

Mitchell Corn Palace Walk (10K and 6K Instructions)

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Driving Directions to 525 Foster Street. From I-90 exit 332 take SD Highway 37, S Burr St, north for 2.5 miles to E 5th St. Turn right on 5th St for .9 mile to N Foster St. Turn left on Foster, the Avera Queen of Peace Hospital is on the left. Park in the small parking lot on the left in front of the hospital or the larger parking lot on right across the street from the hospital.

This Walk Qualifies for the Following Special Programs: Walking the USA A-Z, Little Free Libraries, Walking the United States – 50 States, Mayflower – 400th Anniversary Walk, Rockin' Around the Clock and Town and City Halls.

1. From the hospital entrance walk straight ahead to Foster St. (rest rooms in the hospital)
2. Turn Right on Foster St. to 5th Avenue.
3. Turn Right on 5th Ave. for eleven blocks past the Davidson County Court House on the left to Lawler Street. **(1K at Burr)**
4. Turn Right on Lawler St. to 6th Avenue.
5. Cross and turn Right on 6th Ave. to Kimball Street.
6. Turn Left on Kimball St. cross 7th Street and continue for just under 100 meters to the parking lot entrance on the left.
7. Turn Left into the parking lot and continue across the parking lot to Lawler Street. (No street sign, but across the street is a lot with many tires stacked around) **(2K)**
8. Turn Left on Lawler St. to 7th Avenue.
9. Cross and turn Right on 7th Ave. to Main Street.
10. Cross Main St. Note the Clock at this Location. **(Special Program "Rockin' Around the Clock)** Turn Left on Main Street, note the Corn Palace across the street. To the left of the Corn Palace is Mitchell City Hall. **(Town and city halls Special Program)** **(Rest rooms in the Corn Palace, Gift Shop, Chamber of Commerce, and a number of other places near here.)** Continue for two blocks to 5th Ave.
11. Turn Right on 5th Ave. to Duff Street.
12. Turn Left on Duff St. for two blocks to 3rd Ave.
13. Turn Left on 3rd Ave. to Rowley Street. **(3K) Note: At 3rd and Rowley is an old Carnegie Library building**
14. Turn Right on Rowley St. to 1st Avenue.
15. **Ten K only-Turn Right on 1st Ave. for one block to Duff Street and continue with instruction #17.**
16. **Six K only-continue straight on Rowley Street for one block to Railroad Avenue. Turn Left on Railroad Ave. At Kimball St. Railroad becomes Ash Ave. Continue on Ash to Burr St. Then carefully cross Burr and continue with instruction #41.**
17. Turn Right on Duff St. to 2nd Avenue.

18. Turn Left on 2nd Ave. for three blocks, carefully crossing Sanborn Boulevard, to Wisconsin Street.
19. Turn Left on Wisconsin St. for one block to 1st Avenue.
20. Turn Right on 1st Ave. to Minnesota Street. **(4K)**
21. Turn Left on Minnesota St. for three blocks to Birch Avenue.
22. Turn Right on Birch Ave. for one block to Montana Street.
23. Turn Left on Montana St. for one block to Cedar Avenue.
24. Turn Right on Cedar Ave. for one block to Iowa Street.
25. Turn Left on Iowa St. for two blocks to Elm Street.
26. Turn Left on Elm St. for two blocks to Minnesota Street. **(5K at Montana)**
27. Turn Right on Minnesota St. for one block to Havens Avenue.
28. Carefully cross Havens with the pedestrian light and continue straight on Minnesota St. to McCabe Street.
29. Turn Left on McCabe St. one block to University Avenue.
30. Turn Right use the cross walk to cross McCabe, then walk on the left side of University Ave. to Hurst Ave.
31. Turn left on Hurst St. for one long block to its end. **(6K)** Continue on the sidewalk to it's end.
32. Turn left on to pedestrian only plaza past the water fountains on the left. Continue on the plaza past the Middle Border Museum and Oscar Howe Art Center off to the right. Straight ahead is the George McGovern Library and Center for Leadership and Public Service. **Restrooms and coffee bar are located inside, as well as the McGovern Legacy Museum.**
33. At the McGovern Library turn right on the walkway to and across McGovern Ave. Turn right and then a quick left on to Andrews St, for one block to Duff St. **(note the Dimock Train Depot on the right)**
34. Turn left on Duff for three blocks to Milan Ave.
35. Turn left on Milan for one block to Court Merrill St.
36. Turn right on Court Merrill for One block to Havens Ave. Cross Havens with the pedestrian light. Court Merrill becomes Sanborn Blvd. at this light.
37. Continue on Sanborn Blvd. to Birch Avenue. **(7K at Douglas)**
38. Cross Birch Ave. but **do not go onto the overpass**. Take the hike/bike trail on the right into the park. (Sanborn Blvd. overpass will be on your left.) At the first trail intersection from the right turn Right. Dry Run Creek Park.
39. Continue on the Bike Pedestrian trail past Restrooms on the right **(8K)** just behind some trees. Continue on the trail to the end at the small parking lot. Continue across the small parking lot to Burr Street.
40. Turn left on to Burr St. to the cross walk at Ash Avenue. Turn right and carefully cross Burr St.
41. Then continue on the right side of Ash Ave. to Gamble Street. **(9K)**
42. Turn Left on Gamble St. to Hanson Avenue. (Hitchcock Park is on the right)
43. Turn Right on Hanson Ave. After passing the Aquatics Center on the right you will see a picnic shelter on the right. Just beyond the shelter is a playground. Go towards the left side of this playground and see a Little Free Library near a park bench. **(Little Free Library Special Program)**

