# $\mathcal{A}$ **CONFIDENTIAL 1.0 HARRIET'S** HANDBOOK **1000WALKS TO LIBERATE** YOURSELF **+SAVE** THE LIVES **OF THE** WOMEN **YOU LOVE**

**POWERED BY GIRLTREK** 

### CARING FOR MYSELF IS NOT SELF-INDULGENCE; IT IS SELF-PRESERVATION. AND THAT IS AN ACT OF POLITICAL WARFARE

### Audre Lorde

GirlTrek is the largest health movement for Black women in America. Co-Founded by two college friends - Morgan Dixon and Vanessa Garrison - our mission is to rally one million Black women to establish a life-saving habit of daily walking as a tribute to those who walked before us and as a radical act of self care. You are invited to join us.

### THE TUBMAN DOCTRINE

Harriet Tubman was the baddest freedom fighter our country has ever seen and her life inspired a 4-step doctrine that we live by:

Save your own life first: Start now; Walk in the direction of your healthiest, most fulfilled life today and everyday. Never ask for permission for that.

When you learn the way, come back for a sister: Harriet rescued her family first. Then friends. Then neighbors. Can you get 10 women walk with you? S=Check the "We Win" Section for details.

Rally your allies. Ask for help. Ask the women who you love and trust to hold you accountable to this plan to walk for better health. We need co-conspirators in the healing and total liberation of our people.

**Find joy.** Harriet Tubman lived to be 91 years old because she lived life on her terms! Read all about her life story in this handbook.

### WHY WE WALK:

Walking is the single most powerful thing a woman can do to improve her health. That matters because today - right now - Black women are dying younger and at higher rates than any other group of women from preventable chronic disease. Today 137 Black women are projected to die from heart disease alone. That's more than gun violence, cigarette smoking and HIV/AIDS combined and no one is talking about it! Well, we are! Beyond talking, we are walking for our lives! All across America, we walk to for total healing, to slow down in this crazy world, to meditate, pray, rejoice, worship and connect. We walk and talk to solve problems together - an army of freedom fighters - to honor the women who walked before us. This is our tradition.

### **RULES OF THE GAME:**

GirlTrek is totally free. You can share this book with all the sisters you love. A walk at GirlTrek is at least 30 minutes in sneakers. It should be intentional. We ask that you only check off one walk from this handbook per day. If you complete 5 walks on this list, you earn your free team shirt! 20 walks, a pair of golden shoelaces. 100 walks? You're inducted into Harriet's Hall of Fame and receive a medal of honor. Full details in "We Win" Section

#### NUMBER OF WALKS COMPLETED:

\*Auto-Calculates only if using electronic checkmarks in PDF)

### "WE LOVE BECAUSE IT'S THE ONLY TRUE ADVENTURE." - NIKKI G.

### **EVERYDAY WALKS**

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PICTURED: Poet Nikki Giovanni, 1973

I walked:

	to run erranus
at dawn	to the ATM
to watch a sunrise	across town
to listen to birds	to grab breakfast
because I set my alarm early	to pick up lunch
to school	to carry-out dinner
to work	to grab dessert
during a break	to eat out
as a "walking meeting"	after a home-cooked meal
with a co-worker	to drop the kids off
to focus my mind	to pick up kids
from work	to walk a dog
to watch a sunset	to prune my garden
to the post office	to mow my lawn
to the grocery store	to pick up litter
to window shop	to your favorite playlist
to actually shop	to listen to a podcast

to clear my mind to take a break because I've been sitting to get some fresh air in supportive sneakers because the sun is shining to a neighborhood event instead of watching TV instead of sleeping in instead of working overtime to process bad news to celebrate good news before a hard conversation after a hard conversation to express love to call someone special to slow my life down

### "THE TRIUMPH CAN'T BE HAD WITHOUT THE STRUGGLE." - WILMA RUDOLPH

# **FITNESS WALKS**

I walked:

To the end of the block
Around the block
Around the block 2x
Around the block 3x
Around the block 4x
1 mile or 4x around a track
1 mile at your own pace
1 mile in 20 mins or less
1 mile in 19 mins or less
1 mile in 18 mins or less
1 mile in 17 mins or less
1 mile in 16 mins or less
1 mile in 15 mins or less
1 mile in 14 mins or less
1 mile in 13 mins or less
1 mile in 12 mins or less
1 mile in 11 mins or less

2 miles in 40 mins or less
2 miles in 38 mins or less
2 miles in 36 mins or less
2 miles in 34 mins or less
2 miles in 32 mins or less
2 miles in 30 mins or less
3 miles in 60 mins or less
3 miles in 57 mins or less
3 miles in 54 mins or less
3 miles in 51 mins or less
3 miles in 48 mins or less
3.1 miles, that's a 5K!
4 miles in 1 hour 20 mins
4 miles in 1 hour 16 mins
4 miles in 1 hour 12 mins
4 miles in 1 hour 8 mins
4 miles in 1 hour 4 mins

4 miles in 1 hour 6.2 miles, that's a 10K! 7 miles at your own pace 8 miles at your own pace 9 miles at your own pace 10 miles at your own pace 5 miles in a steep climb 6 miles in a steep climb 7 miles in a steep climb 7-mile climb with altitude 7-mile hike with altitude at stressprotest.co

Wilma Rudolph winning 100meter dash in 1960 Olympics



### "IF YOU WANT TO BE FLY YOU GOT TO GIVE UP THE SHIT THAT WEIGHS YOU DOWN." - TONI MORRISON

### EMOTIONAL HEALING WALKS

I walked because I feel ...

