, fitness and friendship through walking events like this one.

2. Why do I have to pay \$3.00 just to walk?

You are not paying *just to walk*. Illinois Trekkers creates and marks a safe trail with Colorful streamers and arrows, provides resting areas, water, hot chocolate, and sanctions the walk through the American Volkssporting Association.

3. Do I have to pre-register?

If you are purchasing a “cookie bag” for collecting cookies, pre-registration is highly recommended. Cookies are limited. Pre-registration guarantees you will receive cookies.

4. Do I have to have a special “cookie bag”?

Yes, merchants will only give out a cookie to those walkers who have the special “cookie bag” made for the event. Only one cookie per bag per merchant.

5. Can I walk without collecting cookies?

You certainly can. You can have just as much fun soaking up the Christmas atmosphere by walking the streets downtown. There are plenty of activities for all.

6. How far is a 10K? Do I have to walk the whole thing?

A 10k is 6.2 miles. You may walk a 5k or a 10k. The 5k will take you through all but one of the cookie stops. The great thing about our walk is it’s noncompetitive so you may stop and rest, shop or even eat lunch during your walk! A 10k walked at a leisurely pace usually takes about two hours.

7. How do I pre-register?

You may pre-register by downloading a brochure here or from our website www.illinois-trekkers.org and sending it with a check to the address on the brochure. You may also pre-register at one of our other events in the fall (30th Anniversary “Try-athlon at Eckert’s Sept. 18, October Winery Walk Oct. 16, Way of Lights Walk at the Shrine Nov23). November 1 through November 30, you may pre-register at the Bank of Belleville, 720 W. Main St., Suite 100, Belleville.

8. Where do I start?

You can choose to start your walk anytime from 9:00am until 11:00am from the Bank of Belleville located at 720 West Main St. Suite 100. You must finish walking and return your start card to the finish table at the Bank of Belleville by 3:00pm.

9. What is a start card?

The start card is a way for the Illinois Trekkers to keep track of who is on the trail. When you stop at a checkpoint and get your card punched, we know you have reached that point safely. When you return your card to the finish table we know you have completed the trail.

10. Where does the money go when I purchase a “cookie bag”?

We are proud to say all profits from the cookie bags have been donated to the Belleville Gingerbread Committee to help promote gingerbread events.

We hope this answers most of your questions regarding the Gingerbread Cookie Walk. We look forward to seeing you on the trail!

-Illinois Trekkers-

