

## Auburn – Downtown Y1808 6K/10K Rated 1A



**Sea-Tac Volkssports Club** welcomes you to Downtown Auburn.

**Starting Point-** Safeway Store, 101 Auburn Way South, Auburn WA  
(Please park away from store)

**GPS Location:-** 47.30634800263369, -122.2272

**Driving Directions:** 101 Auburn Way South. Take SR 167 North or South to 15th St. NW, exit eastbound to Auburn Way NE. Turn right (south). Bear left onto Auburn Way North to Safeway. From Seattle or Tacoma, take I-5 to Eastbound SR 18 to SR 167 north (Auburn/Kent) and proceed as above.

**Restrooms:** At Start Point, Veterans Park and many businesses along the route.

**Special Programs:** AVA: A-Z (A), Airports, Town/City Hall, Walking with America's Veterans.  
Par-for-the-Course. ESVA: County(King), Frontline Heroes

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**Emergency:** Dial 911

**POC:** Fran Carson (206)788-7969 [fran55arson@gmail.com](mailto:fran55arson@gmail.com)

NOTE: Please use either the Online Start Box (OSB) or Physical Start Box (PSB) to register and complete the event. Do NOT mix and match. For example, if you register using the OSB, do not complete your event by using the PSB (nor sign the PSB log sheet). The sponsoring club only receives credit for an OSB participation when an OSB registration has been completed online by entering your participation date, distances, and any special programs using the OSB.

Walk Completion and Credit: Be sure to log back into the OSB system to 'finish/complete' your online registration after doing the event. The OSB system does not deduct any event fee from a participant's Event Bank until they have submitted event completion info including the date of the event, the distance, and the selection of applicable special programs that person is participating in. (Nevertheless, a fee of \$2 for a downloaded PDF is deducted from the user's Event Bank when the PDF is downloaded. Later, any PDF fees are credited back to a user's Event Bank when he/she submits the event completion info as a paying for credit participant. Note, however, the \$2 coupon for the downloaded PDF will expire in 60 days.) Also note that an event registration expires after 30 days, but if your registrations lapses, you may re-register without cost.