Mitchell 6K Map



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Other Seasonal Events sponsored by The Prairie Wanderers Volkssport Club are:

1. Brookings SD, University Stroll, **OSB**
2. Pierre SD, **OSB (Year Around)**
3. Sioux Falls SD, Outdoor Campus Walk, **OSB**
4. Sioux Falls SD, Big Sioux River Walk
5. Watertown SD, City Walk

Traditional Events sponsored by The Prairie Wanderers

1. Huron SD-Beadle County Walk, May 9, 2026
2. Garretson SD-Palisades State Park, October 3, 2026

Corn Palace History

In the late 19th Century, a number of cities on the Great Plains constructed "crop palaces" (also known as "grain palaces") to promote themselves and their products. As the idea succeeded, it spread, including: a Corn Palace in [Sioux City, Iowa](#), that was active from 1887–1891; a Corn Palace in [Gregory, South Dakota](#); a Grain Palace in [Plankinton, South Dakota](#); and a Bluegrass Palace in [Creston, Iowa](#).^[3]

The original Mitchell Corn Palace (known as "The Corn Belt Exposition") was built in 1892 to showcase the rich soil of South Dakota and encourage people to settle in the area. It was a wooden castle structure on Mitchell's Main Street, constructed on land donated by Louis Beckwith, a member of the First Corn Palace Committee.^[4] In 1904–1905, the city of Mitchell mounted a challenge to the city of [Pierre](#) in an unsuccessful attempt to replace it as the [state capital](#) of South Dakota. As part of this effort, the Corn Palace was rebuilt in 1905. In 1921, the Corn Palace was rebuilt once again, with a design by the architectural firm [Rapp and Rapp](#) of [Chicago](#). [Russian](#)-style [onion domes](#) and [Moorish minarets](#) were added in 1937, giving the Palace the distinctive appearance that it has today. It costs \$130,000 annually to decorate the Palace.^[citation needed]

The exterior corn murals are replaced and redesigned each year with a new theme. The designs are created by local artists. From 1948 to 1971, the artist [Oscar Howe](#) designed the panels. Calvin Schultz designed the murals from 1977 to 2002. Since 2003, the murals have been designed by Cherie Ramsdell. No new mural was created in 2006 [due to an extreme drought](#).^[5]

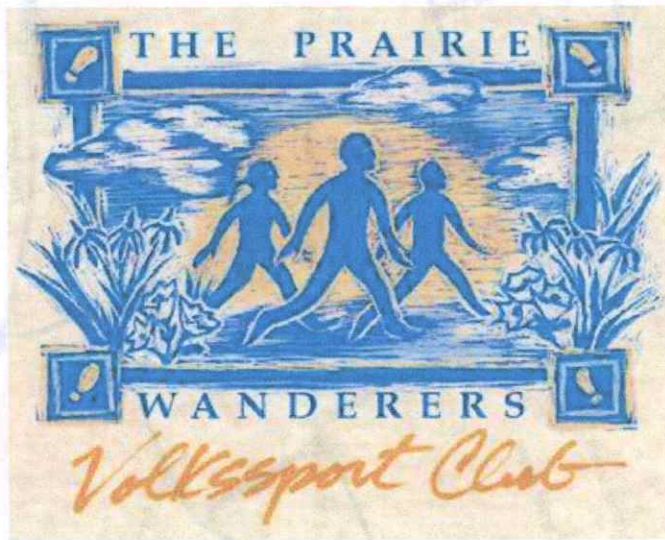
In 2004, national media attention was drawn to the Corn Palace, when it received [Homeland Security](#) funding. This drew criticism of the [Department of Homeland Security](#) and its [grant](#) program. In 2007, the Corn Palace subsequently received \$25,000 in DHS funding for a camera system useful for purposes including Barack Obama's visit in 2008, and as reported by the [Mitchell Daily Republic](#), to protect a "new Fiberglass statue of the Corn Palace mascot Cornelius" in 2009. This statue sits across Main Street, west of the Corn Palace.^[citation needed]

The Palace's domes were renovated in 2015 after shaking in strong winds.^[6] The new turrets are made of [architectural metals](#).^[7]

Concerts at the Corn Palace include: [Johnny Cash](#) thrice (once in 1968), [The Beach Boys](#) in 1969, [Willie Nelson](#) twice (once in 2003), [Brad Paisley](#) in 2004, [Styx](#) twice (once in 2005), [Chubby Checker](#) in 2005, [Weird Al Yankovic](#) in 2007, [David Cook](#) in 2009, [Charlie Daniels Band](#) in 2012, [Billy Currington](#) with [Jake Owen](#) in 2012, [The Turtles](#) with [Mark Lindsay](#) in 2013, [Warrant](#) with [FireHouse](#) in 2014, [Pat Benatar](#) in 2014, and [Theory of a Deadman](#) in 2015.



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