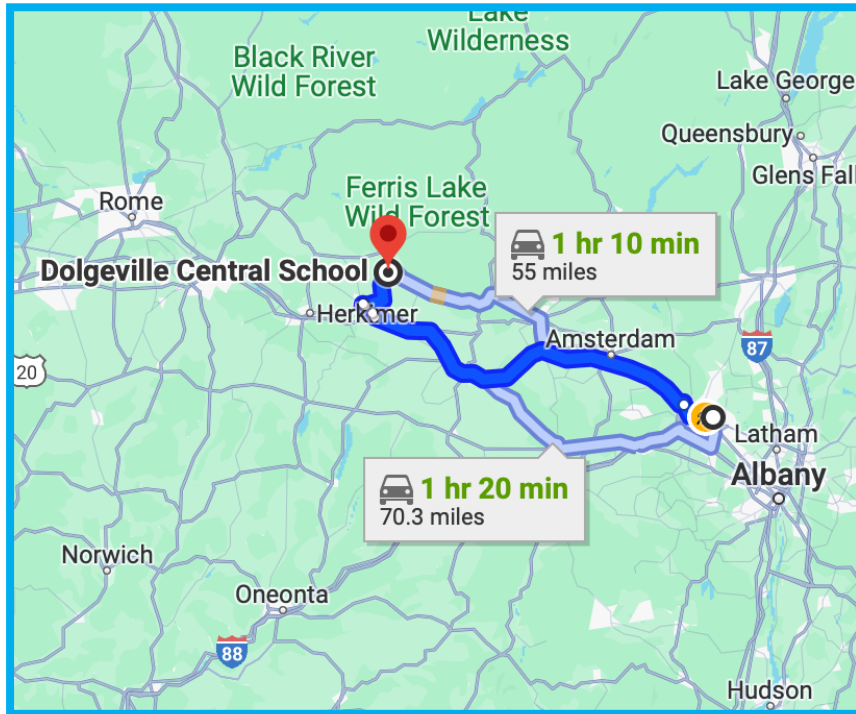


DIRECTIONS: Dolgeville Central School, Dolgeville, NY
(Address: 38 Slawson Street, Dolgeville, NY 13329)
Brockett's Bridge (entering from Rt 29 will close approximately 9:30 for the parade and will re-open following the parade.

From East or West: New York Thruway (I-90) to exit 29A Little Falls/Dolgeville.
R on Rt 5E/Rt 167 E. L on Rt 167 to Slawson St. L on Slawson St to Dolgeville Central School.



Cover photo: The National Garden Bureau has named 2024 as the Year of the African Violet. Pictured is a Daisy Zanzibar African violet plant. (National Garden Bureau via The Associated Press)



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Violet Festival

Dolgeville, New York

10K/5K Walk

June 8, 2024



Special Programs

- Par-For-The Course • Step to the Beat • Walking with America's Veterans •
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Sanctioned Event #126726

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AVA Rules and Conditions

Start/Finish: Dolgeville Central School, 38 Slawson St, Dolgeville, NY

Time: Walk registration at Start/Finish between 9 and 11:00 AM the morning of the walk. Walk should be completed, and everyone checked back in by 2:00 PM. Enjoy the Annual Violet Fest in the village of Dolgeville which will include a breakfast 7-10 at the Fire Department, a parade, local food and craft vendors, and a flower show.

Trail Rated: The 10k and 5k routes are rated 1A, along downtown streets, passing the Dolgeville Historical Society, the Graystone, Lyndon Lyon Greenhouse, and local shops.

Stipulation: This event is open to everyone. With registration for these events, the participants accept the guidelines for AVA Volkssport events and agree to observe the principles of good sportsmanship. Littering is prohibited. Dogs are allowed in the village and kept on leash at all times. Removal of dog excrement on the trail is necessary. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult and watched carefully.

Procedure: Each participant must register and sign a waiver at the "Start" table. A "Start Card" will be issued and carried for checkpoints along the route! The card must be returned to the Start/Finish table so that we know you have completed your walk, and it now becomes the property of ESCV.

Event Fees: All participants pay \$4 for this walk.

IVV Books: Event & Distance books will be available at the Start/Finish for \$6.00 each. Event and Distance Credit may be earned each time the course is completed. Participants who become new members by joining ESCV today will receive New Walker Kits containing both Event & Distance books and three free event coupons! Annual Membership is \$12 per individual or \$20 per family.

Event Disclaimer: The sponsors are not liable for accidents, thefts, and/or material damage. Every reasonable effort will be made by the sponsors to make this a safe, enjoyable and memorable event. An AVA athletic waiver must be signed by those participating in any event. A parent or guardian must sign for children under 18.

Restrooms/Water: Available along the route.

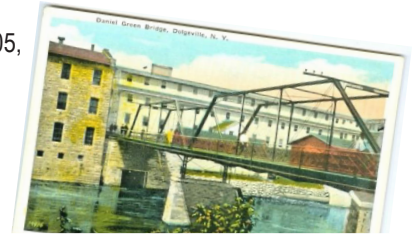
More Info: POC: Chris Yost Cell: (518) 986-6207 Email: cyost@nycap.rr.com

Event Conditions: This event will take place regardless of weather conditions except as noted in the sanction. Please check the website before traveling to the event using the URL on the bottom of the front page. Anything extraordinary will be noted there. There will be no refunds for pre-paid credit fees.

History of Dolgeville

Brief History: Dolgeville is a market town for the surrounding fertile dairy farming country and an industrial center of growing importance as well as a gateway to the Adirondack region to the north. The village was founded in 1794 by Samuel Low with the construction of two mills. A grist mill and later a saw mill were built by Captain John Favill on Ransom Creek about 1795. Soon a little settlement sprang up as other settlers moved in; with a blacksmith shop, tannery and school house.

The area was at first called "Green's Bridge" in 1805, as a settler named Green built a bridge over East Canada Creek. In 1826 the area received its first post office, with Zephi Brockett as postmaster, and the area was renamed "Brockett's Bridge" in his honor. In 1881 the citizens unanimously petitioned the authorities at Washington to change the name of the place from "Brockett's Bridge" to "Dolgeville" after Alfred Dodge because of the economic growth he promoted. Dolge built a railroad, laid out the village, built two schools, installed an electric system, a water system, sewage, a fire department, a free library, a concert hall, a gymnasium, public parks, a newspaper, and pioneered in a pension and profit sharing system for employees. Thomas Edison's first water-powered dynamo installed in Dolge's factory which largely produced parts and materials for pianos. The Daniel Green shoe company partnered with Dolge after finding that the factory's piano felt was also well-suited for slippers. Dolge's factory and social endeavors failed financially in 1899, and the Dolge Company Factory Complex became property of the Daniel Green company, the largest employer in the village until 1999, when it shuttered its operations there. The factory complex now called the Graystone is currently being used as an antique, second hand, and crafts shop and this weekend hosts the annual flower show and art shows for the Violet Festival



Violet Festival - Lyndon Lyon, who lived in Dolgeville until his death in 1999, developed about 800 hybrid varieties of African violets. Lyon's greenhouse in Dolgeville still operates and is known for violets and orchids. Dolgeville's annual Violet Festival commemorates him. The Violet Festival is a village-wide endeavor and the entire village gets into the spirit with over 75 craft and food vendors participating. You can find treasures at the garage sales and take in house decorations. The festival is also a wonderful way to support the small businesses in town, especially the Lyon Greenhouse whose famous violets are the namesake of the festival. Main Street businesses will be open with Violet Festival-themed items for sale so keep an eye out while you explore.