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- 13.) Follow the gravel path, and then exit at the far corner (now at the intersection of Auburn Way N. and 9<sup>th</sup> St. NE)
- 14.) Using the walk signals, carefully **CROSS** Auburn Way N., and then **RIGHT** to **CROSS** 9<sup>th</sup> St. NE.
- 15.) **LEFT** on 9<sup>th</sup> St. NE, now walking on right side. Continue for two blocks, as 9<sup>th</sup> St. NE becomes 10<sup>th</sup> St. NE.
- 16.) After passing Franciscan Medical Pavilion on your left, **CROSS** the entry drive for the parking lot and turn **RIGHT**. Continue straight, passing a daycare on your left.
- 17.) At the pond (metal bench on left) turn **LEFT** and follow the sidewalk clockwise around the pond (roughly two **RIGHT** turns, passing another metal bench on the way).
- 18.) At the corner where the sidewalk comes out at more parking lots, turn **LEFT** to **CROSS** the entry drive. Continue straight toward the building ahead (Lowes).
- 19.) Continue straight, past front doors of Lowes (restroom).
- 20.) At the corner (Garden Center), turn **LEFT** (14<sup>th</sup> St. NE). Continue one block to A St. NE.
- 21.) **RIGHT** on A St. NE. Continue one block to 15<sup>th</sup> St.
- 22.) Use the walk signal to carefully **CROSS** 15<sup>th</sup> St. NE.
- 23.) **RIGHT** on 15<sup>th</sup> St. NE and continue to the entry for the Park-N-Ride lot. Turn **LEFT** and carefully walk through the lot, toward the grass at far end, near the airport.
- 24.) **RIGHT** to walk along the edge of the grass for a view of the airport. Then turn around and retrace your steps back through the parking lot, and back to 15<sup>th</sup> St. (3K)
- 25.) **RIGHT** on 15<sup>th</sup> St. Return to traffic light at A St. NE.
- 26.) **LEFT** to carefully **CROSS** 15<sup>th</sup> St. NE at the light, then continue straight on A St. NE to the end at 10<sup>th</sup> St. NE.
- 27.) **CROSS** 10<sup>th</sup> and turn **LEFT**. Continue on 10<sup>th</sup> to the entry drive for the Fred Meyer parking lot.
- 28.) **CROSS** the entry drive and turn **RIGHT** on the sidewalk. Continue toward Fred Meyer.
- 29.) **CROSS** the drive aisle in front of the building, and continue straight, keeping Fred Meyer on your left.
- 30.) At the back corner of the building, veer **RIGHT** and walk to the asphalt walkway that is beyond the parking lot (look for the concrete and wood bollards at the walkway).
- 31.) Continue on the asphalt walkway, passing between the bollards, to the cul-de-sac (A St. NE – unmarked).
- 32.) Continue on A St. NE for two blocks to 5<sup>th</sup> St. NE. (note: A St. will veer **SLIGHT RIGHT**).
- 33.) **LEFT** on 5<sup>th</sup> St. NE. Continue one block to B St. NE.
- 34.) **RIGHT** on B St. NE. Continue one block to 3<sup>rd</sup> St. NE.
- 35.) **RIGHT** on 3<sup>rd</sup>. Continue to the traffic light at A St. NW (passing A St. NE on the way).
- 36.) Using the walk signal, turn **LEFT** to **CROSS** 3<sup>rd</sup> St., and then **RIGHT** to walk a short distance to the corner.
- 37.) **CROSS** A St. NW with the walk signal, and then turn **LEFT** on A St. NW. Continue two blocks to 1<sup>st</sup> St. NW.
- 38.) Checkpoint: At the corner of 1<sup>st</sup> and A Streets, there is a sculpture of an Ostrich with its baby at its feet. What household utensils did the artist use for this piece?
- 39.) Now continue on A St. NW, one block, to W. Main St.
- 40.) Use the walk signal to **CROSS** W. Main St.
- 41.) Turn **RIGHT** and continue on Main, 1 block, to B St. SW.
- 42.) **CROSS** B St. SW. Walk over to read the historical plaque. Then **LEFT** to walk along the sidewalk next to the tracks.
- 43.) **LEFT** at the transit pavilion to walk through the plaza with the flower beds, benches and public art. Continue to the street (A St. SW – Sun Break Café is across the street).
- 44.) **CROSS** A St. SW at the crosswalk. Then continue on A St. SW, one block, to S. Division St.
- 45.) **LEFT** on S. Division St. Continue for one block to Main.
- 46.) **RIGHT** on E. Main St. Continue on Main, three blocks, to Auburn Way S. (note, **CROSSING** Auburn Ave. on the way).
- 47.) **RIGHT** on Auburn Way S. Continue straight and walk to the back corner of the building on your right.
- 48.) Turn **RIGHT** on the sidewalk behind the building (this sidewalk occurs before the Safeway parking lot).
- 49.) Continue on this sidewalk, and then at the marked crosswalk, turn **LEFT** to carefully **CROSS** the drive aisles of the Safeway parking lot.
- 50.) Return to start at Safeway on your right.

