

A Cillion Cats Charch August 12, 2017

PARTICIPANT TIPS AND ROUTE MAP

Sun Safety

Summertime can bring us elevated warm weather conditions! Here are some tips for this:

- Wear light-colored clothing and breathable fabrics.
- Wear sunglasses that protect against both UVA and UVB rays.
- Use sunscreen with a high SPF.

Hydrate

We cannot stress enough that hydration is extremely important, especially in warm summer conditions.

Drink plenty of liquids before, during, and after a walk. Here are suggested guidelines for staying hydrated:

- 4 hours or less prior to the walk: Drink 1–2 cups of fluid (250-500 mL)
- 2 hours or less prior to the walk: Drink $\frac{1}{2}$ –1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups (125–375 mL) of fluid if you have not produced any urine or only a small amount of bright yellow urine.
- During the walk, keep fluids with you to drink along the way.
- Drink enough to replace water lost through sweat.
- Drink more fluids immediately after the walk.
 - o If you drank enough during the walk, let your thirst guide you through the rest of the day.

<u>Water</u> is typically the best choice for drinking before, during and after the walk. Liquids such as milk, chocolate milk, 100% (unsweetened) fruit juice, and sports drinks can be included.

<u>Avoid carbonated soft drinks</u>, <u>regular (e.g., sweetened) fruit juice</u>, fruit drinks, <u>lemonade</u>, and <u>energy drinks that contain a lot of sugar or caffeine</u>, as they may cause stomach upset and discomfort while walking.

Nourish

Prior to arriving at the Million Cat March, be sure to have a small, balanced meal.

- Have a small meal <u>1–3 hours before the walk</u>. Suggestion:
 - A serving of oatmeal with nuts
 - A slice of toast with peanut butter
 - Fresh Fruit
- Have an easily digested snack <u>30–90 minutes before</u> the walk. Suggestion:
 - A banana
 - Half a bagel or an English muffin
 - Yogurt

Pay attention to what works best for you!

Try different foods at different times to see what works best for you.

Route Map



