



Middleton 5K/11K Walk

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Physical Start Box/Start Point: Hubbard Avenue Diner - 7445 Hubbard Ave, Middleton, WI, 53562

Driving to the Start Box: Box is stored around the corner on the right near the window. From I-90 take US-12/18 (Beltline) W. Take University Ave. exit (251A) E. Proceed 1st stoplight, turn right on Parmenter. 2nd left is Hubbard. Parking lot across street from diner.



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Exit the *Hubbard Ave Diner* and turn

1. **L** on Hubbard. Note the *National Mustard Museum* on your left and the *2-Storyed, Yellow Brick Building* on your right. Note the *Villa Dolce Cafe* diagonally across the street. Turn
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3. **L** on Parmenter. Cross the railroad tracks. Note the *Middleton Train Depot* on your left. Turn
4. **R** on Terrace. Pass Aurora, the Quarry Park Skate Facility, the Capital Brewery, and the Little Red Preschool. Turn
5. **R** on N. High Point passing Terrace. Turn
6. **R** on Elmwood and pass the *Valencia Apts*, the Post Office, Aurora [**1K**], and the *Village Green*. Turn
7. **L** on Parmenter. Cross University (use lights and crosswalk with care), and Franklin. Turn
8. **R** on North passing Clark. At the *Firemen's Park* sign, turn
9. **L** onto the grass, through a **DISC GOLF** course, passing a picnic shelter to your left and a playground to your right. Continue straight to an asphalt path, with a second picnic shelter to your left and a restroom building (with water fountain) to your right. NOTE: This facility is closed on school days. Continue on the asphalt path to Lee (no sign) and turn
10. **L** on Lee. Proceed to Clark and turn
11. **R** Pass the Cardinal Academy to your right and walk straight through the cul-de-sac. Proceed down a short series of steps and turn
12. **R** onto the 8-10 foot wide asphalt path, entering the **PHEASANT BRANCH NATURE PRESERVE**. [**2K**] Continue on the main path crossing Pheasant Branch twice (either on stepping stones or bridges) and passing several small trails to the side. At Park Street (no sign), carefully cross the street at the crosswalk and turn
13. **R** on Park Street keeping left at the "Y" [**3K**]. Proceed to the circle at the end of Park and turn
14. **L** into **Parisi Park**. Walk through the parking lot to the asphalt path leading between playgrounds and a seasonal restroom to the left and a ballfield to the right. At the ballfield backstop turn
15. **R** and angle through the grass to a sidewalk between a light blue house and a white house. Take the sidewalk as it crosses Maywood (no sign) and North (no sign). Turn
16. **R** on Franklin (no sign) [**4K**] opposite Coolidge Court. Cross and turn
17. **L** on Park. Use the light and crosswalk to carefully cross University. Continue one block on Park, then turn
18. **R** on Elmwood. Cross Bristol then turn
19. **L** on Middleton. Turn
20. **R** on Hubbard. Note the *Middleton Area Historical Society Museum* and **CITY HALL** on your right as return to the Hubbard Avenue Diner. [**4.8K**]

