



DeForest 6K/10K Walk

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Physical Start Box: Kwik Trip - 4848 Cty Hwy V, DeForest, WI 53532. Box is stored on the front window sill near the registers.

Driving to the Start Box: From I-39/90, take exit 126 (Cty Hwy V) East toward DeForest. Drive 0.5 mile east on Cty Hwy V/North St. Kwik Trip will be on the left.

Walk Start Point: Western Green Park, 417 Acker Parkway, DeForest, WI 53532

Driving to the Start Point: After registering at the Kwik Trip, return to Cty Hwy V and turn right on River Road. Follow River Road for .5 miles and then turn left on Acker Parkway. Travel on Acker Parkway for 0.75 miles and turn right into the entrance to Western Green Park and Shelter.



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From the start point at Western Green Park, walk toward the paved path along the Yahara River and turn

1. **L** on the Western Green Trail. This portion of the trail was paved in late 2017. Turn
2. **R** over the Yahara River Bridge to the chain link fence. Then, continue straight on the unpaved portion of the Western Green Trail. Cross Main St. in the crosswalk toward Veteran's Park and turn
3. **R** on Main St. Turn
4. **L** into the parking lot of Veteran's Memorial Park. Walk toward the flags and eagle, and turn
5. **L** on the walkway and view the five granite monuments, one for each branch of the military. **Turn around** at the end of the park near the Army monument and retrace your steps back to Main St. **[1K]** Turn
6. **L** on Main St., cross Carriage Way. Turn
7. **L** on E. Holum St. *To the right, off Library St. is the DeForest Public Library, built in 2002. It is designed to reflect the rich Norwegian background of the DeForest community. The building is a contemporary interpretation of stave churches built throughout Norway around the 14th century. The natural stone base, heavy timber structure, and steep pitched roof are particularly reminiscent of these ancient buildings. Four dragons are mounted on the roof of the library, each made up of 14 different pieces and weighing 100 pounds.*

Cross Market St. and railroad tracks, cross N. Durkee St. Turn

8. **R** on N. Stevenson St. Turn
9. **R** on DeForest St. for a block, then turn
10. **L** to cross DeForest St. to see the DeForest Centennial Sign 1863-1963 at the corner of Fireman's Park.

DeForest was named for Isaac DeForest, whose ancestry can be traced back to Belgium. He arrived in this area in 1854 and accumulated large land holdings, most devoted to wheat farming. He had the land platted in 1856, seeing the opportunity for establishing a village. Unfortunately, because of the precipitous decline in wheat prices following the Civil War, he lost a great deal of money, sold his land in 1868 and moved to Wetmore, Kansas. The name remained, however, and soon became the post office designation in the area and by 1872 a main station on the Madison-Portage Railway line. After reading the sign, turn

11. **R** at the crosswalk to the stop sign. Cross the railroad tracks. *The DeForest Chamber of Commerce is located in the Lyster House across the street. The exterior and one room in the interior have been restored to the 1930's period.* Cross Market St. The street becomes Commerce St. Cross Library St. **[2K]** and turn
12. **R** on Main St. Cross Norsk Ct. and Ethun Place. At Holum St. turn
13. **L** and cross Main St., then turn
14. **R** and cross W. Holum St., then turn
15. **L** on W. Holum and follow the sidewalk to the paved trail by a chain link fence.

- Follow the paved trail down the hill and over a boardwalk. Then, turn
16. **L** on the trail and cross over a Yahara River bridge. Then turn
 17. **L** on the trail to follow it back to the Western Green Park Shelter. Pass the park shelter and continue toward a baseball fence. Shortly after passing the baseball fence, turn
 18. **L** on a bridge over the Yahara River, **[3K]** and cross Riverwood Bend (no sign), turn
 19. **R** to walk on the left side of the road. At South St. turn
 20. **R** and cross Riverwood Bend, Continue on the right South St. sidewalk and pass Riverview Ct. Cross Mayapple Cir. and immediately turn
 21. **L** to cross South St. in the crosswalk. Turn
 22. **R** on South St. After a few steps, at Sunnybrook Dr. turn
 23. **L** on Sunnybrook Dr. Shortly after that, turn
 24. **L** on the Boardwalk of the Upper Yahara River Trail. Continue on the Upper Yahara River Trail until reaching the Gazebo for Sunnybrook Park. **[4K]**
 25. At the Gazebo, **turn around** and retrace your steps on the Upper Yahara River Trail Boardwalk back to Sunnybrook Drive. Turn
 26. **R** on Sunnybrook Drive and then turn
 27. **R** on South St. At the crosswalk at Mayapple Cir., turn
 28. **L** and cross South St. in the crosswalk. Enter the paved Mayapple trail. Cross the bridge over the Yahara River **[5K]** and turn
 29. **R** on the Western Green Trail and follow it straight back to the Western Green Park Shelter, on the left. **[5.7K]**

