

Rhino Walk North America 1991

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Michael with a supporter on his European walk.

After his successful walks in East Africa and Europe, Michael is embarking on a series of walks in North America between April and September 1991. We know all Society members will be anxious not only to make generous donations but also to attend some of the events taking place in their home States.

Michael Werikhe will be on the road once again, this time in the United States of America. After three successful walks in Africa and Europe, the Goldman Foundation in the USA awarded Michael their first award ever for his conservation efforts. Michael decided it was time to take his crusade to the American people and plans are at an advanced stage for his American walk.

The walk is being organised by a committee in Nairobi, the American Association of Zoological Parks and Aquariums and the Discovery Channel, a fast growing television network with 52,000,000 subscribers in the USA.

The walk will start on April 13, 1991 and end on September 7, 1991 in Washington DC. It will cover over 30 cities in the USA and Canada and will involve a combination of walking and flying between points. The total distance to be covered on foot is approximately 1600 miles.

Although the walk officially ends on September 7, Zoo directors are very keen to walk with Michael and have organised a mini walk to take place in San Deigo between September 14 and 17 during the AAZPA Annual Convention.

Highlights of the walk will include:

April 13 – Busch Gardens in Florida where the walk will officially start.

May 9 – 11 – An International Symposium on the Biology and Conservation of the Rhino to be held in San Deigo and to be officially opened by Michael.

June 1 – National Conservation Day which will be celebrated at New York Zoological Society.

July 22 – Michael will attend a National Audubon Conference in Estes Park, Colorado and visit the Yellowstone National Park.

June 5 – World Environment Day. Michael will be in Toronto, Canada for the celebrations.

More information on the walk can be obtained from:

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Walk Routes and Dates

(Alphabetically arranged according to States)

States	Dates	Place
California	April 24 – May 11 June 25 – July 2 September 14 – 17	Los Angeles-San Diego (Rhino Conference) Vallejo-Muir Woods-San Francisco San Diego-AAZPA Convention
Canada	June 3 – 8	Niagara Falls-Toronto
Colorado	July 16 – 23	Colorado Springs-Denver-Estes Park
Florida	April 13 – 21	Tampa (Walk begins) Orlando-Miami and Everglades
Georgia	August 18 – 21	Atlanta
Illinois	June 15 – 17	Chicago
Indiana	July 28 – 29	Indianapolis
Kansas	June 18 – 24	Topeka-Kansas City
Louisiana	August 15 – 17	New Orleans
Maryland	August 31 – September 3	Baltimore
Massachusetts	August 22 – 24	Boston
Missouri	July 26 – 27	St Louis
New York	May 29 – June 2	New York City
Ohio	August 3 – 14	Cincinnati-Kings Island-Columbus
Oklahoma	May 19 – 28	Tulsa-Oklahoma City
Oregon	July 13 – 15	Portland
Pennsylvania	August 25 – 27	Philadelphia
Texas	May 13 – 14	Fort Worth-Dallas
Washington	June 29 – July 2	Seattle-Tacoma
Washington DC	September 7 – 13	Washington DC (end of Walk)
Wisconsin	June 9 – 10	Milwaukee