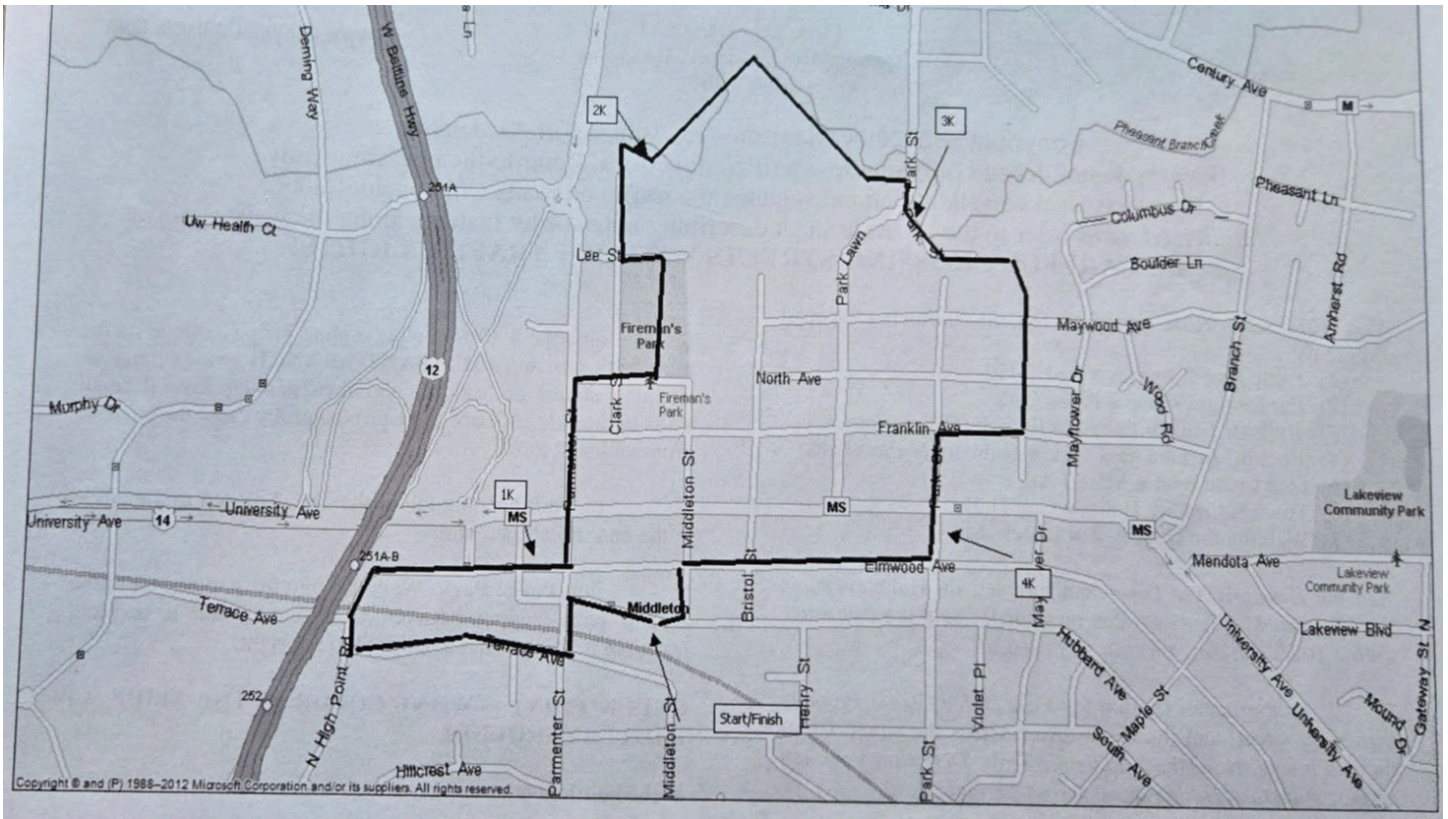
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Exit the *Hubbard Ave Diner* and turn