	relieved	curious	alarmed	regretful	annoyed
joyful	hopeful	eager	shocked	uncertain	irritated
cheerful	pleased	grateful	panicked	disappointed	frustrated
content	confident	amazed	afraid	self-conscious	resentful
appreciated	brave	exhilarated	horrified	ashamed	envious
proud	comfortable	absorbed	helpless	embarrassed	angry
satisfied	safe	stunned	powerless	humiliated	outraged
excited	caring	confused	suspicious	disgraced	hostile
amused	compassionate	disoriented	overwhelmed	inferior	bitter
elated	loving	dismayed	uncomfortable	neglected	hateful
enthusiastic	tenderness	fearful	guilty	rejected	scornful
ecstatic	attracted	anxious	hurt	defeated	vengeful
optimistic	aroused	nervous	lonely	bored	disliked
happy	lusty	worried	melancholy	restless	alone
delighted	infatuated	scared	depressed	grief-stricken	weary
calm	concerned	insecure	hopeless	awkward	indifferent
relaxed	delighted	rejected	sad	grumpy	numb

#### PICTURED: Pearl Primus



## SPIRITUAL WALKS

I walked ...

to count my blessings
to tell someone thank you
to tell God thank you
to rejoice
to worship
in silence
to listen to nature
to pray for inspiration
to pray for health
to pray for strength
to pray for my elders
to pray for my siblings
to pray for my children
to pray for my friends
to pray for my community
to pray for schools

to pray for service workers
to pray for politicians
to pray for the sick
to pray for the poor
to pray for the shut-in
to pray for GirlTrek's mission
to pray for Black people
to pray for America
to pray for the world
in support of prayertrek.org
listening to a sermon
listening to praise music
listening to a guided mediation
listening to a walking meditation
listening to an inspiring podcast
listening to a "yaaas!" playlist
to sit by a lake or pond

along a river or ocean to lay in the grass to watch a sunrise to watch a sunset under a starry sky to listen to children play to listen to an elder's advice to cry or release to a yoga class to journal and complimented someone and smiled at someone and witnessed to someone and prayed for someone to connect with an old friend to connect with a new friend to connect with myself

PICTURED:

Unknown, Gullah Low Country, South, Carloina

### I AM NO LONGER ACCEPTING THE THINGS I CANNOT CHANGE. I AM CHANGING THE THINGS I CANNOT ACCEPT." - ANGELA DAVIS

# **ACTIVISM WALKS**

#### PICTURED:

October 1970, New York Women's House of Detention,

### I walked ...

to vote
to register others to vote
to a protest
to boycott
in a picket line
to demand justice
to honor heroes
to serve my community
to stage a sit-in
to knock on doors
to a community meeting
to a school board meeting
to a city council meeting
to a town hall
to a PTA meeting
with a neighborhood watch
to a CPR class

	to pick up litter
	to a local business
	to a Black-owned business
	to beautify the neighbor
	for social change
	because no justice, no peace
	to stop gun violence
	to march for Black lives
	to march for women's rights
	for economic justice
	for HIV/AIDs awareness
	against white supremacy
	for LBGTQ rights
	for immigrant rights
	to stop police brutality
	to increase pay
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to end human trafficking

to end domestic violence
to feed the homeless
to broker peace
to support a local charity
to support research
with my US congress member
with my governor
with my state representative
with my mayor
with a local rep
with a school board member
with a school principal
with a religious leader
through a poor community
through a high-crime community
to mail a letter to a legislator
to run for office

"SERVICE IS THE RENT THAT YOU PAY FOR ROOM ON THIS EARTH." - SHIRLEY CHISHOLM

### **ORGANIZER WALKS**

PICTURED: Shirley Chisholm on the campaign trail

I walked ....

rep'n with GirlTrek gear	with 2-3 friends	with sisters to a historic site
with a friend	with 2-3 friends	with sisters, somewhere exciting
with a neighbor	with 2-3 friends	on a self-guided tour with my team
with a classmate	to host a public walk at GirlTrek.org	on a guided tour with my team
with a co-worker	to host a public walk at GirlTrek.org	in a charity race with my team
with a member of my church	to host a public walk at GirlTrek.org	on a vacation with my friends
with my sister	to host a public walk at GirlTrek.org	to a concert with my friends
with my soror	to host a public walk at GirlTrek.org	at the StressProtest.com with friends
with someone new to GirlTrek	to host a public walk at GirlTrek.org	at Summer of Selma with friends
with someone new to GirlTrek	to host a public walk at GirlTrek.org	when someone is grieving
with someone new to GirlTrek	to host a public walk at GirlTrek.org	to celebrate someone on my team
with someone new to GirlTrek	to host a public walk at GirlTrek.org	to share a team picture #GirlTrek
with someone new to GirlTrek	to host a public walk at GirlTrek.org	to show our joy jump #GirlTrek
with someone new to GirlTrek	at a parade with my team	to show our victory bridge #GirlTrek
with someone new to GirlTrek	with sisters on a day trip	to visit another team
with 2-3 friends	with sisters at a festival	to visit the national office
with 2-3 friends	with sisters on a beautiful trail	to celebrate when a million walk



### FUN IN THE SUN WALKS

### I walked ....

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	wearing cute lipstick
	in a new pair of sneakers
	to have drinks with friends
	to a concert
	to dinner with friends
	to discuss a book
	to see a movie
	during girls' night out
	to a theme park
	to homecoming
	to an art gallery
	to a tour of homes
	to jazz on the lawn
	to fly kites
	to a food festival
	to a music festival
	to a paint party

to celebrate a birthday	to
to a bridal shower	to
to a museum	in
to a vineyard for wine-tasting	in
walk to happy hour, uber back	а
walk to karaoke, uber back	in
after cooking a healthy meal	to
group walk with our dogs	to
to a movie screening	to
to celebrate a new job	to
to celebrate a promotion	to
to get margaritas after zumba	to
around my college campus	fc
to a haunted house	to
while on a road trip	to
to a pumpkin patch	0
to a apple orchard	to

