



## Crocus Hill East 5K and West 5K Walk





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<b>City / State:</b>	St Paul, MN
<b>Event Name:</b>	Crocus Hill Walk
<b>Event Type:</b>	Seasonal Walk
<b>Event ID:</b>	SN: 121973 - 2023 / Y2257
<b>Distance - Trail Ratings:</b>	5k & 10k - 1A
<b>Description:</b>	Crocus Hill, also known at Summit Hill, is one of the oldest and most popular neighborhoods in Saint Paul. It's a treasure of history, architecture, distinctive pedestrian-oriented shopping and dining experiences, and strong community connections. It includes fashionable, well-preserved Victorian-era dwellings and other historic architectural treasures. Trail is paved sidewalks with some moderate hills. The event is made up of two 5K routes, east and west. Either or both may be completed.
<b>Amenities:</b>	<b>Strollers:</b> medium   <b>Wheelchairs:</b> medium   <b>Pets:</b> Yes   <b>Restrooms:</b> Yes
<b>Special Programs:</b>	Par for the Course
<b>Start Times:</b>	Start/Finish during daylight hours
<b>Location:</b>	Linwood Recreation Center, 860 St. Clair Ave, St. Paul MN 55105
<b>Start Point / Driving Directions:</b>	DRIVE TO START: From the south, take I-35E northbound to Ayd Mill Road exit 104B to St. Clair Ave. Turn right. From the north, take I-35E south to Pleasant Ave. exit 105 to St. Clair Ave. Turn right. The start point can also be reached via Metro Transit Route #74.
<b>Awards &amp; Fees:</b>	IVV Credit Only
<b>Comments:</b>	Restrooms at the start point are available during recreation center hours: M/W/F 7a-9p; Tu/Th/F 6a-9p; Sat 9a-1p
<b>Host Club:</b>	Twin Cities Volk sports
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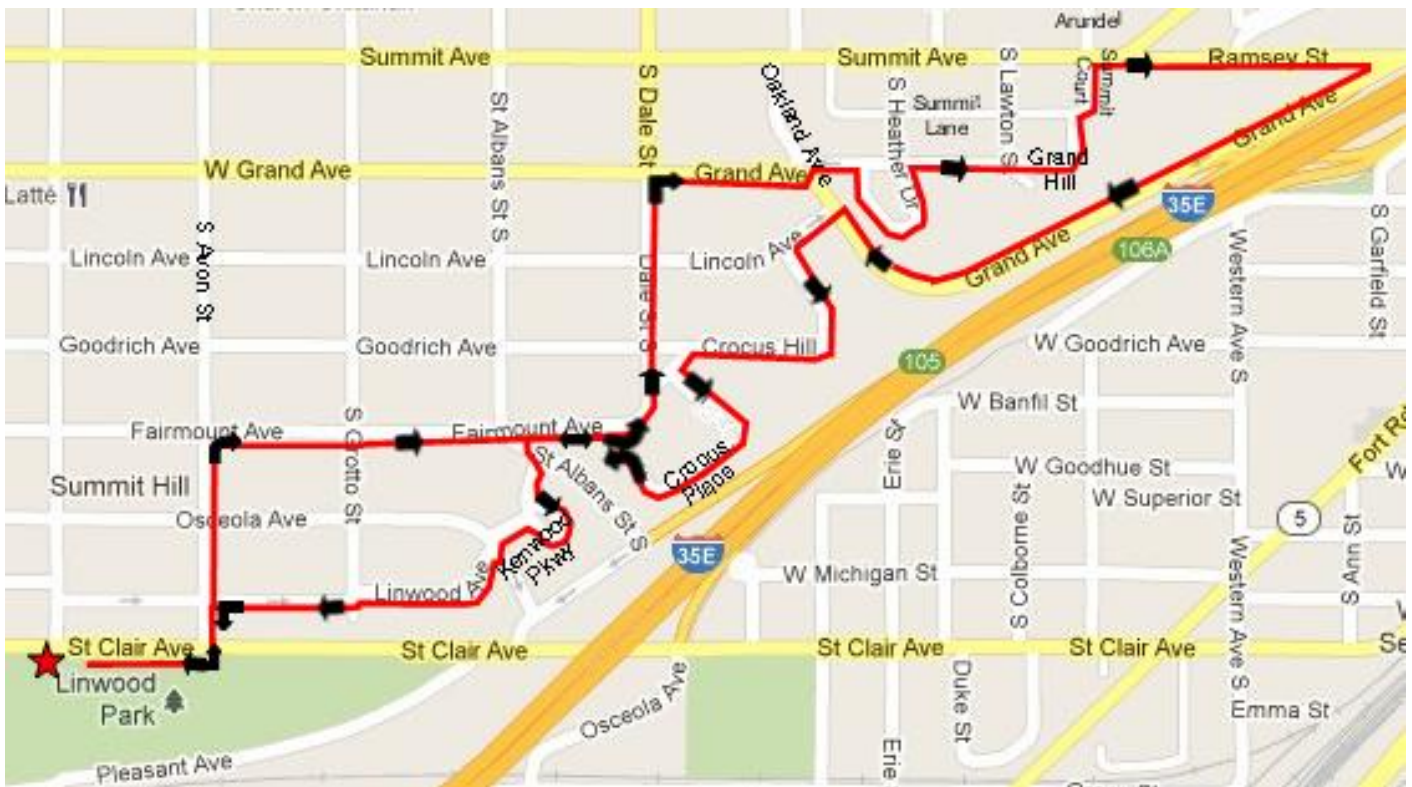
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### Online Start Box

