



Little Canada Walk 5 & 10 km

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Walk is on sidewalks and trails through Pioneer, Spooner, and Gervais Mill parks, St John's Cemetery (Minnesota's 2nd oldest), and the Waterworks Right of Way Trail.

EVENT TYPE: Year-Round Walk

DATES: From, Jan 1st to Dec 31st 2026

TIMES: Dawn to Dusk

DISTANCE: 1A 5k &10k

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COUNTY: Ramsey County

SPECIAL PR: Centurion Achievement Challenge; IVV-Americas; Par-For-The-Course; Walking the United States - States; Walking the USA, A - Z

AWARD: IVV CREDIT ONLY

IMPORTANT EVENT INFORMATION: Fee parking and restrooms are available at the start point and along the trail

Restrooms: Yes, Pets: Yes, Strollers: Easy, Wheelchairs: Easy

START POINT AND DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Pioneer Park, 2950 Centerville Rd, Little Canada MN 55117. Take I-35E to Little Canada Rd exit #112. Exit #112 is between I-694 and Hwy 36. Go east on Little Canada Rd and take an immediate left on Centerville Rd. Pioneer Park is 4/10 mile on the right.

COMMENTS: French-Canadian Benjamin Gervais (1792-1896) was one of the founders of Saint Paul MN. He donated land for the chapel of Saint Paul which then became the name for the new city. He later moved to the present Little Canada and built the first independent grist mill in Minnesota. Along the walk route you can see one of his millstones on display at Gervais Mill Park as well as his gravesite at St John's cemetery. The cemetery, established in 1852, is Minnesota's second oldest. The settlement that followed Gervais grew to become the city of Little Canada.

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1. From the trail intersection between the parking lot and buildings, walk between the soccer and ball fields
2. **Circle** the park clockwise to the tennis courts
3. **Left** on the trail between the tennis courts and the playground
4. **Left** on sidewalk along Centerville Rd crossing Labore and Eli Roads
5. **Left** at the Y onto the asphalt trail into Spooner Park
6. **Take the First Left**
7. After passing the picnic shelter, tennis courts, and second parking lot all on your left, turn **Left** at the T
8. **Straight** on the trail crossing Noel Dr (unmarked street with water tower on the right) and enter Gervais Mill Park

The Gervais Mill millstone is along the sidewalk to your right near the parking lot

9. **Keep to the left** around the park and **Left** onto the unpaved trail just before the pond
10. **Continue** on the trail to and through the parking lot to the paved trail always keeping the ponds on your right
11. Pass the pier on your right and turn **Right** at the T

5km keep to the right across the bridge to the next trail intersection. Keep Left to cross Noel Dr and return on the same trail you entered the park on. Make no turns on this trail until you reach

Centerville Rd. Then turn right to return to the start point.

10 km Continued:

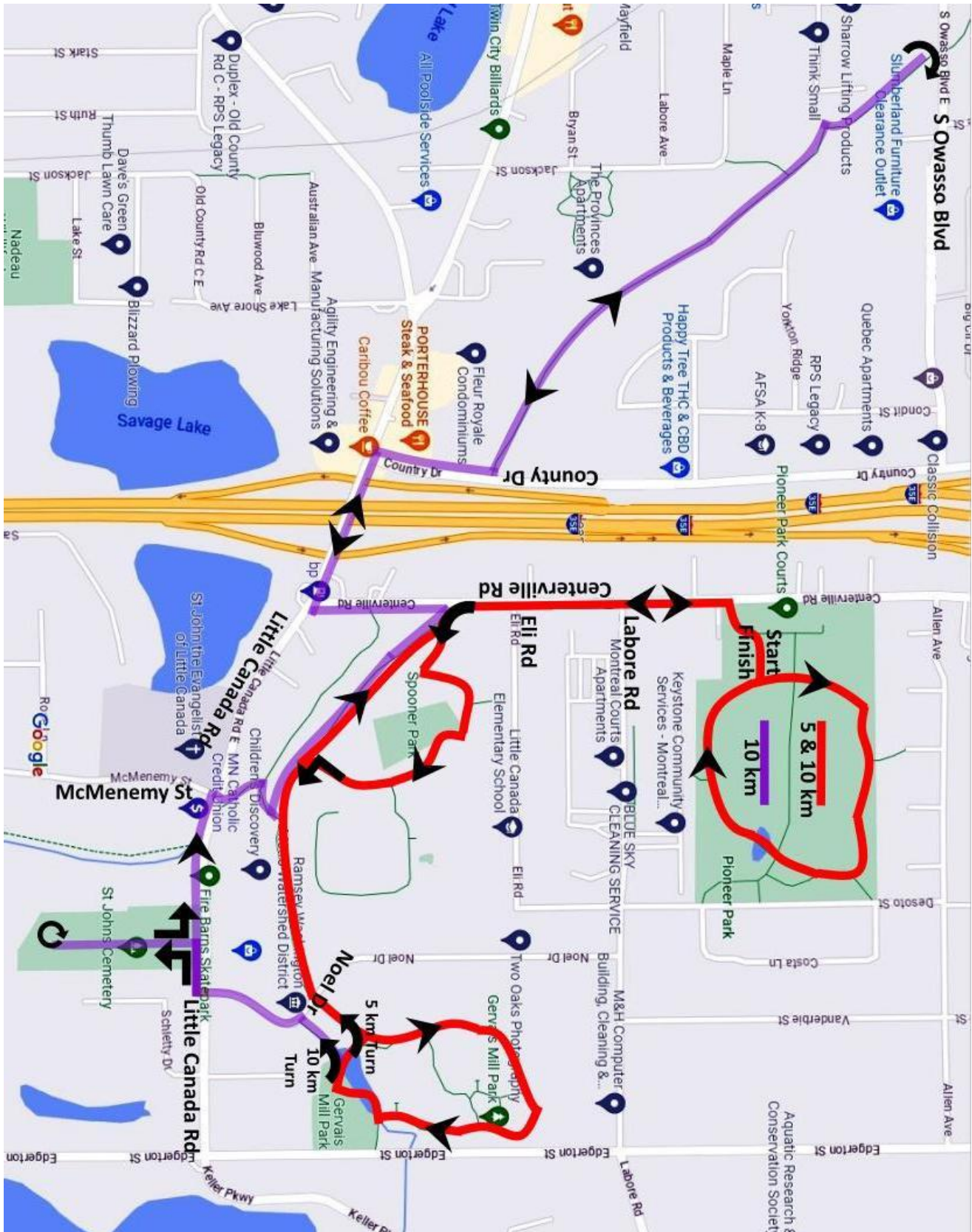
12. **Left** at the Y to reach and cross Noel Dr to the crosswalk at Little Canada Rd
13. **Cross** Little Canada Rd and turn **Right**
14. **Left** into St Johns Cemetery following path to the end and returning to Little Canada Rd
15. **Left** on sidewalk with Little Canada Rd on your right to McMenemy St
16. **Cross** Little Canada Rd at the crosswalk and onto the trail via the entrance to the right of the fence
17. **Left** at the T to Centerville Rd
18. **Left** on Centerville Rd
19. **Right** at Little Canada Rd crossing the freeway and Country Dr
20. **Right** on sidewalk with Country Dr on your right
21. **Left** onto trail through water utility pipeline corridor to the road (S Owasso Blvd E)
22. **Turn around** and return to Country Dr
23. **Right** to Little Canada Rd
24. **Left** crossing Country Dr and the freeway
25. **Cross** Centerville Rd and turn **Left** returning to the start point



In case of Emergency: Dial 911
Event related assistance:
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