



Woodbury Pollinator Gardens Walks

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City / State:	St Paul, MN
Event Name:	Woodbury Pollinator Gardens
Event Type:	Seasonal
Event ID:	SN: 125329 - 2024 / Y2657
Distance - Trail Ratings:	5k & 10k - 1A
Description:	Woodbury has a strong commitment to addressing the challenges facing pollinators through both City resources and the non-profit community. This event was proposed to reinforce this commitment both within Woodbury as well as the broader region by featuring pollinator friendly environments and to provide education on available resources.
Amenities:	Strollers: medium Wheelchairs: medium Pets: Yes Restrooms: Yes
Special Programs:	
Start Times:	Start/Finish during daylight hours
Location:	Woodbury Central Park rear entrance. Woodbury Central Park is an indoor park including a library and YMCA.
Start Point / Driving Directions:	Rear entrance to 8595 Central Park Place. From I-94 east of the 495/694 interchange take the first exit (Radio Dr) south. Left at Central Park Pl. Continue straight ahead as the road curves right into parking lot. Trail starts at the far side of the parking lot.
Awards & Fees:	IVV Credit Only
Comments:	Restroom available at the start point, local businesses, and in the parks along the route.
Host Club:	Twin Cities Volkssport
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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.



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Woodbury has a strong commitment to addressing the challenges facing pollinators through both City resources and the non-profit community. This event was developed to demonstrate and reinforce this commitment both within Woodbury as well as the broader region and to provide resources and how they can help in this effort. Woodbury has engaged its citizens and multiple foundations and organization to develop a pollinator corridor. This communal space will provide educational principles on pollinators and produce harvestable seed source for the City of Woodbury. The Minnesota Board of Soil and Water Resources has a pollinator toolbox with information on residential pollinator habitats: <https://bwsr.state.mn.us/residential-pollinator-habitat>

This project is also supported by Blue Thumb—Planting for Clean Water[®] which is a public/private partnership promoting native plants, raingardens, shoreline stabilization projects and turf alternatives to reduce runoff and improve water quality. Partners include local governmental units (watershed districts, conservation districts, cities and counties), non-profit organizations, and private companies such as nurseries and landscape design and build companies, all working toward Blue Thumb goals. Blue Thumb is coordinated by Metro Blooms.

Features along the trail include:

- Efforts underway at the Woodbury YMCA and the nearby grounds to feature pollinator-friendly plants. One area is being used by local schools as a teaching workshop.
- Nearby pollinator-friendly and environmentally-significant features identified in the Marsh Creek Park Savanna Oaks Natural Area Nature Trail Guide.
- The pollinator-friendly plant nursery established by the City in partnership with Great River Greening along a walking trail south of Lake Road and Ojibway Park.
- Ojibway Park.

Here are some resources to help you understand what you can do to in your own space to help pollinators and our ecosystem:

- <https://www.minnesotawildflowers.info> as a field guide and where to purchase native flowers
- <http://www.wildonestwincities.org> for how to create your own natural garden
- <https://www.beelab.umn.edu> University of Minnesota Bee Lab
- <https://extension.umn.edu/lawns-and-landscapes/landscape-design>: University of Minnesota Extension Service on Landscape Design
- <https://monarchwatch.org/waystations/> Create a Monarch Waystation near you
- <https://www.pollinator.org> The Pollinator Partnership
- <http://www.mnwcd.org> Washington County Conservation District
- <https://bluethumb.org> Blue Thumb, planting for clean water and pollinators
- *Pollinators of Native Plants: Attract, Observe and Identify Pollinators and Beneficial Insects with Native Plants* by Heather Holm



