

**EVENT POINT OF CONTACT:**

John McClellan, at 781.686.0660, [johnmc82@cfl.rr.com](mailto:johnmc82@cfl.rr.com)

DATE: March 3, 2018 8:30 – 11:00 a.m. Finish by 2:00 p.m.

SANCTION NO: SE / 110638

LOCATION: Quality Inns & Suites, Palatka, FL

START: Between 8:30 - 11:00. Finish by 2pm.

AVA Special Programs: Amphitheatres; Boardwalks; Bridges – Spanning the USA; Make a Wish – Water Fountains; Take a Walk in a City Park; and Walking the USA A-Z (letter P).

AVA TRAIL RATING: The 6 km trail in town is 1A, on city sidewalks and suitable for strollers / wheelchairs. The 11 km trail and 5 km option in Ravine Gardens State Park are rated 2C, with some moderate hills, stair climbing and a significant part of the route (2 miles) on difficult terrain – narrow dirt trails with ruts/roots. These trail options are not suitable for wheelchairs and only support rugged-terrain strollers.

DESCRIPTION: Wander through the historic city of Palatka on the St. John's River and visit the annual Florida Azalea Festival. View the many murals in town, as well as the spectacular grounds of Ravine Gardens State Park, a 146-acre nature area built by the CCC as a WPA project in the 1930s. The park includes more than 5,000 Azaleas that will be in bloom.

PARTICIPATION: This is a fun event for all persons. People of all ages are welcome to participate. An adult must accompany all minors on this event.

DISCLAIMER: The American Volkssport Association or its subsidiary clubs are not responsible for theft or loss of personal belongings or property.

REGISTRATION: Register between 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. and walk a 5 km (Ravine Gardens), 6 km (Town) or 11 km route (Both). The walks are at your own pace and not timed. We provide detailed walk instructions, a map, and a start number. Participants walk at their own pace, normally taking about 1 hour for 3 miles (5 kilometers) and 2-2.5 hours for 6.8 miles (11 kilometers). The completion time is prior to 2pm. Please check-in at the finish when you return to stamp your books and turn in your start card so we know you have completed the event.

COSTS: There is a \$3 fee covering administrative costs for the event and for the AVA/IVV event stamp used to sanction/record the event. An additional fee of \$2.00 is required at the Ravine Gardens entrance to walk the grounds. No refunds are provided after the start of the walk.

FOOD and WATER: Water and hard candy are available at the start point and any checkpoints. We prefer that you carry your own drinking water. Members of the Happy Wanderer may meet for lunch after the event at a local restaurant. Info at the Registration table.

AWARDS: There is no A Award this year, but we have limited stocks of the "B" Award offered for this event in 2016 - a 20 oz. aluminum water bottle that commemorates the Azalea festival. The cost is \$8.00 (Award +IVV/AVA credit).

SANCTIONED: This event is sanctioned by the American Volkssport Association (AVA), a 501c.(3) non-profit and member of the International Federation of Popular Sports (IVV).

**DIRECTIONS (for GPS Navigation):**

Quality Inns & Suites  
201 North 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Palatka, FL 32177

From the SOUTH: Take I-95 to Exit 273. Drive North on US 1 for 20 miles going through Bunnell to FL Hwy 100. Turn right onto FL Hwy 100. [OR, use I-95 Exit 284 to FL Hwy 100 directly, and drive West to Bunnell.] Continue another 24 miles on FL Hwy 100 to Rte 17, North. Continue on Rte 17 crossing the St. John's River Memorial Bridge. Turn Right immediately after crossing the bridge, the hotel is on your right.

From the NORTH, Exit 311 off I-95 to FL Hwy 207 for 20 miles to Rte 17, then as above.



Visit us on Facebook:

[www.facebook.com/HappyWanderersAVA](http://www.facebook.com/HappyWanderersAVA)

**For more information contact:**

The Happy Wanderers  
P.O. Box 290153  
Port Orange, FL 32129

President: John McClellan (386) 256-2160  
[johnmc82@cfl.rr.com](mailto:johnmc82@cfl.rr.com)

Visit our Website:  
[www.happywanderersfl.com](http://www.happywanderersfl.com)



# THE HAPPY WANDERERS

AVA-0717

*Invite you to join us for 5 km, 6 km or 11 km Volksmarches*

## Palatka, FL – Azalea Festival and Ravine Gardens State Park

**Saturday - March 3, 2018**