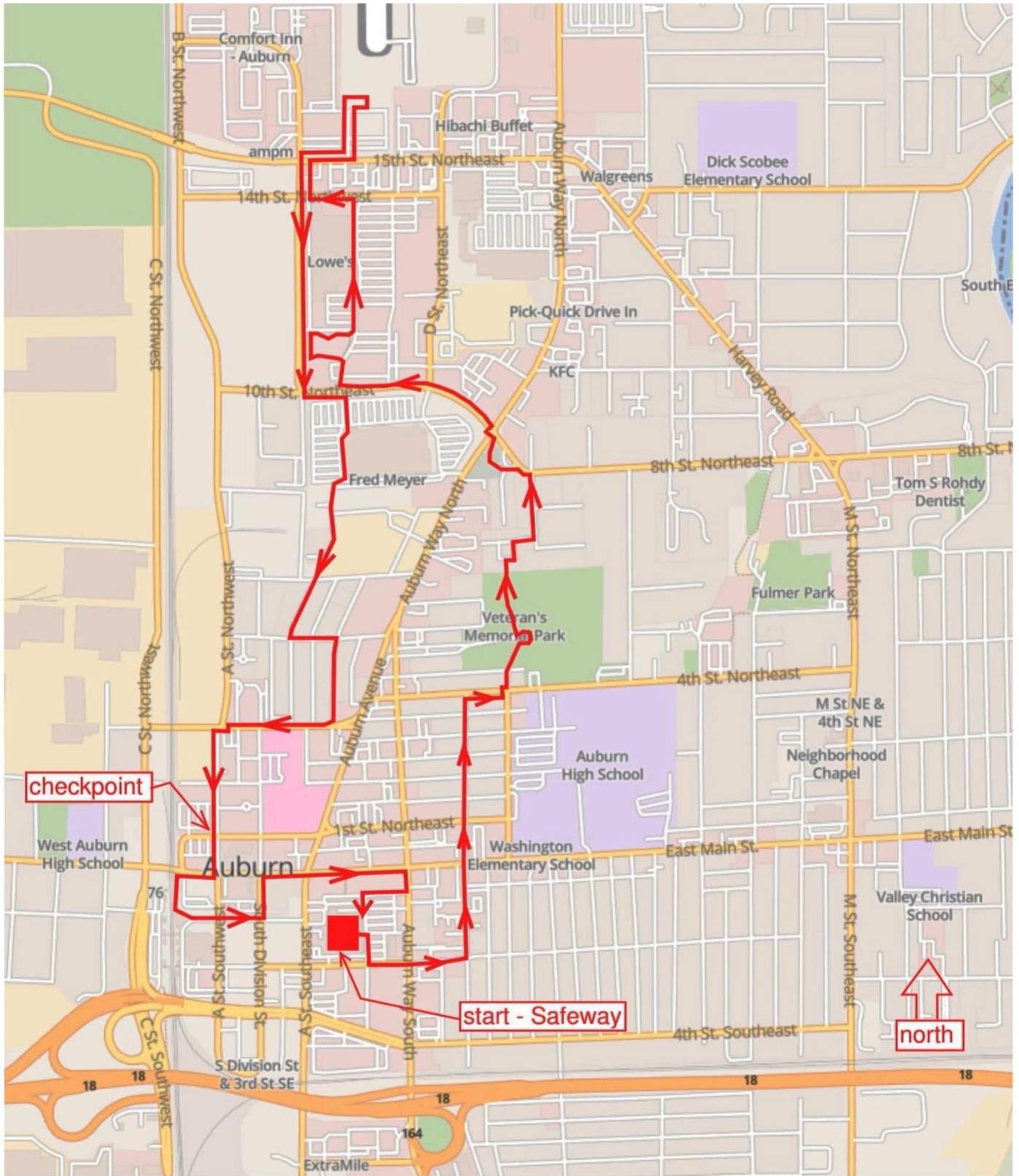
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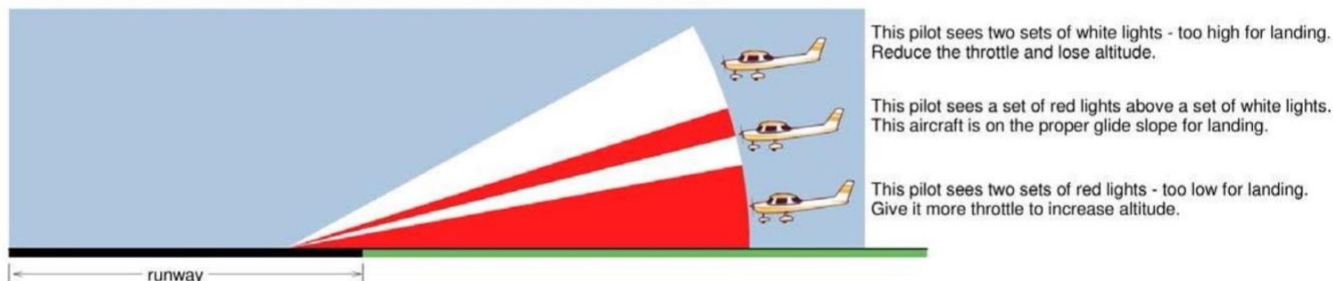
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### 34.) Oscar Blomeen House – look left, across B St. (at 324 B St. NE):

