



**North Platte, Nebraska**  
**TRAIL RATED 1A - 5K AND 10K ROUTES**  
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**SPECIAL PROGRAMS: Mayflower-400<sup>th</sup>**  
**Anniversary, Rockin' Around the Clock,**  
**Rails to Trails, Walking with America's**  
**Veterans**



The walk goes across and along the South Platte River; through parks; and past architecturally historic homes, a children’s museum and the North Platte Canteen located along the main rail line of the Union Pacific.

View historic St. Mary’s Hospital, the Neville Center, the Pawnee Hotel and a fire station. The Old Lincoln Highway is part of this route, as is a western mural reminding you that you are “Out West”.

*This walk is also available through a physical walk box—please do not register at that location or use any materials from that walk box.*

**Walk Registration:**

Registration takes place online using the AVA Online Start Box, on my.ava.org. Follow the instructions provided to create a user account and sign the AVA waiver (one time). Instructions for payment are also included. Download the directions and print as needed. 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 login 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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## **Starting Point Location:**

41.12113, -100.76257

Parking lot north of Kwik Shop  
1421 S. Dewey  
North Platte, NE

## **Directions to start:**

From I-80, Exit 177 (Hwy. 83) travel north approximately 3/4 mile on Hwy 83 which becomes Dewey Street. After passing over the South Platte River, turn right at first traffic light which is Leota St. On your left is Kwik Stop, you can turn left into the Kwik Stop fueling area, and drive around the east side of the store to get to the parking lot on the north side of the building.

## **Restrooms:**

Restrooms are available in the Kwik Stop. On the 10 K route there are restrooms available in Memorial Park at about 7 K.

## **Emergency Numbers:**



In case of Emergency: Dial 911  
Event related assistance:  
Larry Seger, (308)387-4578

## **Notes on the Directions**

- Walking directions are followed with compass directions in parentheses.
- Numbered Streets increase in value north of A St. Lettered Streets increase in value south of 1<sup>st</sup> St. Streets are divided at Jeffers St. into East and West. Streets are divided at B St. into North and South.

## **Other things to see in North Platte**

If you are a wild west fan, you might want to visit the home of famed showman scout William F. “Buffalo Bill” Cody, Buffalo Bill Ranch State Historical Park at North Platte recaptures the life and career of the famed Pony Express rider, Army scout and buffalo hunter-turned-showman. Since it became a state historical park in 1965, the house and barn have been restored and a wealth of Cody memorabilia has been acquired and placed on display. The mansion is open to the public for self-guided tours from late spring until early fall.

If you are a transportation fan, you will want to visit the Golden Spike Tower. The tower offers the best view in the world of the world’s largest rail yard, the Union Pacific’s Bailey Yard, where every day approximately 10,000 railcars are sorted and sent on to their next destination. The tower also includes multimedia exhibits on the history of the railroad as well as the orphan trains and the North Platte Canteen, but the real treasure here is the volunteers.



