

You are Invited to *Walk Thru History!*

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Plans are in motion for the Biennial AVA Convention to be held **June 9–16, 2019!** The Empire State Capital Volkssporters is the hosting club for the first convention ever to be held in the northeast region of the United States. This region encompasses New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Vermont, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Maine. **The Convention itself will be held in Colonie, just outside of Albany, New York, on June 12-14, 2019** with three pre-walks, three convention walks and two post-walks. We invite you to attend!

Visitors will walk thru history from the very earliest days of European influence. The eight locations for our walks in chronological order are: Portsmouth, New Hampshire, Danvers, Massachusetts, Springfield, Massachusetts, Cohoes/Waterford, New York - Erie Canal, Saratoga National Historical Park, Albany, New York, Cooperstown, New York, and Buffalo, New York.

Besides the eight walks scheduled during the above dates, the clubs of the northeast region proudly offer over 110 YRE/SE walking and biking events. You can Volkswalk on and near mountains, by the ocean next to lighthouses, around historic sites pertaining to the American Revolution and many other periods of history, along canals, through quaint and classic towns, on ivied university campuses, in famous cities, large, medium and small (many have been revitalized since the apex and decline of their manufacturing eras). Several walks highlight or are near our National Park Service units: parks, monuments, seashores, memorials, historic sites, historical parks, scenic trails and scenic rivers. An extended stay opens many possibilities to see this beautiful corner of the United States.

Please go to www.walkescv.org and click on the link for the Convention Website for updated information. We hope you join us as we *Walk Thru History!*