1. **L** on Hubbard. Note the *National Mustard Museum* on your left and the *2-Storyed, Yellow Brick Building* on your right. Cross Parmenter noting the *Villa Dolce Cafe*. Follow Hubbard as it turns **Right**. Turn
2. **R** on Elmwood. Turn
3. **L** on Parmenter. Cross University (use lights and crosswalk with care), and Franklin. Turn
4. **R** on North passing Clark. At the *Firemen's Park* sign, turn
5. **L** onto the grass, through a **DISC GOLF** course, passing a picnic shelter to your left and a playground to your right. Continue straight to an asphalt path, with a second picnic shelter to your left and a restroom building (with water fountain) to your right. NOTE: This facility is closed on school days. Continue on the asphalt path to Lee (no sign) and turn
6. **L** on Lee. **[1K]** Proceed to Clark and turn
7. **R** Pass the Cardinal Academy to your right and walk straight through the cul-de-sac. Proceed down a short series of steps and turn
8. **R** onto the 8-10 foot wide asphalt path, entering the **PHEASANT BRANCH NATURE PRESERVE**. Continue on the main path crossing Pheasant Branch twice (either on stepping stones or bridges) and passing several small trails to the side. At Park Street (no sign), turn
9. **L** on Park Street **[2K]** and pass or cross Brookdale, Donna, Prairie, Cardinal, and Park Circle. At Century cross Century and continue on High (Park will change names) passing Frank Lloyd Wright. Turn
10. **L** on Friendship. **[3K]** Pass Kasten and turn
11. **R** on Selleck. Follow Selleck to the end and take the sidewalk between houses 3413 and 3414 to the playing fields for Northside Elementary. Cross the playing fields aiming for the softball backstop directly across the field. Behind the backstop pick up the sidewalk passing between a light blue and a tan house and follow it to the street. Turn
12. **L** on Companion (no sign), then turn
13. **R** on Lynn, passing Knoll and Spring Hill. Turn
14. **L** on Graber. At the sign for Graber Pond, turn
15. **R** and follow the asphalt trail and boardwalk with *Graber Pond* on your left. **[4K]** At the "T" in the trail, turn
16. **R** putting houses on your left. Cross Misty Valley (no sign) and continue on the trail to its end at Caneel and High. **[5K]** Cross High VERY CAREFULLY-USE FLASHERS and turn
17. **R** Follow High on the left-side asphalt path and sidewalk. Turn
18. **L** on the sidewalk just before house 3821 before reaching Spring Hill. Turn
19. **R** on Manito Ct (no sign). Cross and turn
20. **R** on Whittlesey. At a playground turn
21. **L** on the asphalt trail paralleling Whittlesey with houses to your right. On reaching Pheasant Branch Rd **[6.5K]**, VERY CAREFULLY-USE FLASHERS cross Pheasant Branch and turn
22. **R** on the Pheasant Branch Conservancy trail. Take an immediate turn
23. **L** at the 4-way intersection. Follow the main trail ignoring side trails to the right. Pass a viewing platform on your left. On reaching the boardwalk turn

- 24. **L** on the boardwalk and cross Pheasant Branch on a foot bridge. After crossing the bridge turn
- 25. **R** and follow the main trail with the stream to your right. You will pass one large trail to your left. On reaching Century use the light and crosswalk to cross Century **[8K]** and turn
- 26. **R** on Century across the bridge and turn
- 27. **L** onto the Pheasant Branch Nature Preserve trail. Follow the trail crossing three bridges (or fords if you choose) to Park (no sign) Turn
- 28. **L** on Park **[9K]** as the main road veers right and becomes Park Lawn. Follow Park to the end (do not enter Parissi Park on your left) and continue