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## 5k Directions

<p>1. From the parking lot, <b>go west crossing the parking lot and grass to sidewalk</b> (S. Dewey)</p>	<p>Founded in 1866 on the Union Pacific Railroad (of which it became a division headquarters), North Platte developed as a center for the Nebraska Sand Hills cattle industry and the produce of the irrigated Platte valley. Railroading is the basis of the contemporary economy.</p>
<p>2. <b>RIGHT</b> (n) to S Dewey to East 3<sup>rd</sup> St. (Approximately 1 mile)</p>	
<p>3. <b>CROSS</b> East 3<sup>rd</sup> St. and turn <b>LEFT</b> (w) to North Jeffers St.</p>	<p>At the northwest corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> and Dewey Street is a statue of an American Indian that symbolizes a representation of all Indian tribes recognized in the United States. Erected in 1931 the statue was located on Sioux Lookout, which is about 12 miles southeast of North Platte. Due to vandalism it was moved to the Court House Square. <b>(Mayflower-400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary).</b></p>
<p>4. <b>RIGHT</b> (n) on North Jeffers one block to East 4<sup>th</sup> St.</p>	<p>To your right is the Lincoln County Court House which was constructed between 1921 and 1924.</p>
<p>5. <b>Cross</b> East 4<sup>th</sup> St. continuing north on North Jeffers to East 5<sup>th</sup> St.</p>	<p>At the corner of 4th and North Jeffers is a Memorial Monument. This tall monument is a memorial to the men of the 355th Infantry and 89th Division who served in France during WWI <b>(Walking with America's Veterans)</b></p>
<p>6. <b>RIGHT</b> (e) on East 5<sup>th</sup> St. two blocks to Bailey St.</p>	
<p>7. <b>CROSS</b> Bailey St. and turn <b>LEFT</b> (n) to East 6<sup>th</sup> St.</p>	<p>On your right at 5<sup>th</sup> St. is the Fox Theatre now known as the Neville Center. It is on the National Register and is used for social and cultural events. Across the street on the northwest corner of 5<sup>th</sup> and Bailey is the Pawnee Hotel. This eight-story brick hotel was built in 1929.</p>
<p>8. <b>CROSS</b> East 6<sup>th</sup> St. into the Parkade Mall Parking Lot, stay on the sidewalk walking up to Ace Hardware.</p>	
<p>9. <b>RIGHT</b> (e) on the sidewalk next to the Ace Hardware and walk a short distance to the southeast corner of Ace Hardware.</p>	
<p>10. <b>LEFT</b> (n) in the parking lot, <b>stay to the left</b> near Ace Hardware keeping the parking lot on your right.</p>	
<p>11. <b>Continue straight</b> to Front Street. <b>*(Street adjacent to the RR tracks)</b></p>	
<p>12. <b>LEFT</b> (w) on the sidewalk walking a short distance to the first Fire Hydrant.</p>	
<p>13. <b>RIGHT</b> (n) <b>crossing over</b> Front Street to the Union Pacific Park. <b>*(No crosswalk, cross carefully)</b></p>	<p>A marker shows the location of the North Platte Canteen which served Soldiers passing through on troop trains during WWII. From Christmas Day 1941 to the end of the World War II, staffed and funded by volunteers the Canteen served our soldiers every day of the war. It was a place where soldiers could enjoy coffee, music, home-cooked food, magazines, and friendly conversation.</p>
<p>14. <b>RETRACE</b> your steps back across Front Street and turn <b>RIGHT</b> (w) on Front Street to North Sycamore.</p>	

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<p><b>15. LEFT</b> (s) on North Sycamore Street to one block to East 6<sup>th</sup> Street.</p>	<p>At the corner of 6<sup>th</sup> and Sycamore is North Platte's oldest structure. It was built in 1875 by Anders Kocken, a successful tailor and a friend and associate of Buffalo Bill.</p>
<p><b>16. CONTINUE</b> (s) on North Sycamore one block to East 5<sup>th</sup> St.</p>	<p>On your right across the street on the northwest corner of 5<sup>th</sup> and Sycamore is the First Evangelical Lutheran Church. The cornerstone for the first church was laid on July 25, 1886. In 1900 a 1200 pound church bell was installed and is still used today.</p>
<p><b>17. CONTINUE</b> (s) on North Sycamore to West B Street</p>	
<p><b>18. CROSS</b> West B Street and turn <b>LEFT</b> (e) to South Jeffers Street.</p>	
<p><b>19. RIGHT</b> (s) on South Jeffers Street to Leota Street. <b>*(Approximately 1 Mile)</b></p>	
<p><b>20. LEFT</b> (e) on Leota Street to Dewey Street.</p>	
<p><b>21. LEFT</b> (n) on Dewey Street with the Kwik Stop located on your right, cross over the grass to the parking lot to complete your walk!</p>	

	<p><b>Emergency: Call 911</b></p> <p><b>NWFT Club: Steve Burkland 402.659.1954</b></p> <p><b>Regional Director: Susan Pinneke 515-423-8427</b></p>
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# 10K Directions