PICTURED: The Three Degrees music group

o a berry farm o get ice cream n a superhero cape n a bright tutu cross a famous bridge n your best exercise outfit o a vintage shop o a play o fly kites o the Essence Festival o AfroPunk o Roots Picnic or a walking tour o a photo shoot with friends o get a tattoo or piercing n vacation o turn up

### "EACH PERSON MUST LIVE THEIR LIFE AS A MODEL FOR OTHERS." - ROSA PARKS

PHOTO: Andre D. Wagner for The New York Times

### MENTORING WALKS

I walked with a girl in my life ...

to break from homework	to a street fair	to learn something
to listen to her	to hear about her dreams	to learn more about her
to listen to her, again	to talk about college	to help with a college apps
to talk birds and bees	on a historic tour	to the bank to open an acct
to tell her she's awesome	to a music store	to volunteer together
to pick up litter	to watch the sunset	to take a swim lesson
to take her to lunch	to a book store	during a camping trip
to open her savings account	to try something new	to journal together
to walk in her first 5K	to a hot air balloon festival	to ask about her friendships
to show her a beautiful trail	to a college fair	to talk about our bodies
to teach her to hopscotch	to help her apply for a job	to ride rollercoasters
to organize a kickball game	to talk about dating	to get a manicure
to teach her to double-dutch	to a thrift store	to visit a museum
wearing funny socks	to play mini-golf	to visit an art gallery
to talk about self esteem	bring her to work and walk	to the zoo
to talk about a big news story	to offer career guidance	to get ice cream
to a botanical garden	to visit a college campus	to remind her that you love her

Requirement: Before walking with any minor, her parent must sign a GirlTrek liability waiver. Waivers available at GirlTrek.org



### "LET ME WEAR THE DAY WELL SO WHEN IT REACHES YOU, Y IT." - SONIA SANCHEZ YOU

### **#JOYBRIGADE WALKS**

**PICTURED:** Austin Archives

### I walked and performed a random act of kindness...

to mail a "thinking of you" card	to visit someone who lives alone	to mail a letter to someone
to donate a favorite possession	to take supplies to the homeless	to buy a movie tix for a stranger
to smile and wave at 10 people	to help an elder	to pay for a stranger's mani
to pay for the coffee a stranger	to leave a nice note on a car	to insert \$ into random parking
to feed random parking meters	to call an estranged relative	to deliver a gift card
to buy a lottery tix & give it away	to donate blood or marrow	to give a stranger a compliment
to return all shopping carts	to rake a neighbor's yard	to volunteer anywhere
to deliver baked cookies	to welcome a new neighbor	to help at a farm
wearing a "free hugs" sign	to surprise someone with a gift	to read to kids at the library
to walk dogs at a shelter	to deliver supplies to a shelter	to water a neighbor's plants
to visit a retirement home	to donate books, crayons, toys	to leave loving stickies on mirrors
to help the homeless	to take treats to a fire station	to make a love note video to post
to tell your kids "I love you"	to bring flowers to a teacher	to plant flowers
to deliver flowers	to visit on an elderly neighbor	to leave a generous tip
to rake a neighbor's yard	to run errands for someone sick	to deliver flowers
to plant flowers or a tree	to donate clothes	to say thank you
to babysit for free	to donate items to a foster home	to hug a friend



### "WE ARE EACH OTHER'S HARVEST." - GWENDOLYN BROOKS

# FAMILY WALKS

PICTURED: Unknown, Vintage

I walked ...

after a family dinner at a family reunion in my hometown on family land with a child in my family with an elder in my family with my sister with my brother with my mother with my father with my aunt with my uncle with my grandmother with my grandfather with my godparent with my godchild with a visiting family member

after a graduation after a funeral during a pregnancy after a wedding at a family BBQ after worship service on Mother's Day on Father's Day on Siblings' Day on Grandparents' Day after Easter dinner to see 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks after Thanksgiving dinner after Christmas dinner to see holiday lights during Kwanzaa to visit a college

to a school performance to a parent-teacher conference to chaperone at a school dance to a civil rights museum to a historic landmark along a beach at a theme park at a zoo to a class/lecture to talk about family business because "family drama" to say I'm sorry to say I forgive you to get/renew our passports on family vacation in another country with three generations



# SELF-CARE WALKS

PICTURED: Vintage Friends, Unknown

I walked ....

to reclaim my time
to get a manicure
to get a pedicure
to the beauty salon
to the lash bar
to get acupuncture
to get a massage
to get a smoothie
to grab a salad
to take myself on a date
to see a movie
to have a picnic
to my fav playlist
to lose weight
to unplug
to blow bubbles
to fly a kite

to sit and do nothing
before I get my hair done
after the big chop
to my annual pap smear
to celebrate celibacy
without my phone
away from gossip
to get a book from the library
to balance my energy level
to act like a tourist in my city
to meet a friend for coffee
to walk to my therapist
to walk to group therapy
to go to church
to hear music
to cope with loss
because I feel beautiful

to ease my stress to relieve my cramps to talk to a friend to clear my head to go to a paint-n-sip to sit in the grass to see a funny movie and laugh to visit a friend to get over a breakup when I have trouble sleeping to remember I'm worthy to listen to poetry to have a mini-vacation to avoid my kids to be alone to buy something nice to sing my favorite playlist

### "LOVE IS OR IT AIN'T. THIN LOVE AIN'T LOVE AT ALL." - TONI MORRISON

### LOVE-Y DOVE-Y WALKS

### I walked ...

	on a blind date
$\square$	with your sweetheart
	it's Valentine's Day
	to a movie
	to dinner
	to see a local band
	to a historical site
	on vacation
	to a painting class
	to take a dance class
	to a fundraising event
	to a murder/mystery place
	to an antique store
	visit an amusement park
	to go pub crawling
	to watch a parade
	to a food festival