This lovely and well-cared-for house is on the National Register of Historic Places. Built in 1913-14, this was the family home for Oscar and Ellen Blomeen and their three children. Interestingly, they only lived in it for three years before moving to Bremerton, as Oscar sought work at the Navy shipyard there. The home was then leased to a group of nurses who converted it for use as the area's first hospital. Its rooms and features were left fairly intact during that period, and it has since been returned once again for use as a single-family residence.

### 40.) Public Art and Downtown:

Auburn has a fine collection of public art scattered all throughout the city.

The piece at the corner of A St. and Main is part of a series called "Running Figures" by Seattle artist Paul Sorey.

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- 19.) **RIGHT** onto the grass and continue to the far end of the grass area for a view of the airport. Then **RIGHT** again to walk through the parking lot back to 15<sup>th</sup> St. NE. **CROSS** the planter strip, to the sidewalk at 15<sup>th</sup>. (3K)
- 20.) **LEFT** on 15<sup>th</sup> St. NE. Continue to Auburn Way N.
- 21.) Carefully **CROSS** Auburn Way N., then **RIGHT** to **CROSS** Harvey Rd. (15<sup>th</sup> becomes Harvey Rd. at this intersection).
- 22.) **LEFT** on Harvey Rd. Walk 2 blocks to 12<sup>th</sup> St. NE.
- 23.) After passing a brown chain-link fence, turn **RIGHT** onto the sidewalk at the corner of I St. NE & 12<sup>th</sup> St. NE. Continue on I St. (past brick bldg. on your left), 3 blocks.
- 24.) **LEFT** on 9<sup>th</sup> St. NE (unmarked). Walk to K St. NE.
- 25.) **CROSS** K St. NE. Pass by the chain-link fence and cross the parking lot to Harvey Rd. (the busy street ahead).
- 26.) **RIGHT** on Harvey Rd. Walk 1 block to 8<sup>th</sup> St. NE.
