MTT November 4 and 5 – ALL TEAMS - NARRATIVE

Start

Turn left onto Avenue of Champions 0.01 mi

Turn left onto Avenue of Champions 0.03 mi

Turn left onto Avenue of Champions 0.11 mi

Turn right onto Hermitage Road 0.26 mi

Turn left onto Overbrook Road 0.52 mi

Turn right onto Brook Road 1.18 mi

Turn right onto N Lombardy Street 1.36 mi

- Hovey Field is no more, making way for Willie Lanier Field at Hovey Stadium. The field's namesake is Maggie Walker Governor's School graduate Willie Lanier, a Pro and College Football Hall of Famer who won a Super Bowl with the Kansas City Chiefs.

1.43 mi

- Virginia Union University is an HBCU in Richmond, Virginia with a legacy of producing world-renowned leaders. 1.47 mi

- This is the original site of the University of Richmond 2.18 mi

Turn left onto West Main Street 2.64 mi

**- SAG W Main Street and Cherry Street 3.10 mi**

Turn right onto South Cherry Street 3.11 mi

- Hollywood Cemetery is named for all the holly trees on the property. Hollywood - Its natural and architectural beauty sets it apart from the grid-like layout of modern cemeteries and its natural beauty has earned its recognition as a registered arboretum. 3.48 mi

Turn right onto Albemarle Street 3.48 mi

Turn left onto Hollywood Avenue - entering Hollywood Cemetery 3.49 mi

Turn right onto Hollywood Avenue - first RIGHT - begin and continue following the blue line 3.60 mi

Turn slight right onto Confederate Avenue - name of street may not be marked 3.63 mi

- For those GWAR fans among us, Dave Brockie's cenotaph, or memorial stone, is to your left (if you dare the steps). He was cremated. 3.63 mi

- To your right is the Confederate Soldiers Monument. This section is dominated by the first memorial erected in Richmond to the soldiers of the “Lost Cause”. The 90 foot pyramid of Richmond granite is centerpiece where over 18,000 Confederates are buried at Hollywood. No mortar was used in the construction of this monument.

3.70 mi

- to your left is The Iron Dog. Many stories surround the cast iron Newfoundland. This dog is at the grave of a Florence Rees who died at age 2 of scarlet fever. The story goes that this girl used to pass a shop in Petersburg with her brother on her way to school each morning where the dog stood as an advertisement. When the girl died, her brother was very sad. Her parents bought the dog for her brother and kept it on their farm. As the Civil War raged on and iron was needed for cannons, her parents were afraid the Confederacy would take the dog, so they moved it in the middle of the night to Florence’s gravesite, knowing no one would remove it from there. 3.73 mi

Turn left onto Western Avenue 3.75 mi

Turn slight right - Western Avenue 3.82 mi

Turn left onto Ellis Avenue 3.88 mi

- Along with J.E.B Stuart on your right you will see the grave of Ellen Glasgow - A Pulitzer Prize winning novelist. Miss Ellen died of long-standing heart disease and though gone for two generations she remains part of Richmond lore: it is said that if one stands before her house at One West Main Street late at night, and is quiet, one can hear the sound of a manual typewriter coming from within. And crying... 3.93 mi

Head straight 4.01 mi

Turn left onto Freeman Road 4.04 mi

Turn right onto Westvale Avenue 4.06 mi

- Douglas Southall Freeman, a Richmond historian, author and journalist. 4.07 mi

Turn slight right onto Westvale Avenue 4.08 mi

Head straight 4.13 mi

Turn right onto Westvale Avenue 4.14 mi

Turn right onto Oak Avenue 4.24 mi

- to your right you will see the interesting head stone of James Millard Glave'. Injecting old places with verve has long been James Glave's signature. In the late '60s when other planners and architects were tearing down moldy old piles to make way for modernist boxes, Glave paddled in a different direction. He envisioned Shockoe Slip as a mixed-use entertainment, residential and retail district.