PICTURED: Love at a Chicago football game by Wayne Miller

to the other side of town	to watch a basketball game
to watch the sunset	to watch a baseball game
on the beach	to buy lingerie
to skinny dip	to a vineyard for wine tasting
to rent kayaks or canoes	to play mini-golf
to a lighthouse	to check out a museum
to go to the theater	to check out an art gallery
to meet friends for a date	to get dessert
to a quaint bookstore	to a comedy club
to a flea market	to a game night
to visit a planetarium	to smooch
to bowl	to volunteer
to sing karaoke	to an open mic
to the fair or yard sale	to see live music
to an arcade	to people watch
to a cooking class	to picnic in the park
to watch a football game	to build a bonfire



"THEY SEEMED TO BE STARING AT THE DARK, BUT THEIR EYES WERE WATCHING GOD." - ZORA NEALE HURSTON

### PHOTO ADVENTURE WALKS

I walked to take a picture of...

the highest point
the oldest home
the oldest tree
the biggest lake
the largest farmers market
the prettiest flower
a dopest bird
most colorful graffiti
the oldest bridge
an animal in the wild
the oldest building
the tallest statue
most serene park
best decorated house
the biggest race
the best view
most gorgeous street

most beautiful garden
freshest produce
longest beach
best view of the cityscape
tallest waterfall
most beautiful trail
darkest cave
oldest cemetery
liveliest festival
oldest street
best street name
most haunted house
biggest dog
littlest dog
farm animal
bird of prey

coolest cloud animal

Photo by Dawoud Bey in Harlem

- best dressed woman best dressed man best dive bar freshest seafood oldest church Black history site a women's history site the biggest fair the sleepiest river a bird's nest a beehive a fruit tree a fragrant bloom a fisherman a street dancer a street performer
  - a black girl adventurer (smile!)

"MAY YOU KISS THE WIND THEN TURN FROM IT CERTAIN THAT IT WILL LOVE YOU BACK" - LUCILLE CLIFTON

# NATURE WALKS

I walked ...

on a sunny day on a cloudy day on a hot day on a cool day in the mist in the rain at sunrise at sunset in the snow to a waterfall to a scenic overlook on a trail in a forest in a desert to a dune to a cavern in a jungle

along a river
by a lake
on a beach
to collect seashells
to see fall foliage
to pick berries
to pick pumpkins
at an apple orchard
at a vineyard
to see a rainbow
under a night sky
to bird watch
at a high elevation
at a nature preserve
at a botanical garden
to a neighborhood park
to a city park

PICTURED: Black Summer Camp Nizhoni. Rocky Mts, Colorado





### "WE ARE THE ONES WE HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR."- JUNE JORDAN

# **BLACK HISTORY WALKS**

### I walked ....

to Tubman's home in Auburn, NY
across Pettus Bridge in Selma, AL
on Buffalo Soldiers Trail in CA
to lookout at Harpers Ferry, MD
in Maafa Walk in New Orleans, LA
on Zora Neale Hurston's Birthday (1/7)
on Bessie Coleman's Birthday (1/26)
on Rosa Park's Birthday (2/4)
on Audre Lorde's Birthday (2/18)
on Barbara Jordan's birthday (2/21)
on Marian Anderson's Birthday (2/27)
on Augusta Savage's Birthday (2/29)
to remember the Selma march (3/7)
on Harriet Tubman Mem. Day (3/10)
on Dorothy Height's birthday (3/24)
on Maya Angelou's Birthday (4/4)
on Ella Fitzgerald's Birthday (4/25)

Pictured: Elizabeth Eckford Integrating Little Rock HS

on Coretta Scott King's birthday (4/27)	
on Septima Clark's Birthday (5/3)	
on Phillis Wheatley's birthday (5/8)	
on Josephine Baker's Birthday (6/3)	
on Gwendolyn Brooks' Birthday (6/7)	
on Wilma Rudolph's Birthday (6/23)	
on Mary Mcl. Bethune's Birthday (7/10)	
on Ida B. Wells' Birthday (7/16)	
on Althea Gibson's birthday (8/25)	
on Fannie Lou Hamer's Birthday (10/6)	
on Daisy Bates' Birthday (11/11)	
on Sojourner Truth's Mem. Day (11/26)	
on Shirley Chisholm's Birthday (11/30)	
on Ella Baker's Birthday (12/13)	
on Mme CJ Walker's Birthday (12/23)	
to a stop on the Underground Railroad	5
to a Black-owned restaurant	ر

to a Black-owned business listening to a Black podcast to an Alvin Ailey show on DST Founder's Day on AKA Founder's Day on SGRho Founder's Day on Zetas Founder's Day at Mardi Gras in New Orleans to a Black Rodeo to a Historically Black College Black history walking tour ee full list of beautiful sites to tour at: ISA Today: Visit 50 Places for Black History Month



### "THE DREAM IS REAL, MY FRIENDS. THE FAILURE TO MAKE IT WORK IS THE UNREALITY." - TONI CADE BAMBARA

### BUCKET LIST WALKS

#### PICTURED:

Louis Armstrong seranades his wife Lucille at the Sphinx, 1961

Check one per day. Today I walked:

to Elmina Slave Castle in Ghana
along the Great Wall of China
to Machu Pichu in Peru.
winetasting in Napa Valley
to hike the red rocks of Sedona
to farm-to-table dining Maine
to the ancient city of Petra
to view the Grand Canyon
to see Horseshoe Bend in Utah
to see Delicate Arch in Utah
to tour the Taj Mahal in India
to see Cherry Blossoms in Japan
for the Northern Lights
to wander the streets of Paris
to island hop in Greece
to swim in the Lake Atitlan to
to visit the Salt Lakes of Bolivia

to visit Mont St-Michel in France
to the Kentucky Bourbon Trail
with Rwandan mountain gorillas
to see the pyramids of Egypt
to climb Table Mountain
to see Iguazu Falls in Brazil
the Festival of Lights in Thailand
for NYE in Rio de Janiero
for the museums of Mexico City
to hike Half Dome in Yosemite
for sunrise at Tikal in Guatemala
during Carnival in Trinidad
to the deserts of Morocco
through history in Savannah
to the volcanos of St. Lucia
with sea turtles in Hawaii
to the nightlife of Berlin

to museums of New York City to explore the reef in Belize to Cumberland Island in Georgia get your groove back in Jamaica on a cultural tour of Cuba to the cathedrals of Ethiopia to the beaches of the Maldives to the culture of Zanzibar to a Broadway show in NYC to the National Mall in D.C. to see Niagara Falls to the Statue of Liberty in NJ to swim in a Bioluminescent Bay across the Golden Gate Bridge across the Brooklyn Bridge through Central Park in NYC across America, Road Trip!