The OSB system does not deduct any walking fee from a walkers Event Bank until they have submitted walk completion info including the date the event was walked, the distance walked, and the selection of applicable special programs that walker is participating in. Nevertheless, a fee of \$2 for a downloaded PDF is deducted from the users Event Bank when the PDF is downloaded. Later, any PDF fees are credited back to a walkers Event Bank when he/she submits the walk completion info as a paying for credit walker. Note however that the \$2 coupon for the downloaded PDF expires in 60 days. Also note that an event registration expires after 30 days, but if your registrations lapses, you may re-register without cost.

## Crocus Hill East 5 km

- 1) **Right** on St. Clair Ave to S Avon St.
  - 2) At bus stop, **Left** crossing St. Clair Ave.
  - 3) **Right** on Fairmont Ave crossing S Avon St.  
*0.4 km*
  - 4) **Left** on S Dale St.
  - 5) **Right** on Grand Ave crossing S Dale St *1.4 km*
  - 6) **Left** at Oakland Ave crossing Grand Ave then immediate **Right** up Grand Hill *1.6 km*
  - 7) **Right** on Heather Drive and follow it around until it loops back to Grand Hill
  - 8) **Right** at Grand Hill
  - 9) At S Lawton St, Grand Hill becomes Summit Ct. Continue on Summit Ct past Summit Ln on the left to Summit Ave.
  - 10) **Right** on Summit Ave
  - 11) **Right** on Ramsey Ave
  - 12) **Right** at Grand Ave *2.6 km*
  - 13) **Left** at Lincoln Ave crossing Grand Ave (just before the bus stop) *3.3 km*
  - 14) **Left** at 562 Lincoln Ave onto (unmarked) Crocus Hill. It looks like an alley *3.4 km*
  - 15) Crocus Hill curves right and then turns right.
  - 16) **Left** at Crocus Place. Crocus Place loops to the right
  - 17) **Left** at Fairmont Ave
  - 18) **Left** at St. Albans St. S.
  - 19) **Right** at Kenwood Pkwy. Kenwood Pkwy curves right to Osceola Ave
  - 20) **Cross** Osceola Ave and immediate **Right** at Linwood Ave (unmarked). There's a *do not enter* traffic sign at the intersection *4.3 km*
  - 21) **Cross** S Grotto St and continue on Linwood Ave (it jogs left here). Stay on left side of street.
  - 22) **Cross** St. Albans and continue (west) on Linwood Ave *4.70 km*
  - 23) **Left** at S Avon St and continue to St. Clair
  - 24) **Cross** St. Clair, turn **Right** and return to Start Point
- Be sure to log back into the OSB system (my.ava.org) to complete your online registration after doing the walk.***



In case of Emergency: Dial 911  
 Event related assistance:  
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## Crocus Hill West 5K Walk

1. **Right** on St. Clair to Pleasant Ave (first intersecting street on right).
2. **Right** on Pleasant Ave. *There's no sidewalk, so cross carefully and face traffic.* At Victoria St, Pleasant Ave becomes Benhill Rd.
3. **Cross** street to use sidewalk. **Stay** on Benhill Rd as it veers right and goes uphill.
4. **Left** on Lombard Ave.
5. **Right** at Lexington Pkwy.
6. **Right** at Linwood Ave. Linwood Ave jogs right at

- Chatsworth St and continues east. **Stay** on Linwood Ave.
7. **Left** on Avon St.
  8. **Left** on Osceola Ave.
  9. **Right** at Oxford St.
  10. **Right** at Fairmont Ave.
  11. **Right** at Avon St
  12. **Cross** St. Clair Ave.
  13. **Right** on St. Clair and return to start point.