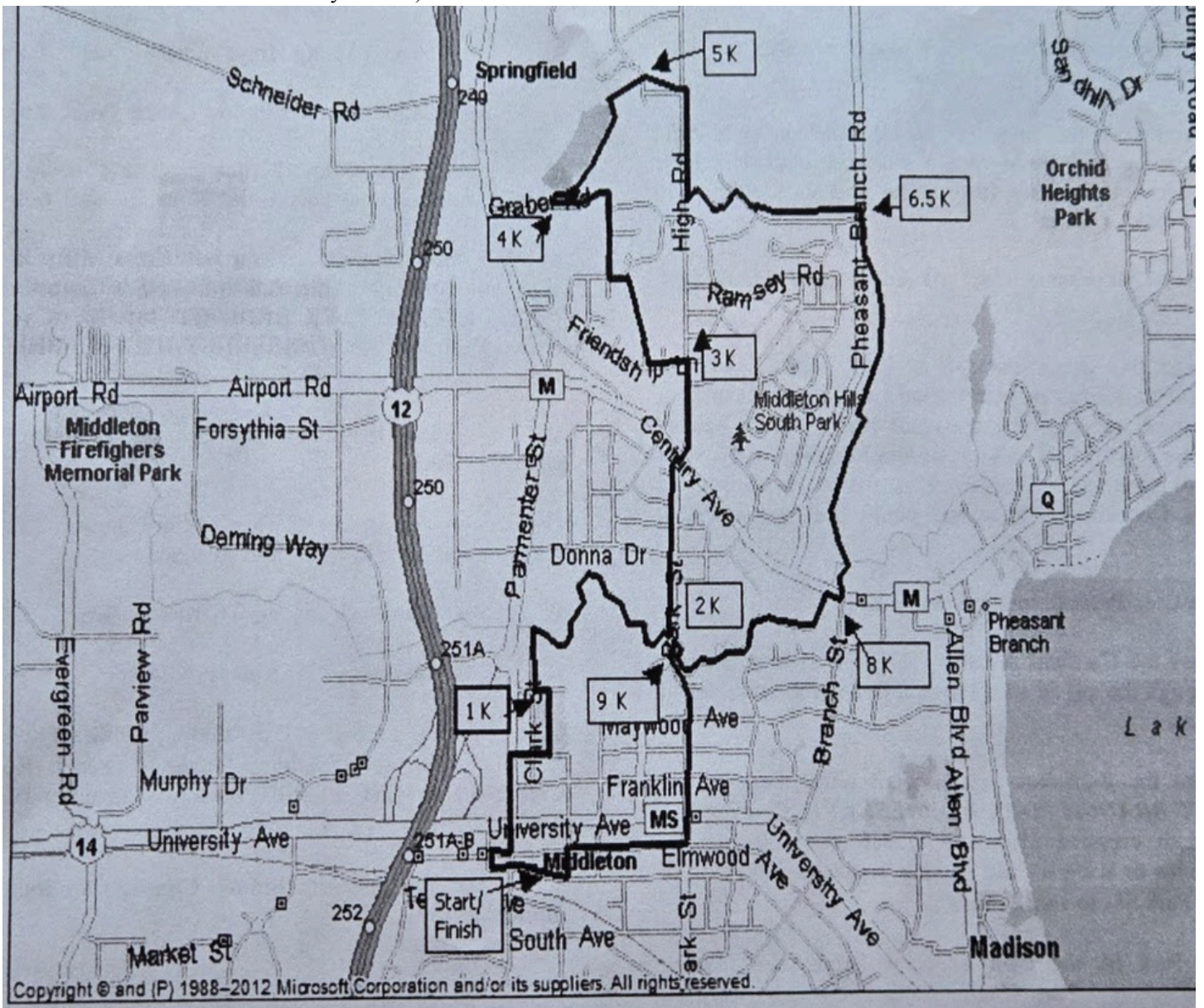
straight ahead on the sidewalk, resuming on Park St on the far end of the sidewalk walking on its right-hand side. Cross Maywood, North, and Franklin. At University use the lights to cross University and continue on Park. Turn

29. **R** on Elmwood. Cross Bristol and turn

30. **L** on Middleton. Turn

31. **R** on Hubbard. Note the *Middleton Area Historical Society Museum* and **CITY HALL** on your right as return to the Hubbard Avenue Diner. **[10.0K]**

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Noteworthy Features

Middleton - First explored by the French, the general area of Middleton existed under the flag of France and then of Britain before becoming a part of the U.S. under terms of the Ordinance of 1787, but control was in dispute until 1815. A fur trading post was established on the northwest shore of Lake Mendota in 1832. It was at this location on May 25, 1832, that Colonel Henry Dodge met with the Winnebago Indians in an attempt to dissuade them from trying to retake the area. The first permanent settler arrived in the Middleton area in 1841. His name was Orson Cook and he settled in the area of the present West Towne shopping center. The first general survey of the area was in 1834. In 1836 W.B. Slaughter platted a portion of the area to be called "City of Four Lakes". He intended it to be the site of the State Capitol, but he lost to Madison in the political maneuvering of James D. Doty. As settlement progressed, several small communities began to emerge -- Pheasant Branch, East Middleton, Peatville, Middleton Junction, and others. The arrival of the railroad in 1856 caused the concentration of business to locate "down by the depot". The township of Middleton became a legal entity and was granted that name March 11, 1848. The city of Middleton was incorporated as a village in 1905. The first settlers in Middleton were English. Later German became the prominent nationality and a German language supplement appeared in the local newspaper. A fire on June 19, 1900, destroyed a major portion of the business district and several homes as well.

Hubbard Avenue Diner - This 1999 addition to Middleton has the same owner as Monty's Blue Plate Diner, start point of the Dairyland Walkers' year-round East Side Historic Walk.

