

She walks for peace

"People are good," said the lady who claims to have walked 25,000 miles as part of her 23-year pilgrimage for peace.

Peace Pilgrim, as she calls herself, has walked throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico, speaking to religious groups as she travels and virtually putting herself at the mercy of people.

"I walk until I find shelter, fast until I find food, and without ever asking, it has been given," Peace claimed. "I also never take money for speaking to groups."

Peace, who said she's never missed more than three consecutive meals, began her walk in 1953, counting highway markers as she went until she reached 25,000. Clad in mended blue canvas shoes and slacks, Peace carries all her possessions in a navy blue tunic emblazoned with her name on the front and "25,000 Miles on Foot For Peace" on the back. Now traveling on what she calls her "Sixth Pilgrimage Route" around the United States, Peace, who goes by no other name, said walking has enabled her to inspire people to find personal peace. "I have received many letters from people who have found inner peace after talking to me," Peace claimed. Peace said her two-fold formula for finding inner peace is through "living God's laws and finding and fitting into your job in the divine plan."

Peace said she believes inner peace in individuals is an important step toward world peace and believes peace has been awakened in the world.



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