<p>1. From the parking lot, <b>go west crossing the parking lot and grass to sidewalk</b></p>	<p>Founded in 1866 on the Union Pacific Railroad (of which it became a division headquarters), North Platte developed as a center for the <i>Nebraska</i> Sand Hills cattle industry and the produce of the irrigated Platte valley. Railroading is the basis of the contemporary economy.</p>
<p>2. <b>LEFT</b> (s) to Leota Street (1<sup>st</sup> Intersection).</p>	
<p>3. <b>RIGHT</b> (w) walking along Leota Street to Jeffers Street.</p>	
<p>4. <b>Cross</b> Leota St. and <b>turn left</b> (s) walking along Jeffers Street to the South Platte River.</p>	<p>The South Platte River is formed southwest of Denver, CO, flows through downtown Denver to the Plains. North Platte is situated on the confluence of the North and South Platte Rivers</p>
<p>5. <b>Cross</b> the River, <b>turn around</b> at the end of the bridge railings.</p>	
<p>6. <b>Retrace your steps</b> (n) <b>back over</b> the River, <b>turn left</b> (w) on the paved pathway.</p>	
<p>7. <b>Continue</b> on the pathway <b>straight</b> to Centennial Park. <b>*(Do not turn left where the pathway branches off to the left to follow the river). *(Approximately ½ mile)</b></p>	<p><b>(Rockin Around the Clock Program 200 Yds on your right)</b> <b>*(Restrooms to your left)</b></p>
<p>8. <b>Right</b> (n) a short distance on the roadway entering Centennial Park before <b>turning left</b> into a parking lot.</p>	
<p>9. <b>CROSS</b> the parking lot to the sidewalk leading to the gazebo.</p>	
<p>10. <b>RIGHT</b> (ne) on the sidewalk keeping the bench on your left. <b>*(Callahan Cancer Center is directly across the street)</b></p>	<p>Watch your step – brick streets and uneven sidewalks hark back to this area’s industrial beginnings 150 years ago.</p>
<p>11. <b>LEFT</b> (n) onto <b>Oak</b> Street to 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. <b>*(Approximately 1 Mile)</b></p>	
<p>12. <b>CROSS and turn LEFT</b> (w) on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street to Grant Street.</p>	<p>Houses with historical architectural styles: 821 W. 3rd is Tudor Revival c1937 902 W. 3rd is Eclectic c1910</p>
<p>13. <b>RIGHT</b> (n) to 5<sup>th</sup> Street</p>	
<p>14. <b>CROSS and turn RIGHT</b> (e) onto 5<sup>th</sup> Street to Sycamore Street.</p>	<p>Houses with historical architectural styles: 908 W. 5th is a Four Square Type c1915 821 W. 5th is a Queen Ann-Free Classic Subtype c1910 721 W. 5<sup>th</sup> is a Craftsman Style c1913. Originally a hospital, now converted into apartments. 621 W. 5<sup>th</sup> has a Victorian porch with gingerbread facing above c1892. 618 W. 5<sup>th</sup> is a Vernacular with Neo-Classical porch c1905.</p>

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<p><b>15. CROSS and turn LEFT (n)</b> on Sycamore Street to 6<sup>th</sup> Street.</p>	<p>At the corner of 6<sup>th</sup> and Sycamore is North Platte's oldest structure. It was built in 1875 by Anders Kocken, a successful tailor and a friend and associate of Buffalo Bill.</p>
<p><b>16. RIGHT (e)</b> on 6<sup>th</sup> Street to North Jeffers.</p>	
<p><b>17. RIGHT (s)</b> to 4<sup>th</sup> Street.</p>	
<p><b>18. CROSS</b> 4<sup>th</sup> Street.</p>	
<p><b>19. LEFT (e)</b> on 4<sup>th</sup> St. to North Jeffers , <b>CROSS</b> North Jeffers then turn <b>RIGHT (s)</b></p>	<p>At the corner of 4th and North Jeffers is a Memorial Monument. This tall monument is a memorial to the men of the 355th Infantry and 89th Division who served in France during WWI <b>(Walking with America's Veterans)</b></p>
<p><b>20. CONTINUE (s)</b> on North Jeffers <b>one block</b> to 3<sup>rd</sup> St.</p>	<p>To your left is the Lincoln County Court-House which was constructed between 1921 and 1924.</p>
<p><b>21. LEFT (e)</b> on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street <b>one block</b> to North Dewey Street</p>	<p>At the northwest corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> and North Dewey Street is a statue of an American Indian that symbolizes a representation of all Indian tribes recognized in the United States. Erected in 1931 the statue was located on Sioux Lookout, which is about 12 miles southeast of North Platte. Due to vandalism it was moved to the Court House Square. <b>(Mayflower-400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)</b></p>
<p><b>22. LEFT (n)</b> on North Dewey St. continuing straight, <b>CROSSING</b> 6<sup>th</sup> St. into the Parkade Mall Parking lot to the vacant store front.</p>	
<p><b>23. LEFT (w)</b> on the sidewalk walking next to the vacant store front to North Front St., <b>turn right (s)</b> and walk a short distance to Front Street. <b>*(Street adjacent to the RR tracks)</b></p>	<p>Famous band leader, Glen Miller, lived in North Platte as a child. A 30 mile stretch of Hwy 97 north of North Platte has been named Glen Miller Memorial Highway.</p>
<p><b>24. RIGHT (e)</b> on Front St. walking a short distance to the second Fire Hydrant.</p>	
<p><b>25. Turn LEFT (n) CROSSING</b> Front St. to the Union Pacific Park. <b>*(No crosswalk, cross carefully)</b></p>	<p>A marker shows the location of the North Platte Canteen which served Soldiers passing through on troop trains during WWII. From Christmas Day 1941 to the end of World War II, staffed and funded by volunteers the Canteen served our soldiers every day of the war. It was a place where soldiers could enjoy coffee, music, home-cooked food, magazines, and friendly conversation.</p>
<p><b>26. CROSS BACK</b> over Front St. and <b>TURN LEFT (e)</b> on south side of Front St.</p>	
<p><b>27. WALK</b> a short distance and <b>TURN RIGHT (s)</b> into the Parkade Mall.</p>	
<p><b>28. WALK</b> through the parking lot <b>stay to the right</b> near Ace Hardware keeping the parking lot on your left.</p>	
<p><b>29.</b> At the southeast corner of Ace Hardware <b>turn right (w)</b> a short distance to a</p>	

