



ILLINOIS TREKKERS

SPRINGFIELD, IL

11K CAPITAL WALK

Carpenter Street Hotel
525 N 6th St.
Springfield, IL 62702
39.807N, -89.648W

Driving Direction:

From north

Take I-55 to Springfield, IL. Use Exit 98 (SR36/72 west). Follow through to 6th Street. Turn right on 6th Street. For hotel reservations call: 1-(888) 779-9100.

From South

Take I-55 to Springfield, IL. Use Exit 92 to downtown and stay on 6th Street to the hotel.

Reminder: The gates to Oak Ridge Cemetery closes at 8 pm Apr 1 – Aug 31 & 5:30 pm Sept 1 – Mar 31.
(Location of Lincoln's tomb)

Parking: Please, park in the back of the hotel's parking lot if you do not plan to stay there

Pets: Pets are not allowed on the North Loop but are allowed on the South Loop. Please pick up after your pets.

Restrooms: Restrooms in hotel lobby. Please thank them for allowing us to use them as a starting point.

Trail Rating: 1A. Flat as a pancake. All on streets, sidewalks, and paved paths.

Walk: The North Loop goes to Lincoln's tomb and back, suggest doing this loop first.

The South Loop goes past the capital, Dana House, through the national park, Lincoln's law office, Lincoln's Library & Museum, Old Capital, plus other points of interest. There are numerous places to eat/drink/snack on this loop.

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North Loop = Par For The Course
Step to the Beat
South Loop: = Walking with America's Veterans
Town Halls/City Halls


Walk Registration:

If you have this information, you have already registered using AVA Online Start Box. DO NOT SIGN-IN USING THE Physical Start Box. The POC does not provide event directions or accept alternate payment methods.

Walk Completion and Walk Credit:

Once you have physically completed the walk, please log in to your Online Start Box account click on the "My Start Box" tab, then the "Finish Table" tab, then click on "Go to Finish Table" button for the event you have completed. Use the displayed entry form to submit the date and distance of your walk as well as select applicable AVA Special Programs to generate stamped "virtual" insert cards that you may choose to print out.

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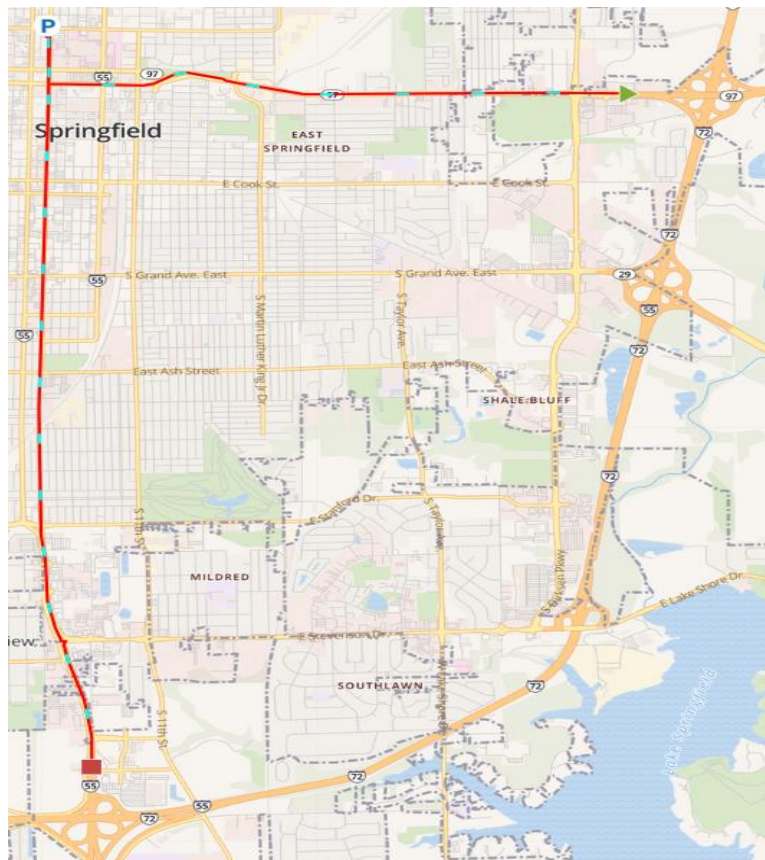
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Start Location



Driving Map



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Points of Interest in Springfield

There is a lot to do and see in Springfield. It all depends on your interest and the amount of time you have to spend here. I will point out some, but please, check out the city's website and/or stop in to one of the tourist centers.

WALK:

If only doing 5/6K, I recommend doing the South Loop. Then drive to the cemetery to see Lincoln's Tomb. If doing 11K in the morning I recommend doing the North Loop first. Lunch on the South Loop.