Woodbury Pollinator Gardens 10k Walk

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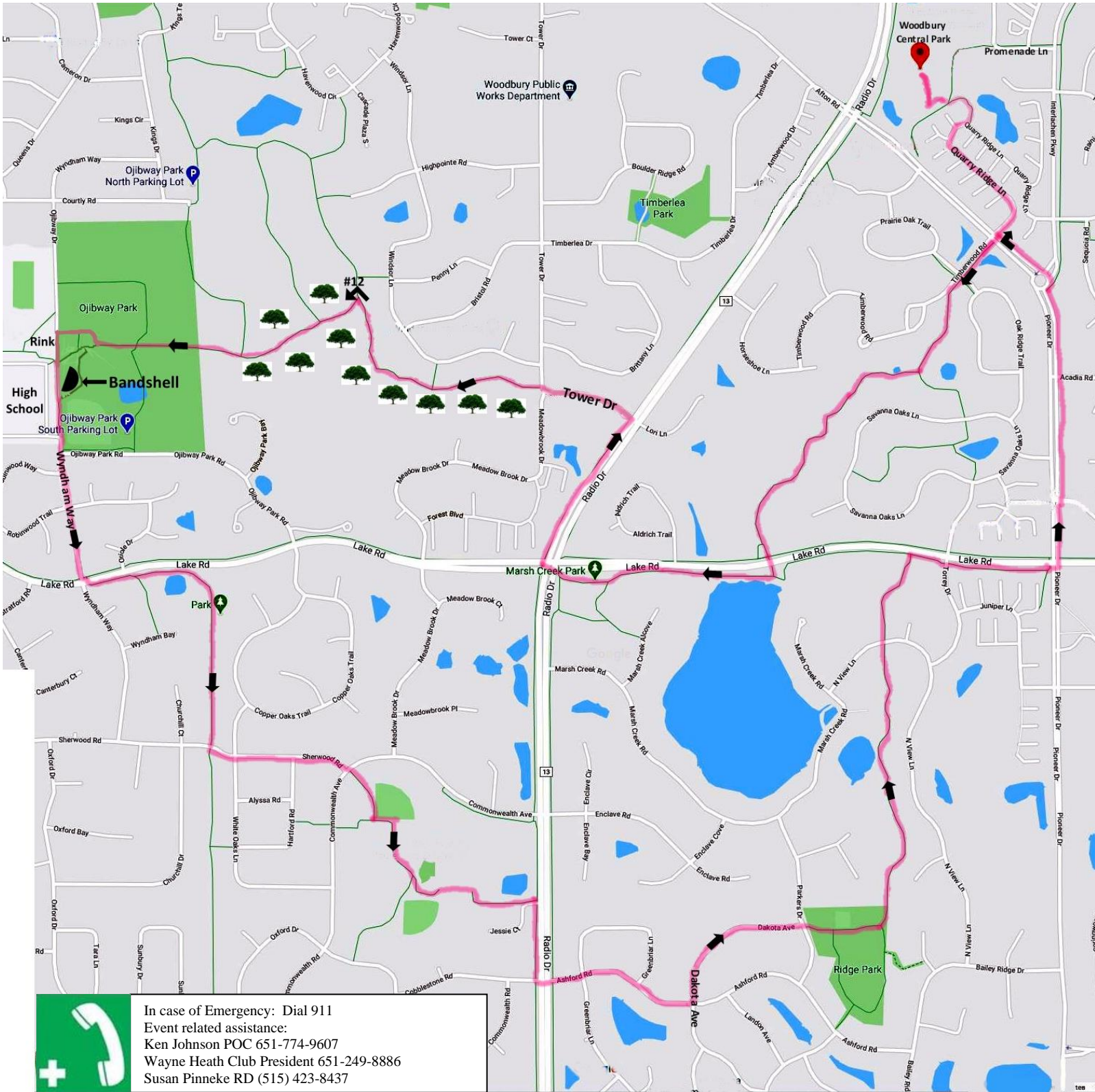


