



## Downtown Hopkins and Cedar Lake Trail Walk

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<b>City / State:</b>	Hopkins, MN
<b>Event Name:</b>	Hopkins
<b>Event Type:</b>	YRE
<b>Event ID:</b>	SN: 121978 - 2023 / Y2966
<b>Distance - Trail Ratings:</b>	5k & 10k - 1A
<b>Description:</b>	<p>Walk through Hopkins, the Raspberry City. Enjoy a mix of city sidewalks and regional trails as you explore this western suburb of Minneapolis. Start/Finish in the parking lot for the regional trail, next to the Hopkins Depot, formerly served by 5 different rail lines and now a coffee shop.</p> <p>There are two 5k loops that make up the walk.</p>
<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>	Parking lot next to Hopkins Depot Coffee Shop <a href="#">9451 Excelsior Blvd, Hopkins, MN 55343</a>
<b>Start Point / Driving Directions:</b>	<p>From downtown Minneapolis, go west on 394. Take 169 going south. Exit at Excelsior Blvd. Turn Left. After passing under the highway, turn right into the parking lot.</p> <p>From Bloomington, go west on 494 to 169. Take 169 going north. Exit at Excelsior Blvd. Turn Right. Go 2 stoplights to 5th Ave and use the left turn lane to make a U turn. After passing under the highway, turn right into the parking lot.</p>
<b>Awards &amp; Fees:</b>	IVV Credit Only
<b>Comments:</b>	Restroom available at the start point, local businesses, and in the parks along the route.
<b>Host Club:</b>	Twin Cities Volkssports



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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.



## Hopkins Walk

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# Area Information

### Hopkins Minnesota

Hopkins was named after Harley H. Hopkins. His home was located across Excelsior Avenue from the railroad depot named after him (arranged in a deal with the railway when he gave them some of his land). Harley was the claim agent and station manager and also postmaster.

Harley's son Chester Hopkins was the first president (mayor) of the Village of West Minneapolis; and their ancestor Stephen Hopkins was a signer of the Declaration of Independence and a member of the First Continental Congress from Rhode Island.

In 1935, Hopkins sponsored their first Raspberry Festival. The event was organized to boost business during the Great Depression. The event drew 25,000 people that first year. The festival takes place the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of July each year. If you take the downtown loop, you will pass the Giant Raspberry Statue.

### Hopkins Depot

In 1901 Hopkins was the largest railroad hub west of Chicago.

Trains passing west and east would converge in Hopkins before being sent north or south. Some of the lines would bypass Minneapolis and St. Paul. There were seven tracks passing through town carrying freight lines and over 40 passenger trains daily. The Depot Coffee House was the newer building for the Minneapolis & St. Louis (M & StL) rail line which built the first station there after securing land from Harley Hopkins in 1870.

The Depot Coffee House now serves as a coffee house, youth community project and trailhead for area bike trails. It was planned and opened by area students and their allies in **1998** to create a chemically-free environment for teens.

- Information from the Hopkins Historical Society

### Cedar Lake Trail

The Cedar Lake LRT Regional Trail follows the former railroad lines of the Great Northern Railway and the Minneapolis and St. Louis Railway. It runs from downtown Minneapolis and connects to other popular bike and pedestrian trails in the city and western suburbs. It is maintained by the Three Rivers Park District. This walk covers part of the North Cedar Lake Trail.