"IN ORDER TO RISEFROM ITS OWN ASHES A PHOENIX FIRST MUST BURN." - OCTAVIA BUTLER

### **CROSS-TRAING "REMIX" WALKS**

Check one per day. 30 minutes of walking is equal to the following activities:

19 minutes of swimming
20 minutes of yoga
17 minutes of running
44 minutes of archery
28 minutes of ashtanga yoga
18 minutes of modern dance
17 minutes of skiing
26 minutes of dodgeball
47 minutes of hopscotch
29 minutes of softball
118 minutes of cooking
28 minutes of line dancing
21 minutes of Zumba
25 minutes of Pilates
51 minutes of frisbee
15 minutes rock climbing
21 minutes tennis

	37 minutes bicycling		45 minutes of volleyball
	16 minutes martial arts		61 minutes of billiards
	45 minutes of roller skating		38 minutes of old-school tag
	34 minutes of basketball		45 minutes of weight lifting
	13 minutes of handball		15 minutes of full-out dancing
	28 minutes of tap dancing		75 minutes kickball
	55 minutes of praise dancing		32 minutes of skateboarding
	26 minutes of serious gardening		14 minutes of running
	18 minutes of hip hop dance		47 minutes of club dancing
	20 minutes of step aerobics		56 minutes of hatha yoga
	21 minutes of kick boxing		25 minutes of snorkeling
	100 pushups with breaks		21 minutes of backpacking
	37 minutes of water aerobics		19 minutes of uphill hiking
	59 minutes of hairstyling		21 minutes of scuba diving
	22 minutes of spin class		15 minutes of rugby
	30 minutes of kayaking		14 minutes of boxing
	136 mins of kissing & hugging	$\square$	48 minutes of floating

Pictured: Vintage Atlantic City

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"TO THE LEFT, TO THE LEFT, EVERYTHING YOU OWN IN THE BOX TO THE LEFT." - BEYONCE

### **#GETFREE TREKS**

I'm getting free from bad habits. ! I walked 30 minutes INSTEAD of ....

instead of drinking a soda	instead of weighing myself	instead of emotional shopping
instead of working overtime	instead of Facebook stalking	instead eating sugar
instead of sleeping in	instead of using my credit card	instead drinking sugary juice
instead of drinking alcohol	instead of yelling at my kids	instead of watching porn
instead of online shopping	instead of eating meat	instead of snacking
instead of gossiping	instead of swearing	instead of interrupting someone
instead of smoking a cigarette	instead of blaming others	instead of picking my pimples
instead of eating fried food	instead of binge eating	instead of trolling online
instead of eating carbs	instead of binge Netflix	instead of bragging
instead of complaining	instead of sitting all day	instead of being late
instead of calling that fool back	instead of staying up late	instead of gambling
instead of taking verbal abuse	instead of being negative	instead of finishing other's sentences
instead of unprotected sex	instead of eating gluten	instead of bullying
instead of eating fast food	instead of checking my phone	instead of judging others
instead of drinking coffee	instead of looking at IG	instead of smoking weed
instead of watching TV	instead of looking at Twitter	instead of eating candy
instead of eating sweets	instead of looking at Snap Chat	instead of giving up



"TURN THAT UP! THAT'S MY JAM! - BLACK GIRL PROVERB

# **CELEBRATION TREKS**

I walked ...

🔲 it's my birthday	to celebrate a retirement	I walked 365 days straight
it's my friend's birthday	someone started a business	I started a trek team
I finished a big project	I paid my bills	GirlTrek gear came in the mail
I reached my fitness goal	I am officially debt-free	for my wedding anniversary
it's a good hair day	I bought a house	for my 1 year trekiversary
I received great news	🗌 I bought a car	to celebrate an engagement
I got a promotion	I booked a vacation	to celebrate a marriage
I got a raise	I paid off a credit card	to celebrate a pregnancy
I quit that stank job	I raised my credit score	it's Labor Day
because I got a new job	I paid off a student loan	🔲 it's Cinco De Mayo
my team just won	I did something that scared me	🔲 it's May Day
l'm in love	I did something new	🔲 it's Halloween
I'm single again	I made a great new friend	🔲 it's Memorial Day
I passed my test	it's my first week trekking	it's Independence Day
I look cute today	it's my first month trekking	to celebrate the Solstice!
We got an acceptance letter	I've been trekking for 6 months	TGIF!
to celebrate a graduation	I walked 100 days straight	🔲 it's Superhero Saturday!

### "I AM DRIPPING MELANIN AND HONEY. I AM BLACK WITHOUT APOLOGY." - UPILE CHISALA

### FREESTYLE WALKS

PICTURED: Title

Choose your own adventure! Repeat your favorite walks from the handbook or make up your very own!!!

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"WE ARE NOT A WORKOUT GROUP. WE ARE AN ARMY OF WOMEN WHO ARE SICK AND TIRED OF BEING SICK AND TIRED." - VANESSA GARRISON

# **GIRLTREK WALKS**

PICTURED: Co-Founders Vanessa and Morgan with organizers in Los Angeles.