TOURS:

Lincoln's Tomb – 30 minutes to 1 hour

Lincoln's home at the National Park – 1 to 3 hours

Dana Thomas House – 1 hour

Capital Building – 1 hour.

Lincoln's Museum – 1 to 3 hours

Lincoln's Library is more for research, so it is not recommended.

Lincoln's Ghost Tour – 2 hours in the evening when available, starts at the old capital. (My favorite).

Illinois State Military Museum – 1-hour, small hidden gem with everything clearly labeled upstairs.

FOOD:

There are a bunch of places to eat in the downtown area and many more within easy driving distance depending on your taste, but I will point out a few I like.

I like local "hole-in-the wall" places. Which, to me, means good food for a reasonable price.

Our favorite for lunch is the Feed Store which is on the south side of the OLD capital building.

Soup and sandwiches (Half block off walk)

Saputo's - Good Italian Restaurant. (On our walk)

Café Moxo – Good lunch stop (Half block off walk)

Maid Rite Sandwich Shop - Claims to be the first drive-thru in U.S. and makes its own root beer. A Route 66 stop. (6 blocks off walk route) Burgers not highly recommended.

Route 66 must stop is on the south side of town. Cozy Dog Drive-In. It is like a Route 66 museum inside.

Cozy hot dogs and burgers (On sixth street driving south out of town before I-55)

HOTELS:

Carpenter Street HotelClean, reasonable priced and nice, walking distance to downtown.

Walk binder is located here.


State House Inn.....Clean, reasonable priced and nice, walking distance to downtown.

Wyndham Springfield City Centre....More the chrome and glass but still walking distance to downtown.

After these, there are about every motel/hotel chain within easy driving distance.

Free parking can be a bit of a hassle downtown, in some locations.

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5K LINCOLN WALK (NORTH LOOP)

Note: Cemetery hours are from 7AM to 8PM Apr 1 – Aug 31 & 7AM to 5:30PM Sept 1 – Mar 31.

1. Exit to the **left** from the Carpenter Street Hotel.
You will be walking on E. Carpenter Street.
2. **Right** on N. 5th St.
Edwards Place on the left. Mary Todd lived there while Lincoln courted her. Now it is a museum.
3. **Left** on North Grand Ave.
Special Event: Step to the Beat
4. **Right** on N. Monument Ave going to the cemetery.
5. After entering the cemetery, you will walk towards the Abraham Lincoln Monument.
6. Use the **middle road at the multi-fork.**
7. Turn **right** on the path, it is a short distance in front of you, which loops around to the front of monument.

(Touch Lincoln's nose for good luck. This is your turn-around point.)

(If the tomb is open, you may choose to tour the tomb)

Lincoln was buried three times. Take the evening Lincoln ghost Tour for more info. Starts at the old Capital.

(If a rest room is needed, continue on sidewalk to parking lot)

8. To continue the walk, **retrace your steps** back to the entrance gate.
9. **Continue** through the gate and **continue** retracing your steps on Monument Avenue to North Grand Avenue.
10. **Left** on North Grand Avenue (after crossing street).
11. **Right** on N. 2nd St. (After crossing Street)
Special Event: Par for the Course
12. **Left** on E. Carpenter Street to the hotel (start/finish). (After crossing Street)

Hope you enjoy this 5K. Thanks for walking!!!!


Check out our website for more walks in the Greater St. Louis Area - illinois-trekkers.org

NOTE: To achieve a 11K walk, one will need to walk both loops.
To achieve 22K complete both loops twice.