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crosswalk before <b>turning left</b> (s) onto a sidewalk leading to 6 <sup>th</sup> St. and Bailey St. (bench there)	
<b>30. CROSS</b> 6th St. and <b>CONTINUE STRAIGHT</b> on Bailey St. to 4 <sup>th</sup> St.	On your left at 5 <sup>th</sup> St. is the Fox Theatre now known as the Neville Center. It is on the National Register and is used for social and cultural events. Across the street on the northwest corner of 5 <sup>th</sup> and Bailey is the Pawnee Hotel. This eight-story brick hotel was built in 1929
<b>31. CROSS</b> and turn <b>LEFT</b> (e) on <b>4<sup>th</sup> St.</b> to Tabor St.	
<b>32. CROSS</b> Tabor St. You will be at the northwest corner of Memorial Park.	Check out the Union Pacific steam engine.
<b>33. CONTINUE</b> (e) on 4 <sup>th</sup> St. ½ block to the Park's driveway.	
<b>34. RIGHT</b> (s) into the Park's driveway.	Note the Lincoln Highway Marker on the right near the entrance.
<b>35.</b> Walking on the driveway <b>STAY TO THE RIGHT and TURN LEFT</b> (s) after passing the fountain. <b>*(Restrooms to the right)</b>	Look for the Community Unity Tile Sculpture. This is one of five towers located throughout North Platte, each consisting of more than 300 hand-painted tiles by local residents.
<b>36. CONTINUE</b> on the driveway until you reach the stop sign (2 <sup>nd</sup> St.).	
<b>37. LEFT</b> (e) on 2 <sup>nd</sup> St. to North Bryan Ave.	
<b>38. RIGHT</b> (s) on North Bryan Ave. to East B St.	
<b>39. RIGHT</b> (w) on East B St. to Silber Ave.	At the corner of East B & Silber is the Old St. Mary's Hospital which is now called the Craft Building which houses various governmental offices. In 1930 the structure was built to serve as the Great Plains Community Hospital. With the Depression, plans began to stagnate and it wasn't completed. The Sisters of St. Francis from Sylvania, Ohio came and opened the hospital on July 18, 1934.
<b>40. LEFT</b> (s) on Silber Ave. to H St.	
<b>41. RIGHT</b> (w) on H St. to South Cottonwood	North Platte has the distinction of having the first lighted airfield in the United States.
<b>42. LEFT</b> (s) on South Cottonwood to East Francis St.	
<b>43. RIGHT</b> (w) on East Francis St. to South Dewey St.	
<b>44. LEFT</b> (s) on South Dewey St. returning to start.	



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