4.29 mi

Turn left onto Main Avenue 4.29 mi

Turn left onto Jeter Avenue 4.39 mi

Turn slight right onto Jeter Avenue 4.42 mi

Turn right onto Jeter Avenue 4.46 mi

Turn left onto Bellevue Avenue 4.56 mi

- to your left is the grave of Isabel Matthes. In 1925 at the age of 27 years, Isabel died from tuberculosis. Isabel's mother asked the Richmond Girl Scout Council for permission to use the Girl Scout trefoil on her daughter’s tombstone. She thought other Girl Scouts would like to see it, and to tell the world of Isabel’s devotion to the Girl Scout movement.

4.57 mi

Turn slight right onto Bellevue Avenue 4.61 mi

Turn left onto Bellevue Avenue 4.67 mi

Head straight onto entering Davis Circle 4.68 mi

Turn right - first exit for Davis Circle 4.70 mi

Turn left onto Waterview/Lee Avenue - James River on your Right 4.70 mi

Continue slight right onto Waterview/Lee Avenue

4.73 mi

Continue slight right onto Waterview/Lee Avenue

4.78 mi

- to your left is Lewis Ginter's Mausoleum. Ginter was a prominent businessman, financier, military officer, real estate developer, and philanthropist centered in Richmond, Virginia. A native of New York City, Ginter accumulated a considerable fortune throughout his numerous business ventures and became one of Richmond's wealthiest citizens despite his exceptionally modest demeanor.[1] While the Jefferson Hotel and Ginter Park embody some of Ginter's major urban contributions to Richmond, many of his philanthropic gifts were given anonymously to charitable organizations and individuals in need.[2] Ginter played a major role in bringing Richmond back from the ravages of the Civil War. His continued devotion to the city is captured in his famous remark, 'I am for Richmond, first and last.' 4.79 mi

- To your right - The James River is the 12th longest river in the United States that remains entirely within a single state. 4.85 mi

Turn slight right onto Waterview/Lee Avenue 4.88 mi

- President's Circle is to your left - Did you know that The President of the United States sends a wreath of red, white and blue flowers to the burial place of all deceased presidents on the anniversary of their birthday? 4.93 mi

Continue sharp right onto Waterview/Lee Avenue

5.06 mi

Continue slight right onto Waterview/Lee Avenue

5.10 mi

Turn slight right onto Westvale Avenue - Waterview becomes Westvale 5.10 mi

Turn slight right onto Westvale Avenue 5.11 mi

Continue slight right onto Westvale Avenue 5.15 mi

- To your left you will see W.W. Pool - The urban legend, which had its first known print appearance in The Commonwealth Times, alleges that the vampire escaped during the deadly Church Hill train tunnel collapse of 1925. After the collapse killed and buried several railway workers, the first fanged-creature sighting was reported near bookkeeper William Wortham Pool’s grave. Pool, who resided in Woodland Heights, died from pneumonia at the age of 80 in 1922. His initials, “W.W. Pool,” are engraved into stone; some say the letters resemble a vampire’s fangs. 5.27 mi

Continue slight right onto Westvale Avenue 5.30 mi

Turn right onto Westvale Avenue 5.33 mi

Turn right onto Hollywood Avenue 5.37 mi

Turn left onto Hollywood Avenue 5.40 mi

- Interesting Facts Original Prices for Grave Diggers was $4.00 for Adults/ $2.00 for children - there is still room, if you dare! 5.49 mi

Turn right onto Albemarle Street 5.51 mi

Turn left onto South Laurel Street 5.58 mi

- Monroe Park - Purchased by Richmond's Committee on Public Squares in 1851, this 7.5-acre parcel west of downtown became the city's first municipal park and is named for President James Monroe. The site was used as fairgrounds and, later, as a Civil War encampment. 5.97 mi

Turn left onto Cathedral Place - run through VCU campus connecting with Park Avenue 6.07 mi

- VCU Compass - do not use this compass for directions as it does not indicate true north.

6.16 mi

**- SAG at Park Avenue and Linden Street 6.23 mi**

Continue slight right onto Park Avenue 6.49 mi

Continue slight right onto Park Avenue 6.75 mi

Continue slight right onto Park Avenue 7.46 mi

Turn right onto North Arthur Ashe Boulevard 7.49 mi

- The Diamond was built in 1985. From 1985 to 2008, it was the home of the Richmond Braves, the Triple-A minor league baseball affiliate of the Atlanta Braves. 8.35 mi

Turn right onto Avenue of Champions 8.36 mi

End 8.50 mi

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