The 5 km and 10 km routes follow the same instructions through #10

1. Facing the arched back entrance of Woodbury Central Park from the parking lot at Central Park Place and Promenade Ln, descend the stairs at the left corner of the building. There is also a sidewalk ramp to the bottom of the stairs at the Central Park Place/Promenade Ln intersection across the parking lot (SE corner)
2. Follow trail down past the apartments on the left
3. **Left** at trail intersection
4. **Right** at street intersection (Quarry Ridge Ln)
5. **Follow** Quarry Ridge Ln to Pioneer Dr
6. **Cross** Pioneer Dr and continue onto blacktop trail on left side of Timberwood Rd
7. **Cross** Prairie Oak Trail and continue straight on blacktop trail
8. **Right** at trail intersection and continue straight crossing under Lake Rd through tunnel
9. **Right** at trail intersection and continue straight through Marsh Creek Park to intersection
10. **Cross** Radio Dr. **Cross** Lake Rd and continue on trail on left side of Radio Dr
11. **Left** at Tower Dr, **Cross** Meadow Brooke Dr, and veer **Left** on trail away from Meadowbrook and Tower Drives
12. **Left** at first trail intersection
13. **Continue straight** through the woods and Ojibway Park to the T at the outdoor ice rink
14. **Left** keeping Woodbury High School on your right and the Woodbury Lions Bandshell on your left
15. At the corner of Wyndham Way and Ojibway Park Rd **Continue Straight** on Wyndham Way
16. **Cross** Lake Rd
17. **Left** on trail and go straight along Lake Rd to the second trail on the right
18. **Right** at second trail
19. **Left** at Sherwood Rd (unmarked)
20. **Cross** Commonwealth Ave and go straight ahead on the trail
21. **Left** at trail intersection
22. **Left** at Y through parking lot to trail on right
23. **Right** at Radio Dr
24. **Left** at Cobblestone Rd/Ashford Rd crossing Radio Dr
25. **Left** at Dakota Ave
26. **Cross** Parkers Dr and take trail straight through Ridge Park
27. **Left** on trail and continue to Lake Rd
28. **Right** on trail along Lake Rd
29. **Cross** Pioneer Dr and turn **Left** crossing Lake Rd
30. **Follow** Pioneer Dr to Timberwood Rd
31. **Right** on Timberwood/Quarry Ridge Ln
32. **Continue** on Quarry Ridge Ln to the trail just past 8638 Quarry Ridge Ln.
33. **Left** onto trail then sharp **Right** to start point