National Mustard Museum - On this site stood the Friendly Store, which was built in 1856 and housed a general store. Here farmers exchanged their produce for machinery, tools, clothing, and groceries. In the basement was a tavern which existed for over 100 years. Patrons approaching from the depot were greeted by a sign reading "First Chance". Those returning to the train saw the reverse side, "Last Chance". A distillery was located in the basement on the side toward the depot. This store acted as the bank and a social meeting place for all customers. The current building houses the National Mustard Museum. The Museum features an extensive collection of prepared mustards - more than 5,000 jars, bottles, and tubes from all 50 states and more than 60 countries. The Museum also is home to hundreds of items of great mustard historical importance, including mustard pots and vintage mustard advertisements.

2-Storyed, Yellow Brick Building - The original building on this site was constructed in 1895 and was known as the "Opera House". It was totally destroyed in the Middleton Fire on June 19, 1900. The present building, originally known as the "Elks Hotel", was built in 1901 and is similar in architecture though smaller than the Opera House. Initially the lower level accommodated a saloon, dining room, and stores. The upper level had hotel rooms and a large hall with a stage. The hall served as a community center for public gatherings, dances including the annual masquerade, basket socials, old-time medicine shows, high school plays, graduation exercises, and basketball practice. When more suitable facilities for public functions became available, the upper level was converted to apartments and the lower level was occupied by a tavern and various business places.

Villa Dolce Cafe - This simple frame structure was built in 1868 and was called the Weinberg Building. This was Middleton's first post office outside of a private home. All mail came by train. The mail boxes were on

one side and everyone had to get his own mail. On the other side stationery and confections were sold. Ice cream was also sold here, but only in the summertime. The upstairs of this building housed the first telephone company and later, in 1926, Middleton's library was started here.

Village Green - Operated today as a tavern and restaurant, this building was originally a barn, and then converted into Middleton's first modern bowling alley in 1925.

Regal Find – Built in 1898, this was a general store selling hardware, food items, and yard goods. Upstairs two doctors shared a common waiting room. There was a “hall” in the rear. In this “hall” high school classes were held from 1898 to 1903. The hall was also used for medicine shows, dances, and finally Middleton's first movies were shown here. The shows were held on Sunday evenings only.

Free House Pub – This building was originally The American House Hotel, built between 1867 and 1870, and has long been a Middleton landmark. Famous for its 25-cent Sunday chicken dinners and its liquid enjoyment when neighboring areas were “dry,” it catered to University students, area residents, and salesmen who came by horse or rail. After closing as a hotel, it remained in the Stricker family as a residence and a doctor's office. At times, this building served the community as an apartment or commercial building and as another eating establishment.

Fireman's Park - This small local park adjoining Middleton High School is the setting of Middleton's annual “Good Neighbor Festival”, held in August each year.

Pheasant Branch Nature Preserve – This wide corridor protects a beautiful natural area focusing on Pheasant Branch. A major flood occurred in August 2018 with some of the destructive power of the flooded stream still visible.

Graber Pond – One of four Kettle Ponds protected by the City, Graber Pond exhibits oak/hickory forests with large cottonwood and cherry trees located on surrounding slopes. Efforts have been made to establish native species including milkweed, rush, and blue lobelia. The Pond is home to waterfowl including the blue-winged teal, the great blue heron and the green heron, as well as the regionally threatened Blanding's turtle. The trail, first opened in 2014, features a kayak/canoe port and fishing pier that is the first of its kind in the state. The rollers and guide rails facilitate easy launching and docking. The trail itself features porous asphalt incorporating recycled materials and open-graded aggregate which reduces surface water build-up making the trail safer for walkers.

Middleton Area Historical Society Museum - This yellow brick house was built in 1867 by Dr. Numan C. Rowley, the first of three generations of Rowley doctors in Middleton. The brick is thought to be from the Pheasant Branch brickyard and the total building cost was \$800. Dr. N.C. Rowley lived here until his death in 1871. His son, who had been his partner, then moved into it. Here his son, the late Dr. A.G. Rowley was born. He later became the third Dr. Rowley.

Middleton City Hall - On the west side of the Middleton City Hall, built in 1965, stands a unique clock standard.