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at the StessProtest.com (Aug)
in the 9-Day PrayerTrek.org (Oct)
at a GirlTrek Pop-Up Party (All year)
to lead a GirlTrek "Family 5K"(Nov)
at The Summer of Selma (May 2019)
in GirlTrek gear
on Superhero Saturday

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# Ways to Succeed, Shine and Save Your Own Life!!

You are officially a member of this movement and we want to recognize all of the sweat equity that you put into building it. We love you! We are cheering for you and want to see you win!

### A WARRIOR WEEK: 5 walks in 7 days

Can you walk 5 days in a week? As soon as you complete your first "Warrior Week" of walking, submit a "Claim the Victory" at GirlTrek.org and we'll mail you a free team Shirt!!! Welcome to the movement!!!! Congratulations! You're on your way sister!!! (One shirt per woman; While supplies last)

### 2 A NORTH STAR MONTH: 20 walks in 30 days

If you complete 20 walks in one month, that's called, "A North Star Month." Claim your victory after your first North Star month, and we'll send you a pair of golden shoelaces. You earned it!. ...and don't stop there; keep going! Each North Star Month you achieve, you will be eligible to win a spot to the annual #StressProtest. There are 10 drawings each year! So be sure to claim the victory each month! For women who are victorious every single month of the season (February to November), you are everything!!!! You will be entered into a drawing for a flight to Africa for a Motherland Trek. So don't forget to claim the victory the first Friday of each month!

### HARRIET'S HALL OF FAME: 100 walks in 6 months

Harriet's first escape from bondage to freedom was in 1849. She walked alone. 100 long miles. Rather than tracking miles, we want you to take 100 long walks in her honor. When you succeed, let us know and you will be entered into Harriet's Hall of Fame. The list of inductees will live permanently on GirlTrek's website and every member will receive a Hall of Fame Medal of Honor.

### THE ULTIMATE TREK! 300 Walks in a year

Listen, you want to go hard!? We got you! Complete The Ultimate Trek by walking 300 days out of 365 in a year and you will receive a world traveler kit: A GirlTrek backpack and all-season jacket (not sold in stores)

### ...4 ways to be "The Harriet" of your Community!

YOU are who we've been waiting for! YOU are the next Harriet, the next Fannie, the next Ida B! Organize your friends! There's no right or wrong way to do it. Here are some #inspo to get you started:

- JUMPSTART: Get 10 women to start walking. If they finish 5 walks, THEY earn a free team shirts and YOU earn a shout out in our newsletter!
- **MAINTAIN: Inspire 10 women to keep going.** If they finish 20 walks THEY earn golden shoelaces and YOU earn a cool pair of superhero socks
- **SUCCEED: Help 10 women save their lives!** If they complete 100 walks THEY get a Harriet Hall of Fame Medal and YOU EARN free registration to Summer of Selma Festival in 2019
- **Faith-Based Opportunity:** Help 10 women from your church complete the 9-day PrayerTrek (Oct 1-9) and YOU get a free set of Foremother Fans; The church with the most walkers wins the national trophy.

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### How to Use Harriet's Handbook

How many walks have you taken since the start date below? That's all you need to track. That's it! Simple. From that information, you can claim all types of victories!

**Tracking by Hand**: The easiest way to use Harriet's Handbook is to print a copy and keep it on your desk. Below is a box for you to tally your walks as you go. You can check off your daily walk on the page listed AND put one tally mark on this page to keep track of your total walks. When you get to your fifth tally mark slash through the prior four. This will help you track your progress toward the big goals!

**Electronic Tracking:** If you're fancy, save a copy of this PDF to your desktop or mobile desktop and use the form to mark each checkbox after you complete each walk. If you use this option, your total number of walks will automatically be calculated - like magic - for you on page 2.

We believe in the honor code. You don't have to use a fitness tracker or mobile app to count your walks, we trust you! If you do use devices like FitBits or free mobile apps like MapMyWalk, the only information we need is the number of daily walks you've completed. I

After 5 walks, 20 walks, 100 walks, 300 walks don't forget to CLAIM THE VICTORY at GirlTrek.org for your shine!.

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### SOCIAL MEDIA SHOUT OUTS

Help us spread the good news of this mission by using #GirlTrek everywhere! Use #GirlTrek to submit photos and testimonies to our weekly contest. Every Friday, we will honor women with the best photos and testimonies. Your stories are an important part of your service and we LOVE seeing your sun-lit faces and "GirlTrek Glow" in "sweaty selfies", action shots, joy jumps, team photos, nature photos, vacation photos, family photos and photos with celebrities and important members of our community!

### THE GIRLTREK PLEDGE

I am \_\_\_\_\_, daughter of \_\_\_\_\_\_ NAME: your first name , daughter of \_\_\_\_\_\_, AME: your mama ...trust us, it's part of the healing \_\_\_\_\_\_ daughter of \_\_\_\_\_\_, daughter of \_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and -because I am\_\_\_\_\_. With GirlTrek, I pledge to walk 30 minutes a day/5 days a week for total healing OR on Saturday mornings in solidarity for those walking for their lives! I will dedicate my walks to NAME: daughter, friend, family member, hero - living or passed This year, I will show OUT by completing walks on this list to win PRIZE: Check out the bomb list of free stuff!! and stunt on them fools! When I do I will reward myself by I REWARD: #treatyourself! What will you do? vacation? shopping spree? know it's a lot, but I'm worth it! Ya'll need to go ahead and cue IListen, when I smash that goal, I'm a be like, "how you like me now" to at least one hater by text, email, phone lol ... or just in my head. #prayerlist. Seriously, I want to be a #sisterskeeper and tell my friends like \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_, what I'm doing. Maybe I will inspire a lot of people by using #GirlTrek on my testimonials and photos! Picture it now! One million Black women walking to get free and stomp down Babylon! For total liberation, time for ourselves, sunshine, sisterhood, fun. We're worth it! Black women are so dang \_\_\_\_! We're just like a \_\_\_\_\_ because we're so very \_\_\_\_! Look for us on the streets! From the frontlines, ERHERO NAME: Allierative nickname, i.e Magnetic Mo, Vicious V, J-Boogie,