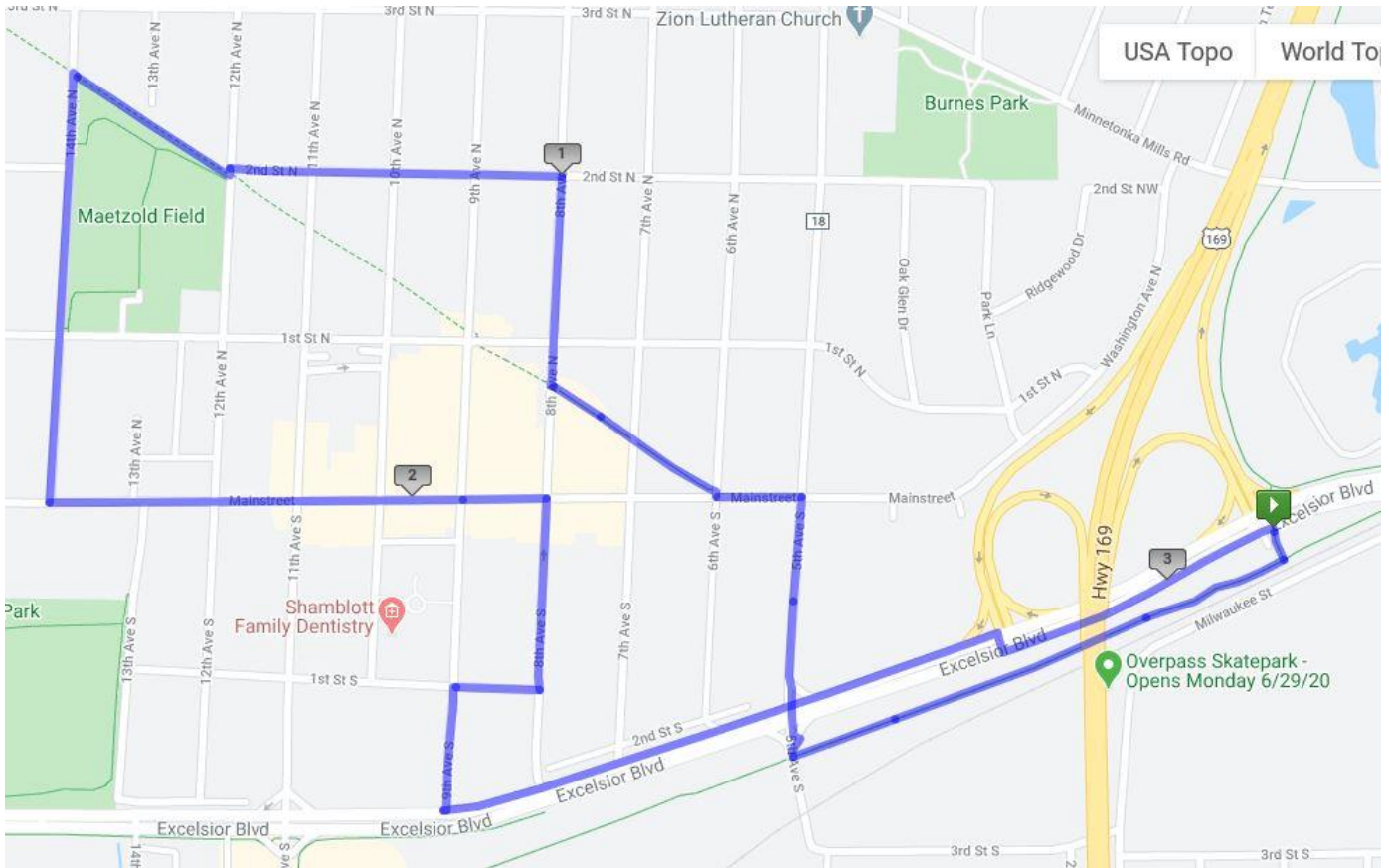


# Downtown Hopkins 5 km Walk

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1. The Minnesota River Bluffs Trail runs between the Hopkins Depot and the train tracks on the opposite side of Excelsior Blvd.
2. **Right** onto the Minnesota River Bluffs Trail
3. **Right** at 5<sup>th</sup> Ave S crossing Excelsior Blvd
4. **Cross** Main and turn **Left** crossing 6<sup>th</sup> Ave to the Lake Minnetonka LRT Regional Trail
5. **Right** at 8<sup>th</sup> Ave N
6. **Left** at 2<sup>nd</sup> St N
7. **Cross** 12<sup>th</sup> Ave N to the Lake Minnetonka LRT Regional Trail passing Maetzold Field on your left.
8. **Left** at 14<sup>th</sup> Ave N with Maetzold Field on your left
9. **Left** at Main St
10. **Right** at 8<sup>th</sup> Ave S
11. **Right** at 1<sup>st</sup> St S
12. **Left** at 9<sup>th</sup> Ave S
13. **Left** at Excelsior Blvd (do not cross at this time) and continue along Excelsior Blvd and under the Hwy 169 overpass
14. **Right** at crosswalk opposite the Hopkins Depot with the Hwy 169 ramps on your left and return to the start point