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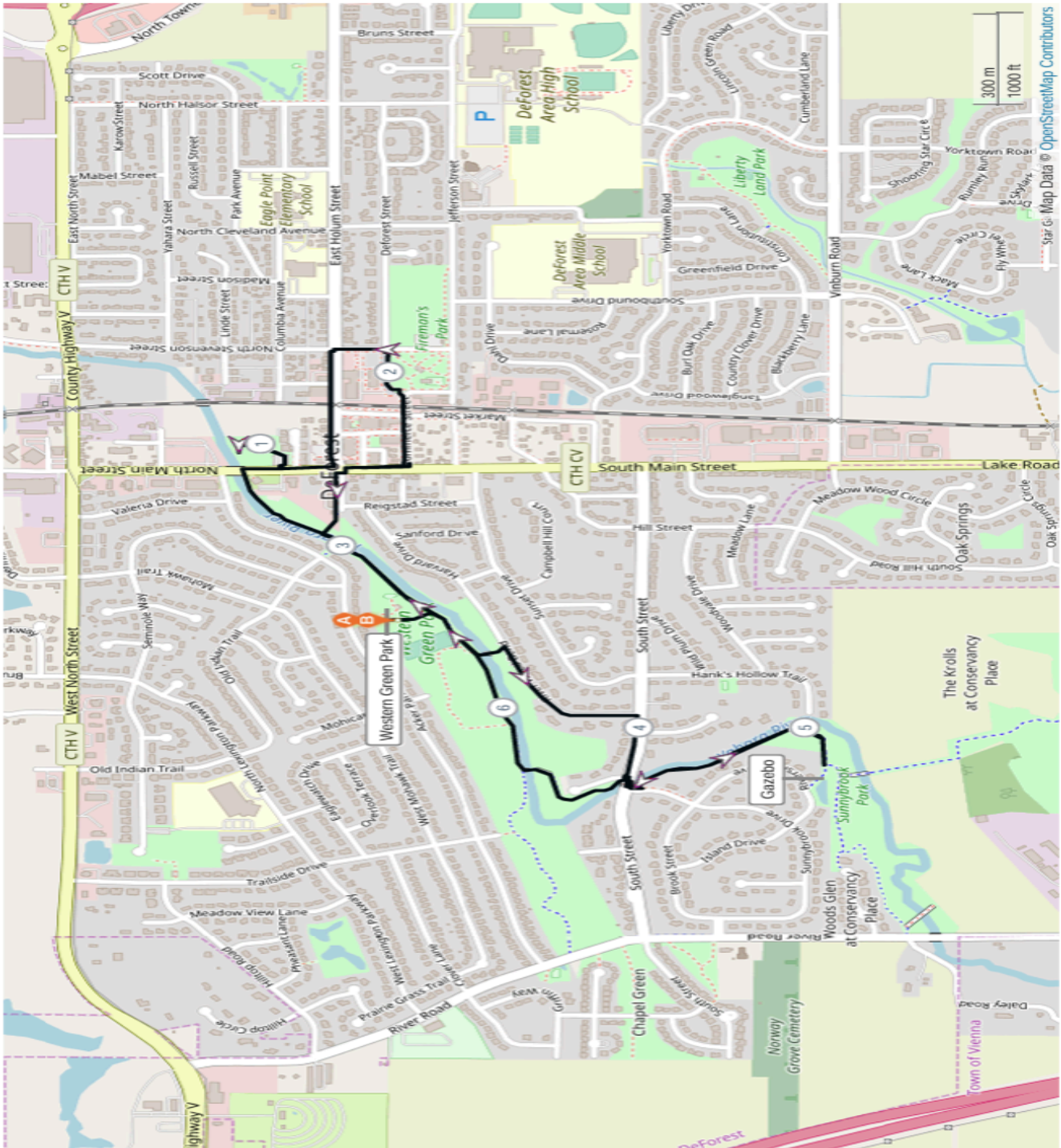
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 25. **L** to continue to follow the Upper Yahara River Trail. In a short distance, turn
 26. **L** to cross the boardwalk over the river. *Note the Historical Marker at this turn that describes more history of the area.* Continue on the trail for about 2K to a T intersection with boardwalk to the left, and pavement to the right leading to Indigo Dr., turn
 27. **R** on the paved trail and follow it to Indigo Dr. (no sign) Cross Indigo Dr. and turn
 28. **L** on the Indigo Dr. sidewalk **[6K]**. Turn
 29. **L** on Larkspur Ln., crossing Indigo Dr. Cross Mistflower Ct. Cross Innovation Dr. and turn
 30. **L** on Innovation Dr. Pass River's Turn Park on right. Where the Innovation Dr. sidewalk ends, enter the Upper Yahara River Trail and immediately turn
 31. **L** on the Yahara River Trail. After crossing a boardwalk, turn
 32. **R** at the stop sign and retrace your steps on the Upper Yahara River Trail. Continue about 1.6K on the trail until reaching the end of a boardwalk over the Yahara River and a stop sign with the historical marker on the right. Turn
 33. **R** on the trail, and then in a short distance turn
 34. **R** at the next stop sign on the trail, and walk past the Sunnybrook Park Gazebo. Continue on the Upper Yahara River Trail back to Sunnybrook Drive. **[9K]** Turn
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