- 27.) **CROSS** 8<sup>th</sup> St. NE (*careful – cars behind you, turning right*). Then **RIGHT** to continue on 8<sup>th</sup>, for one block, to a garden.
- 28.) **LEFT** on the gravel path into the Community Garden. Follow the path as it veers **LEFT** to a parking lot at the park.
- 29.) **RIGHT** to walk through the parking lot to K St. and 5<sup>th</sup> St.
- 30.) **CROSS** 5<sup>th</sup> St. NE, and continue straight on K St. NE.
- 31.) **RIGHT** on 4<sup>th</sup> St. NE. (5K) Continue several blocks to the traffic light at Auburn Way N.
- 32.) Carefully **CROSS** Auburn Way N. Walk one block.
- 33.) Carefully **CROSS** Auburn Ave., and then turn **LEFT**. Walk one block to 3<sup>rd</sup> St. NE.
- 34.) **RIGHT** on 3<sup>rd</sup> St. NE. Continue to the railroad tracks.
- 35.) Carefully **CROSS** the tracks. Mind all signals and watch for train traffic. Walk one block to C St. NW. (6K)
- 36.) **RIGHT** on C St. NW. Walk one block to the far end of the Fuel Farm station (watch for traffic entering/exiting).
- 37 (CHECKPOINT DELETED)
- 38.) Now return by re-tracing your steps back to 3<sup>rd</sup> St. NW.
- 39.) Use walks signals to carefully **CROSS** 3<sup>rd</sup> St. NW, and then to turn **RIGHT** and **CROSS** C St. NW.
- 40.) Continue straight on 3<sup>rd</sup>, one block, to D St. NW.
- 41.) **LEFT** on D St. NW. Walk two blocks to W. Main St. (7K)
- 42.) **RIGHT** on Main. Walk one block to E. St. SW.
- 43.) Activate the flashing signal and turn **LEFT** to **CROSS** Main.
- 44.) Continue straight on E. St. SW, one block, to 1<sup>st</sup> St. SW.
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- 47.) **RIGHT** on Main. Continue to the traffic light and carefully **CROSS** C St. SW. Walk one block to the tracks.
- 48.) **RIGHT** on the sidewalk next to the railroad tracks (do not cross the tracks). Walk to the stairs/bridge ahead. Go up the stairs and over the tracks, and then back down.