### TOP 5 FAQs

#### **1. HOW DO I FIND OTHER WOMEN TO WALK WITH?**

If you are looking for cool, new friends to walk with in your area, there are a few options to get you connected. Check GirlTrek.org for local walks on GirlTrek's National Map. If you don't see a local walk in your neighborhood, create one and post it for others! You never know, you may be a lifeline for other sisters in need. You can also find the "Connect with Your City" page which lists social media pages by city. Lastly, if you see a trekker on the street - wearing GirlTrek gear - go talk to her! We guarantee, she's friendly!

#### 2. HOW DO I WALK TO LOSE WEIGHT?

Many of us are walking for our lives! If you are walking to loss the extra weight you-ve been carrying, we hear you! We're a quick cheat sheet of information: A pound of body fat contains about 3,500 calories. To lose a pound you must burn more or eat fewer calories. We know, it's basic but stay with us! When we trek hard at The GirlTrek Pace (1 mile in 15 minutes) ,most of our members burn 350 calories per 30-minute walk. That means you lose 1 pound every 10 walks or every two weeks. That means if you start walking 5 days per week, 30 minutes per day - and everything else in your life stays the same - you will lose 26 pounds this year. If you couple your walking with eating, and commit to eating 500 fewer calories per day - that's an order of medium fries and a soda , for reference - you will lose an additional 1 pound per week. Together, a 30-minute brisk walk and eating 500 fewer calories daily can result in as much as 75lbs of weight loss per year. We've seen it happen. It takes a committed heart, an accountability system (tell someone you trust what you're doing) and a fundamental belief that you're worth it. Watch "23.5 Hours" on YouTube for more info

#### 3. CAN I WALK ON A TREADMILL?

If you would like to walk with other woman in your area, there are a few options to get you connected. Check GirlTrek.org for local walks on GirlTrek's National Map. If you don't see a local walk in your neighborhood, create one and post it for others! You never know, you may be a lifeline for other sisters in need. You can also find the "Connect with Your City" page which lists social media pages by city. Lastly, if you see a trekker on the street - wearing GirlTrek gear - go talk to her! We guarantee, she's friendly!

#### 4. HOW DO I START A TEAM?

So glad you asked!! You never need permission at GirlTrek to start organizing walking with your friends and family. Our website has an easy to use map feature that will walk you through putting a walk on our national map. During this process you will be prompted to watch a 5-minute organizer training video. It's very important, don't skip this step! We also recommend that new organizers, contact our Director of Organizing, Carla Harris (Carla@GirlTrek.org) so that she can provide tips and tricks for safe organizing and help to answer any questions you may have. This handbook is designed to help you succeed. Forward it to all of the members on your team to use at her own pace. Many of the walking prompts, include group walking activities. Celebrate each team members success as she reaches benchmarks! That easy!

#### 4. WHERE DO I FIND HELP?

We are here to help you succeed. GirlTrke is a small and mighty team of Black women who work full time in Washington, DC to make this experience wonderful for you. You can reach us at 855-GRL-TREK or info@girltrek.org. We've provide many resources for you on our website at GirlTrek.org including a field guide, organizer kits, the logo, permission slips for minors, sample flyers and presentations, anything you can think of! We'll be watching your success at #GirlTrek! See you at the finish line!!

### CLIFFNOTES: #1 STUNNA IN AMERICAN HISTORY!!! HARRIET ARAMINTA TUBMAN Survise 1820 - Sunset March 10, 1913

Harriet Tubman's grandmother was rumored to be from The Ashanti Tribe of warriors - so you already know. As a child, Harriet survived the measles while hauling muskrat traps through frozen swamps. While she was ill, she was beaten for not doing daily chores. As a teenager, she stood up for a stranger, a Black man who was seeking freedom, and was struck in the head. This happened in front of a general store that still stands today near the old Brodess Plantation in Bucktown, MD. Because of the trauma to the head in that act of resistance, she experienced blackouts for the rest of her life. Some say these black outs where epilepsy. She said they were prophetic dreams, opportunities to hear directly from God. As an adult, she married a free man named John Tubman. She eventually left his ass because he was too afraid - or comfortable in his own freedom - to pursue freedom for his wife, so she left his ass. Sometimes...you have to leave the ones you love to get the life you deserve. This is the good part of the story, - liberation. She freed herself, ...by herself! She attempted to leave with her two brothers the first time, but they were reluctant. One had a new born baby he was leaving behind. #respect. So Harriet walked alone! She walked herslf to freedom from the Eastern shore of Maryland, across the border state of Delaware into Pennsylvania. She worked in a hotel in Cape May for a minute, thinking of a master plan.



Harriet was an organizing genius - she inspired, cajoled, threatened (clack-clack), whatever she had to do to get not-yet-woke Black people - many who were free, hardworking longshoremen and down white people to act as co-conspirators. In a letter to her, Frederick Douglass said, "I know of no one who has willingly encountered more perils and hardships to serve our enslaved people than you have." She made 19 trips and rescued 300 people that we know of - and that's just ON the record, 'cause you know! Her living family shares that their oral history tells a different story - it was an underground, secret mission after all. In leading a freedom movement, she inspired a white man named John Brown to sacrifice his life in an uprising at Harper's Ferry. It changed the consciousness of his people and hurried the Civil War. In that war, she was the first woman in US History to command a military operation.

