

# Anoka MN Anoka County Walk

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**EVENT TYPE:** Year-Round Walk

**DATES:** From Jan 1st to Dec 31st, 2026

**TIMES:** Dawn to Dusk

**DISTANCE:** 5 & 7 km

**TRAIL RATINGS:** 1A

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**COUNTY:** Anoka

**DESCRIPTION:** Walk historic downtown Anoka - the Halloween Capital of the World - along the Rum River, some residential and city parks.

**SPECIAL PROGRAMS:** Centurion Achievement Challenge; IVV-Americas; Rails-To-Trails; Town Halls / City Halls; Walking the United States - States; Walking the USA, A - Z; Walking with America's Veterans

**AWARD:** IVV CREDIT ONLY

**IMPORTANT EVENT INFORMATION:** Restrooms: Yes, Pets: Yes, Strollers: Medium, Wheelchairs: Medium

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**START POINT/DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** 2201 2nd Ave, Anoka MN 55303,

GPS coordinates: 45.20872, -93.38518. From I-694 east or west, take Exit 36 (E River Rd north) which turns into Coon Rapids Blvd. In Anoka turn Right on 5th Ave to Main St. Left on Main St to 2nd Ave. Right on 2nd Ave and park near Van Buren St near the Riverfront Veteran's Memorial which is on the left next to the Rum River. The Veteran's Memorial will be next to the Rum River where the walk will start. Both loops have same start point but go in opposite directions **COMMENTS:** Restrooms are located near the Riverfront Veteran's Memorial at the start and finish of the 5K and 7K loops.

**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 the event was walked, the distance walked, 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 Event Bank when the PDF is downloaded. Later, any PDF fees are credited back to a user's Event Bank when they submit the event completion info as a paying for credit participant. 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.

# Anoka, MN 5K

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Start Point: 2201 2nd Ave, Anoka, MN. Park on 2nd Ave near Van Buren St. The Veteran's Memorial will be next to the Rum River where the walk will start. There are two loops: 5 and 7 km. Both loops have same start point but go in opposite directions

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**Loop #1: 5K** walk through part of downtown and to the Mississippi River/Rum River confluence then back along the Rum

Special Programs: America's Veterans, Hall/Town Hall

1. Facing the Riverfront Veteran's Memorial Park and the Rum River, turn **Left** on 2nd Ave and walk to Main St. (Restrooms near the Memorial)
2. **Left** on Main St to 5th Ave and turn Right onto 5<sup>th</sup> Ave (check out the nice mural on the old theater to your right) Continue on 5th Ave to Madison St
3. **Cross and Right** on Madison St (next to Anoka Tornadoes football field) carefully crossing 4th Ave and continuing to 3rd Ave
4. **Left** on 3rd Ave to Jefferson
5. Right on Jefferson St (Ticknor Hill Bed & Breakfast on the left) to 2nd Ave.
6. **Cross and Left** on 2nd Ave. Near the sidewalks end next to the trailhead sign and small pond on your right, turn **Right**. You are now in Akin Riverside Park where you follow the Anoka Historic Rum River Regional Trail to the Right, keeping the river on your left.
7. When you come to the band shell on the right, you will turn **Left** over the pedestrian bridge crossing the river to Ferry St. (Hwy 169)
8. **Left** on Ferry St, Rum River on your left, to the light at S Ferry Rd, cross and continue on Ferry St to the end of the stone wall. (Do not cross over the bridge or you will be in Champlin)

10. Walking through the gate of Peninsula Point Park, take the first **Right** path and then turn Left onto the boardwalk. Keep to the right with the river on your right. You come to the V in the river. This is where the Mississippi and Rum Rivers merge together. Just past this V is the site of the former Grist Mill - Washburn Lumber Mill site and then just beyond the mill, you'll notice the Heritage Tree.

11. Following the trail, keeping Right. Exit and turn **Right** at the gate and walk back to Ferry St.

12. **Right** on Ferry St to the light at Ferry Rd.

13. **Continue** on Ferry St crossing Ferry Rd back to the pedestrian bridge on right.

14. **Right** to cross pedestrian bridge (look down to your left and note historic amphitheater)

15. **Left** at end of the pedestrian bridge, following on left to go through the tunnel under Main St. (City Hall with large flag on right after tunnel)

16. Follow the sidewalk with the river on the left past City Hall and the dam. Continue a couple blocks until you come to the Vets Memorial on the right and overlook at river on the left.

17. Return to your vehicle parked on 2nd Ave near Veteran's Park.



In case of emergency: Dial 911  
Event related assistance:  
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5K/7K = 12K (2-Loops)

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## Loop #2 - 7K

Nice relaxing trail through mostly woods and some prairie

1. Special Programs: America's Veterans Restrooms to the left near the Memorial
2. Looking at the Rum River and Riverfront Veteran's Memorial Park, turn Right on 2nd Ave to Harrison St
3. Right on Harrison St to 4th Ave
4. Carefully Cross and Left on 4th Ave to Johnson St
5. Cross Johnson and turn Left crossing 4th Ave onto the trail. The trail will first curve to the right and then to the left. You pass some historic landmarks as you proceed on the trail. You will stay on this trail keeping the Rum River on your left
6. Follow this main trail until you come to Bunker Lake Blvd (only main road you will come to) where you turn around and return on the same trail back, keeping the river to your right returning 4th Ave and Johnson St
7. Cross 4th Ave and turn Right at Harrison St then Left on 2nd Ave to Start/ Finish point



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