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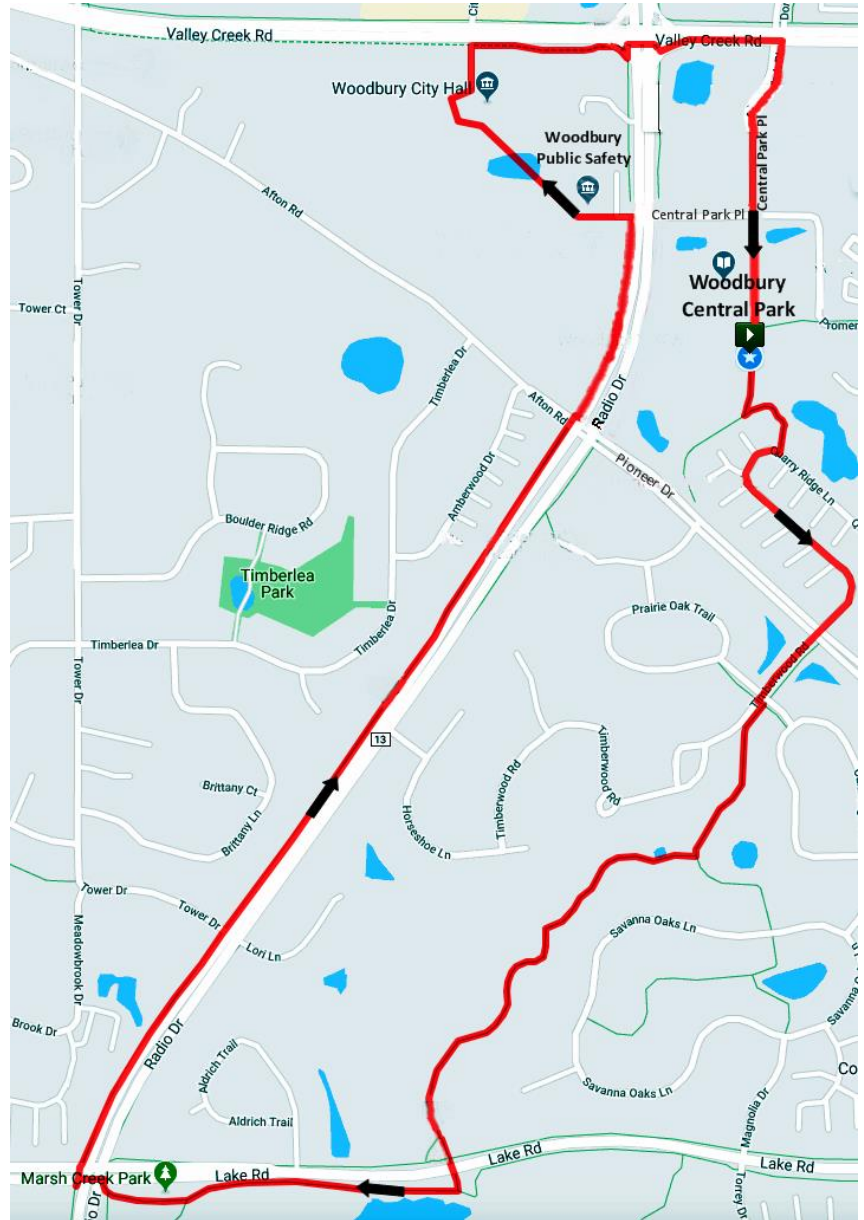
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2. Follow trail down past the apartments on the left
3. **Left** at trail intersection
4. **Right** at street intersection (Quarry Ridge Ln)
5. **Follow** Quarry Ridge Ln to Pioneer Dr
6. **Cross** Pioneer Dr and continue onto blacktop trail on left side of Timberwood Rd
7. **Cross** Prairie Oak Trail and continue straight on blacktop trail
8. **Right** at trail intersection and continue straight crossing under Lake Rd through tunnel
9. **Right** at trail intersection and continue straight through Marsh Creek Park to intersection
10. **Cross** Radio Dr
11. **Cross** Lake Rd and continue on trail on left side of Radio Dr
12. **Cross** Afton Rd/Pioneer Dr
13. **Cross** Central Park Pl
14. **Left** on sidewalk
15. **Right** onto blacktop trail passing Woodbury Public Safety building and parking lot on the right. Trail curves left and passes Woodbury City Hall on the right
16. **Right** just beyond City Hall and pass parking lot on your right
17. **Right** at Valley Creek Rd
18. **Cross** Radio Dr



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19. **Right** at Central Park Pl and continue straight into parking lot and start point



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These walk directions and maps may only be used in conjunction with a signed American Volkssport Association athletic waiver.
All other uses prohibited.

Scavenger Hunt

See if you can find the plants below. How many different colors can you find? Local naturalists found green, brown, yellow, white, orange, blue, red, and purple.



American Basswood:(Linden)
Handsome shade and street tree
Also known as the “bee tree” because its flowers are tasty for bees, giving great honey



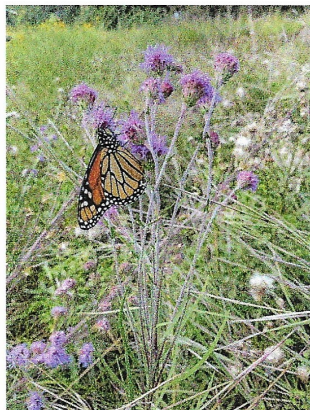
Mullein
See rxlist.com for historical medicinal uses
Perennial herb known as the “flannel leaf plant”



Yellow Toadflax
Known as “butter and eggs” because it looks like eggs in butter
In warm sunshine its blossoms can smell like coffee



Milkweed
The best food for monarch caterpillars
The “milk” is as sticky as Elmer’s glue!



Blazingstar
Delicious for migrating monarchs
In the Liatris family; flowers develop from the bottom up and get hairy, nectar-filled blossoms



Brown-eyed Susan:
No one knows why it’s called “Susan”
Its cones absorb UV light while petals reflect it, so bees “see” two colors



Sorrel
You can grind the seeds and make flour
In France it is known as spinach dock and is used in salad and steamed

GREAT RIVER GREENING

In 2018, Great River Greening volunteers, in partnership with the South Washington Watershed District, planted over 5000 plants along the natural gas pipeline in Woodbury.

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