- 49.) Walk along the plaza (past tables & chairs), to A St. SW.
- 50.) **RIGHT** on A St. SW, 3 blocks (passing under a concrete bridge), to where it veers **LEFT** twice (passing P-patch on right). The street is now S. Division St. (unmarked).
- 51.) At traffic light, use walk signal to carefully **CROSS** 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Continue on Division, under the “Downtown Auburn” sign, straight for three blocks, to E. Main St.
- 52.) **RIGHT** on Main. Continue, several blocks, to F St. SE.
- 53.) **RIGHT** on F St. SE. Continue one block to 2<sup>nd</sup> St. SE.
- 54.) **RIGHT** on 2<sup>nd</sup> St. SE. Continue four blocks to Auburn Way S.
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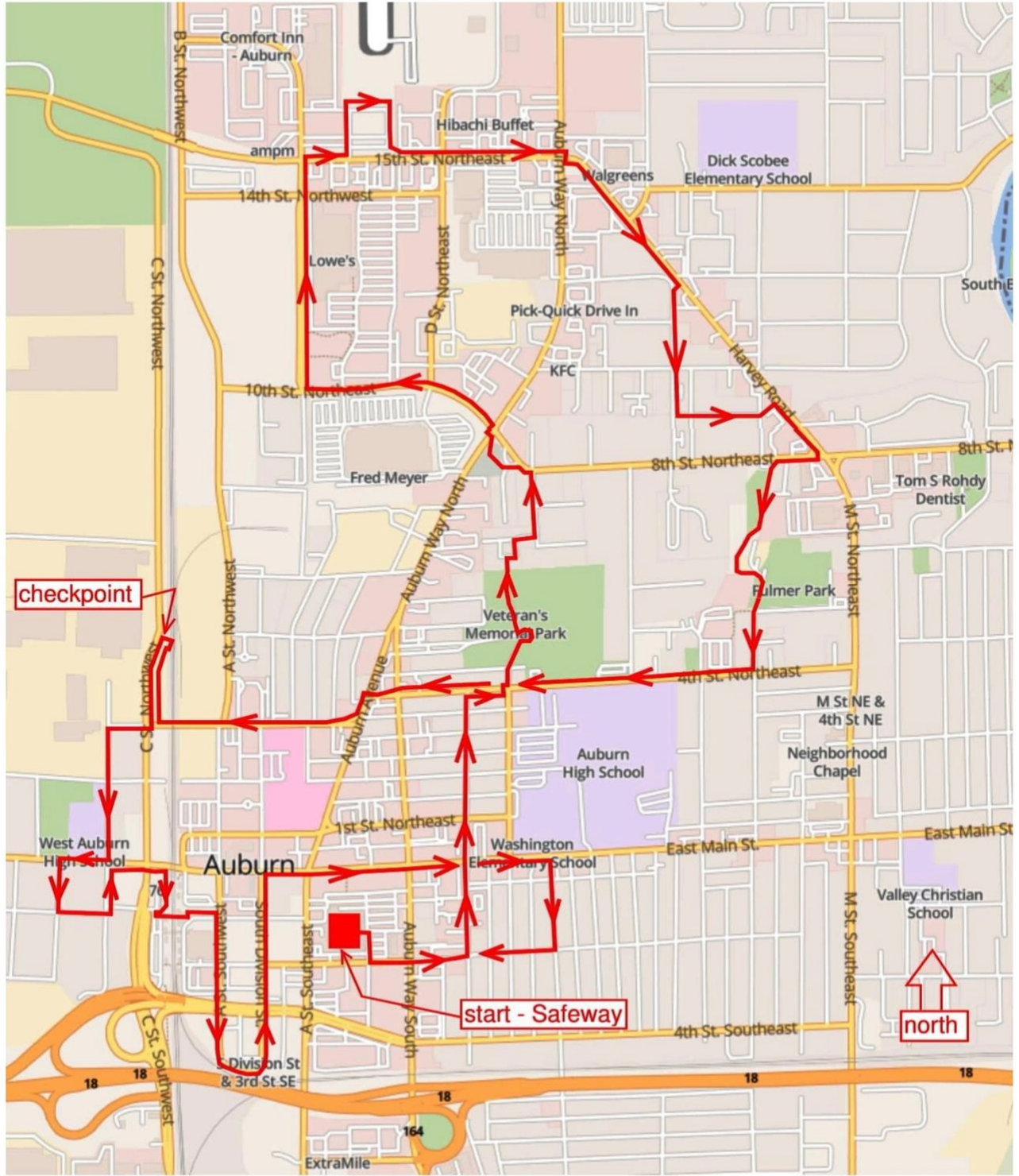
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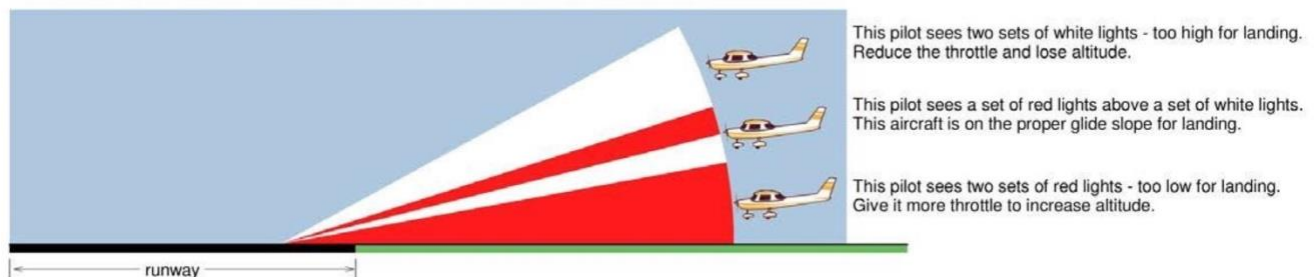
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### 42.) Trees and art – steps 42 through 46:

Auburn has a fine collection of public art, and some impressive trees too – scattered all throughout the city. We'll look at a few here. The dragonfly sculpture on Main Street is part of a series called "Tobu Bo", by Spokane artists Tom Askman and Lea Anne Lake. For info on other art pieces, you see as you walk, go online to: [Auburnwa.gov/visitors](http://Auburnwa.gov/visitors) and click on Public Art.

And the trees: At the corner of 1<sup>st</sup> St. and E St., there is a pair of deciduous trees across the street from one another. The first one on your right is a Silver Maple (*Acer saccharinum*), and across the street is a very large specimen of European Hornbeam (*Carpinus betulus*). As you continue one block farther on your walk, at the corner of 1<sup>st</sup> and D. St., look across the street for a Giant Sequoia tree (*Sequoiadendron giganteum*).

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