After the war, she married a younger man - we see you Harriet - and she adopted a daughter. She was the first Black woman in the state of New York to buy a house - illegally, because #gangsta. She started her own business caring for the elderly #socent and planted apple trees on her property that still bear fruit today. Harriet Araminta Tubman lived to be 92 years old. She lived a mighty life and is laid to rest in Auburn, NY. As our foremother and national hero, we walk in her footsteps.

### Calendar + Glossary

#### PLAN YOUR YEAR

This handbook will be supported by on-theground opportunities to connect and serve. Here are a few to plan for:

#### **#Road to Selma National Tour**

Various Dates 2018-2019, 50-Stops

Join us for a local training or pop-up party in a city near you. Go to GirlTrek.org to check the full schedule.

#### #StressProtest, Estes Park, CO

Labor Day Weekend, August 31-Sep 3, 2018 Join us for an affordable, once-in-a-lifetime mountain wellness retreat. Register at StressProtest.com

#### 9-Day #PrayerTrek, Nationwide

#### October 1-9, 2018

Compete largest walking challenge for churches in AMerica. It is a fun, Spirit-filled 9-day competition to walk, pray and do acts of service. The church with the most walks win a national trophy!

#### Family 5Ks, Nationwide! On Your Block!

Thanksgiving Weekend, November 22-24, 2018 We have an annual tradition of planning our own 5K races with our family after the big family dinner. GirlTrek provides team shirts, bibs, everything you need, You provide your leadership and family!

#### **Rest Your Body & Mind**

Off-Season. December 1, 2018 - January 15, 2019 We believe in self-care so we take an intentional break from organizing to rest. The national offices are closed during this break.

#### Summer of Selma, Selma, Alabama

Memorial Day Weekend, May 23-27, 2019 This will be the biggest festival and epic distance walk in GirlTrek history! You don't want to miss it!

#### **GLOSSARY OF TERMS**

**GirlTrek**: (n) A nonprofit organization one a mission to inspire one million Black women to walk to save their own lives

**Trek** (*n*): To walk for 30 minutes out of your front door to save your own life! You can trek alone or with friends.

**Joy Jump** (*n*): The action sisters take to celebrate the end of a walk! The woman who jumps the highest wins street credit! lol

**Superhero Saturday** (*n*.): The sacrad day of the week that we walk for or lives or walk in solidarity for those on their own deeply personal mission.

**Superhero Blue** (*n*): The bright color we wear so that everyone sees our service! It's the color of all GirlTrek gear because we are the heroes we've been waiting for! It's how we spot another GirlTrekker in the streets!

**Victory Bridge** (*n*): It's how we end every walk. The forst two finishers join hands and lift arms into an arch. The third and forth trekkers run underneath and build the bridge and that continues until the last sister finishes. We never leave a sister behing

**The Trek Code** (*n*): All new leaders must follow these common agreements. Download the Field Guide at GirlTrek.org to learn all of the Trek Code

**The GirlTrek Season**: (*n*) We walk for 10 months, from February 1 through November 30th each year; We go on a self-care sabbatical for 6 weeks Dec 1-Jan 15.

### *My* Name + Victory Dates

### THIS HANDBOOK IS THE PROPERTY OF: \_\_\_\_\_

START DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ 1ST NORTH STAR MONTH ACHIEVED \_\_\_\_\_\_. TEAM STARTED: \_\_\_\_\_

HARRIET HALL OF FAME ACHIEVED: 1ST WARRIOR WEEK ACHIEVED \_\_\_\_\_\_ THE ULTIMATE TREK ACHIEVED: \_\_\_\_\_\_

### THE GIRLTREK MANIFESTO

At this rate, we will not survive. Raise up! GirlTrek is an army of healthy Black women and girls who fight for our lives.

### We believe that self-care is a revolutionary act.

We believe that walking 30 minutes a day is a bare minimum. Its a practice of love, a daily discipline and health tradition. We walk for healing, for joy, for fresh air and quiet time. For celebration, mood-busting endorphins and sun rays. We sweat our perms out and hustle hard. We walk to connect, to talk, to download with and lift up our sisters. We walk to worship. Everyday we set off on urban adventures and far off treks to magical, wild places! Walking helps us keep it moving. A shared agreement. A journey. Everyday, we lace up and open the door to a life full of possibilities. It's time to do the work! I we can't claim 30 minutes of our lives for ourselves, all is lost. We believe that the time is now and the situation is urgent. We have to walk faster than the grim reaper - diabetes, stroke and heart attack. All of the things that keep snatching our mamas.

### GirlTrek is real stories of real women making real change.

Their testimonies are more powerful than doom and gloom statistics. Even still, we know that Black women need a compelling reason - bigger than skinny jeans and trends - for collective action. Our daughters are that reason. We want o be living, breathing examples of what health and joy look like. GirlTrek believes that there is a hero in every household. Our 30 minutes of self-care is a teachable moment, a practical example for how girls can build healthy lifestyles. Walking for us is a cultural tradition.

### Our history sustains us.

We lean on what has worked in the past. It deeply roots this movement. If Harriet Tubman could walk her way to freedom, then we can walk our way to healthier lives. If the women in the Montgomery Bus Boycotts could walk to demand equal rights, we can walk to reclaim the streets of our neighborhoods. And if thousands could walk, protest and stand firm for freedom and justice, then we MUST continue that legacy for our lives. We've come too far. We believe in sisterhood and support to get us there.

### We believe every sister needs a sister.

The Bible says, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, theorem I in the midst of them." There is power in our ranks. We believe that the same God that spoke to Sojourner, protected Ida B and animated Fannie lives in us. We believe that there is something divinely powerful in every Black woman. We're not on this journey to save the world but to save ourselves. But the influence of a vital person vitalizes. So we will hold up the light - and share what's working - to inspire our sisters across the globe from the tea fields of Cambodia to the camps of The Congo and sweeping lands of First Nations everywhere.

There is an army rising up. 1 million strong by 2020.