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## Crocus Hill East 5K Historical Notes

**633 Fairmount.** Frank Kellogg House. Built in 1890 and designated a National Historic Landmark. Kellogg Blvd was named after him and he also negotiated the Kellogg-Briand Pact: an agreement in which over 60 nations renounced war, but not for long. Kellogg served as secretary of state under President Calvin Coolidge and won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1930 for his efforts. Style is Richardsonian Romanesque and Shingle with the tower of pink quartzite from southwestern MN.

**587 Grand Ave.** With one of the most elaborate Renaissance Revival facades on Grand Ave, this was once the home of playwright August Wilson whose work included the ten *Pittsburgh Cycle* plays for which he received two Pulitzer Prizes for Drama. Wilson lived in St. Paul from 1978—1990. And often wrote in the bar of Esteban's (now Dixies) Restaurant at 695 Grand Ave.

**1 Heather Place.** Cass and Julia Gilbert House. The famed architect lived here from its construction in 1890 until moving to New York City in 1900.

**5-7 Heather Place.** Goodkind Double House. Built in 1910 for brothers Benjamin and William Goodkind who were officers in the Mannheimer Brothers department store in downtown St. Paul. Although connected by a second story passageway, the two sides have always remained under separate ownership. Rumor has it the Goodkinds had so many kids between them that the skyway (of sorts) was built between the homes for their benefit.

**530 Grand Hill (on other side of 520).** Horace E. Stevens/Charles H. Bigelow Jr House. Built in 1895 for civil engineer Stevens and sold to Bigelow in 1923. Bigelow was the president of the Farwell, Ozmun, and Kirk Hardware Co.

**520 Grand Hill.** Howard N. Elmer House/Clark House/John Norris Jackson House; Built in 1894; Georgian Revival in style; Gilbert & Taylor, architects.

**501 Grand Hill.** Built in 1886 for West Publishing officer Charles Ames. Note the many gables. F. Scott Fitzgerald played with Ames's son Theodore in the back yard here and used its description in one of his Basil Lee Duke stories.

### **489 Grand Hill**

Built in 1925 for Carl Schuneman, founder of Schuneman's department store.

**480 Grand Hill.** Built in 1908 by lumber king Frederick Weyerhaeuser.

**455 Grand Ave.** Built in 1925 by bachelor lawyer Jared Howe, the interior was said to resemble a private gentlemen's club. A pre-WWII gentleman's club; not the kind we associate with today.

### **Sources:**

Millett, Larry (2009). *AIA Guide to St. Paul's Summit Ave & Hill District*. St. Paul MN. Minnesota Historical Society.  
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**11 Crocus Hill (1887).** Arts and Crafts home built by architect Clarence H. Johnston Jr. Specializing in domestic, religious, and public architecture, he served as Minnesota State Architect from 1901 to 1931. He is considered one of the most prolific architects in the state's history.

**4 Crocus Hill (1886).** Built by real estate agent Edmund Rice Jr (who never lived here). Subsequent owners included “dry goods prince” George R. Finch of the firm Auerbach, Finch, and Van Slyke and Minnesota Speaker of the House and Governor William Rush Merriam. This is the oldest and largest Crocus Hill home (8,725 ft<sup>2</sup>) with a large lot (1.52 acres) and commanding view of the river valley. The highest-level tower is a modern addition. The houses on Crocus Hill were originally numbered by their order of construction; but in keeping with St. Paul’s notorious numbering system, the rule is inconsistent and #4 is the oldest.

**54 Crocus Place.** David Aberle House built in 1927 and designed by Edwin Lundie who designed a series of exquisite homes in the Twin Cities as well as cabins and resort buildings along the North Shore using triangular shingles inserted at the corners of many of the eaves.

**26 Kenwood Parkway.** Philip McQuillan House; Built in 1883; Prairie School in style; Round & Wager, architects.

### **Historic Crocus Hill West 5K Historical Notes**

#### **1042—1080 Linwood Bungalows**

St. Paul’s finest collection of small bungalows circa 1910. They’re noted for their fine woodwork, detailing, and leaded glass.

#### **803 Osceola Ave.**

Designed and built in 1906 by architect Augustus Gauger for company founder Alfred Krank. The Krank company manufactured cosmetics, shampoos, and grooming products including straight razors and “Krank’s Hair Root Oil”. The factory at 1885 University Ave is now known as Iris Park Place and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

#### **975 Osceola Ave (1914)**

Considered one of St. Paul’s largest and finest Prairie Style houses. Little is known about original owner Frank Seifert other than his ownership of a billiard parlor in downtown St. Paul and his taste for fine architecture.

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