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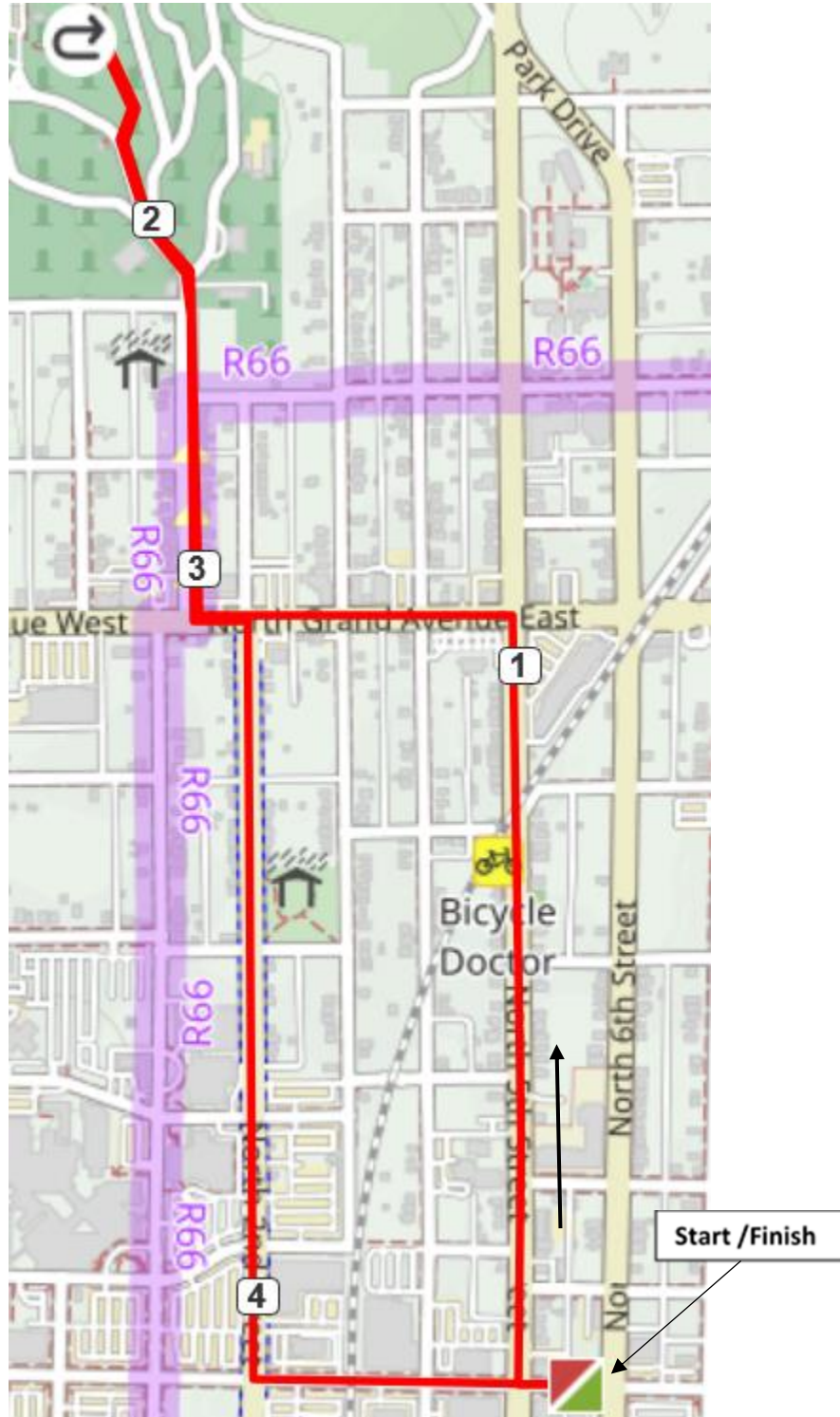
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North Loop Map



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6K HISTORIC WALK (SOUTH LOOP)

1. Exit **left** from the Carpenter Street Hotel.
You will be walking on E. Carpenter Street.
 2. **Left** on 5th St.
*Lincoln's first law office just before E. Washington St.
Lincoln's last law office location just after E. Washington St.*
 3. **Right** on E. Monroe St.
***Special Event:** Walking with America's Veterans
Across Street from State Capital.*
 4. **Left** on S. Second St.
 5. **Right** at sidewalk towards Capital building.
 6. **Left** at building following sidewalk around, keeping the building on your right, to the parking lot.
 7. **Continue straight** on sidewalk through parking lot to Firefighters Memorial.
 8. **Continue straight** on sidewalk to street.
 9. **Left** on S. College St. (*No sign*)
Rest rooms across the street are available at the Visitor Center (when open). Ask about State Capital Tours.
 10. **Left** on W. Edwards St.
 11. **Right** on S. 2nd St.
 12. **Left** on Lawrence Ave.
Dana Thomas House. Another nice tour if you have time. (Frank L Wright – 1904)
 13. **Left** on Sixth St.
 14. **Right** on Cook St.
 15. **Left** on S. 8th St.
Lincoln Home NHS.
 16. **Cross** Capitol Ave. (No sign).
 17. **Continue** straight ahead going under foot bridge.
***Special Event:** Town Halls/City Halls = Springfield City Hall*
 18. **Right** on E. Monroe St. for 2 blocks to train station Lincoln used to depart to D.C.
(Just before train tracks-NOLL Law Office).
 19. **Turn around**, Walk back on Monroe St. to 6th St.
 20. **Right** on S. 6th St. to Carpenter Street Hotel
*(start/finish)
Lincoln-Herndon Law Offices
Old State Capital (Take the tour)
Lincoln's Library
Lincoln's Museum*
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South Loop Map



Start / Finish

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