In case of emergency: Dial 911  
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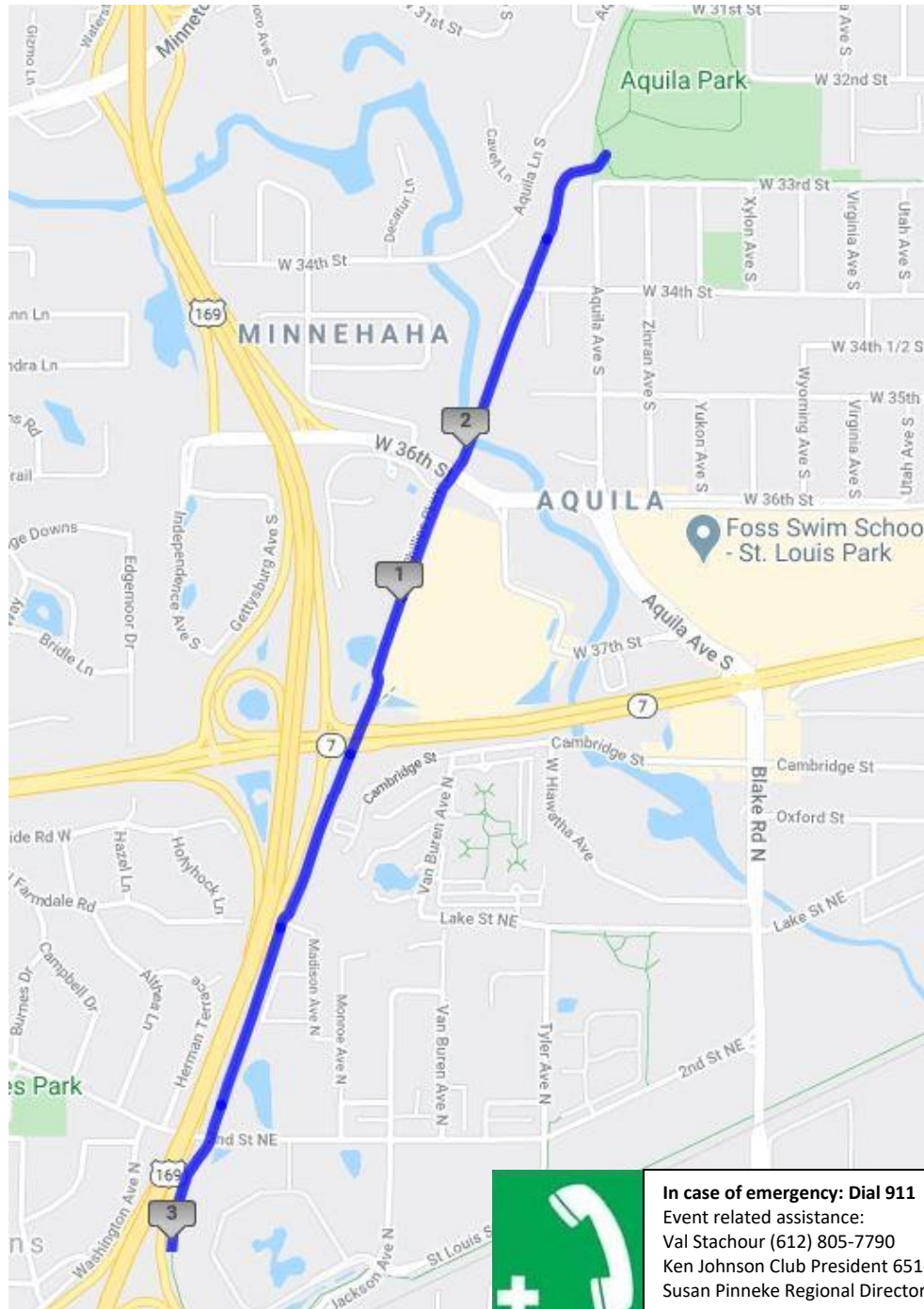


## Hopkins Depot to Aquila Park 5 km Walk

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1. The North Cedar Lake Regional Trail runs parallel to Hwy 169 on the east side of the Hopkins Depot
2. **Left** onto the North Cedar Lake Regional Trail, follow it to Aquila Park and return



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