

Dubuque 5k and 10k Volkswalks

Seasonal: April 1-Sept 30

Special Programs: Dubuque County, Little Free Libraries,  
Rockin' Around the Clock, Border Crossings

Start/Finish: Start/Finish: Diamond Jo National River  
Center, 350 E 3rd St, Dubuque, IA.

Time: Dawn to dusk Distance/Rating: 1A

**Directions from Davenport, Iowa** (or points south of  
Dubuque)

Follow US-61 BUS **to** US-61 N

12 min (5.3 mi)

Follow US-61 N **to** White St in Dubuque.

Take the White St exit from US-61 N

Take E 5th St and Bell St to your destination

**Directions from Galena, IL**

Turn right onto US-20 W/Spring St/US Hwy 20 W

Continue to follow US-20 W/US Hwy 20 W

Entering Iowa

Continue **on** Locust St to your destination

Description: Today, Dubuque is noted for its technology  
and publishing industries and attracts over a million  
tourists annually drawn by the unique architecture of  
the city. The walk will be along the Mississippi  
Riverwalk and downtown Dubuque's Main St, which has  
many murals.

There is lots of free parking in the Diamond Jo parking  
lot.

"Be sure to log back into the OSB system to  
finish/complete your online registration by entering  
their participation date, distances, and any special  
programs"

Restrooms: Yes

Pets: Yes

Strollers: Yes

Wheelchairs: Yes

## Dubuque Volkswalk Directions

**\*\*5k and 10k**

**Iowa's Walking Club**

Start/Finish: Diamond Jo National River Center, 350 E 3rd St, Dubuque, IA.

Restrooms and water are available inside.

1. Out the front door and right. Go around the corner of the building, passing the entrance to the gift shop. Follow the red-colored sidewalk.
2. Enter the River Walk trail at the stone wall. (If flood gates are closed, walk up the ramp to the left.)  
*Enjoy the artwork along the River Walk.*
3. Continue on the River Walk to the end of the walk near the Star Brewery. Exit the River Walk by either the ramp to the Star Brewery (*National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) 2007*) or the steps at the end of the walkway.
4. Left on Star Brewery Dr with Star Brewery on your left and Shot Tower on your right. (1k)  
*The movie F.I.S.T. was partly filmed at the Star Brewery. The Shot Tower, built in 1856, is 120' tall. The tower was used to make shot and bullets during the Civil War by dropping lead from the top.*

5. Left on Bell St.

6. Right on E. 5th St.

*Check out the murals facing 5<sup>th</sup> St.*

7. Continue on 5th St; no sidewalk at the tracks.

8. Right on White St. (2k)

**\*\*5K: Turn left on 7<sup>th</sup> St to Iowa St; skip to #14**

9. Right on 9th St one block to Jackson.

10. Left on Jackson to 11th St.

11. Left on 11th St to Central Ave.

12. Left on Central Ave to 7th St.

*The Old Jail Museum (NRHP 1972) is a rare example of Egyptian Revivalist architecture built in 1857.*

*Open to visit. Dome of the Court House is pure gold leaf.*

13. Cross and turn right on 7th St to Iowa St.

14. Left on Iowa St to 5<sup>th</sup> St.

*Restrooms available at McDonalds on left.*

15. Right on 5th St at the lights to Main St.

16. Right on Main St.

*The Clock Tower was erected in 1873 atop a building on Main St north of 8th St. The clock was moved to the downtown mall in 1971. Further on Main St, the building with white tower to the right is the City Hall built in 1857; home to the Farmer's Market on Saturdays. (4k)*

**\*\* 5K: turn Left on 9<sup>th</sup> St to Bluff St; skip to #21**

17. Left on Loras Blvd one block to Locust St.

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

18. Cross and turn left on Locust St to 9th St. Little Free Library @ 1201 Locust  
*Notice the Free Masons and Carnegie Library (NRHP 1975) along Locust.(5k)*
19. Cross and turn right on 9th St one block to Bluff St.  
*At 9th & Bluff is the old Mason's Lodge.*
20. Left On Bluff St. At 5' St cross Bluff at the lights and continue to 4th St. (Washington park at 7th & Bluff)
21. Right on 4th St to Fenelon Place Elevator (*aka 4th St Elevator, the world's shortest, steepest scenic railway- 296 feet in length. Take a ride to the top for great view of Dubuque. Cost \$3 round trip.*)
22. Return to Bluff St. LFL @474 Bluff St
23. Right on Bluff St to Cathedral Square (2nd St). Cross Bluff St at Cathedral Square crosswalk.
24. Count the people on the round pedestal at Cathedral Square!
25. Cross 2<sup>nd</sup> and turn left (towards the river). (6k)
26. Carefully cross Locust and continue to Main St.
27. Right on Main St to its end.  
**\*\* 5K: Cross and turn left on Main St; skip to #35**
28. Right up the ramp to the Pedestrian Bridge. Cross the bridge towards the Midland Bldg.
29. Right along the building.
30. Left on Harrison. (Smell the bread?) Follow the narrow sidewalk as it turns left & right under the bridge. (*From here it is approximately 2 K out on the bridge and back.*)
31. Right to Julien Dubuque Bridge (Hwy 20).(7k)
32. Walk to the center of the bridge at the highest arch.  
*Take a picture of yourself on the border of Iowa & Illinois!*
33. Retrace your steps back to the pedestrian bridge and Main St. (8k, 9k)
34. Continue on the right side of Main to 3rd St.
35. Right on 3rd St bridge to finish.

Hope you enjoyed your walk in Dubuque!



In case of emergency: Dial 911  
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