



Lac Qui Parle County Walk

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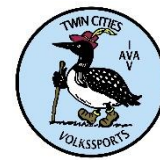

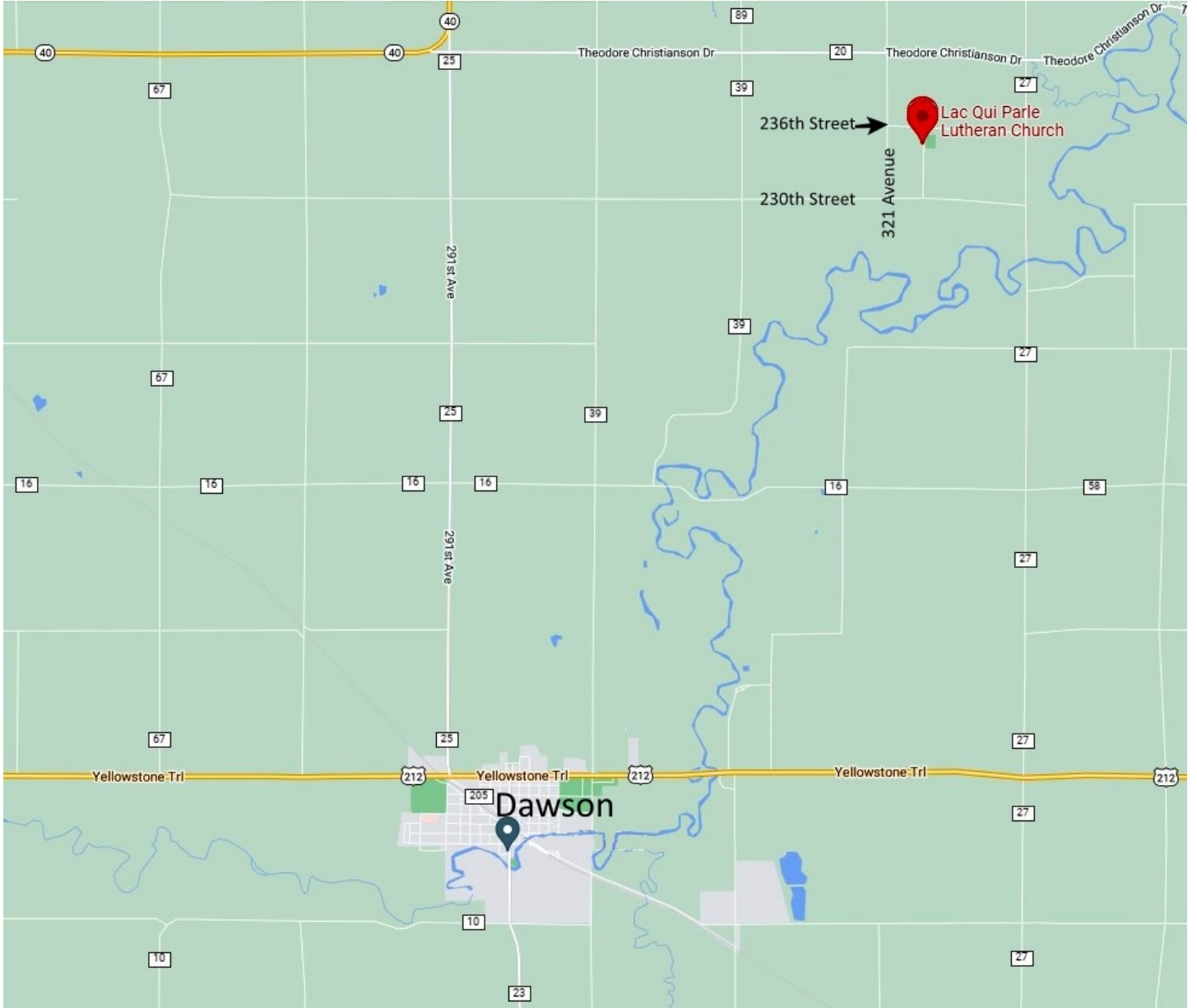


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Dates:	4/1/2023 - 9/30/2023
City / State:	Dawson MN
Event Name:	Lac Qui Parle County Walk
Event Type:	Seasonal walk
Distance - Trail Ratings:	5 and 10 km
Description:	Walk unpaved prairie and forest trails along the Lac Qui Parle River and former site of a 19 th century pioneer village and cemetery.
Amenities:	Strollers: Hard Wheelchairs: No Pets: Yes Restrooms: Yes
Special Programs:	This event doesn't have any special Programs assigned.
Start Times:	Dawn to dusk
Location:	Dawson MN
Start Point / Driving Directions:	Lac Qui Parle Lutheran Church, 2339 236 th St, Dawson MN 56236. The church is 8 miles northeast of the city It is just south of Theodore Christianson Drive and between County Roads 39 and 27. From the Twin Cities, take Hwy 7 through Montevideo. In Montevideo turn right on Canton Ave/County Rd 15. Right on Highway 59. In four miles turn left at 20 th St. In eleven miles turn left on County Rd 27. Next right at 236 th St. Start point is 1 km ahead on the left. To reach the start point from the west, take highway 40 east out of Madison MN. Drive 9.5 miles to 321 st Ave and turn right. Take the next left to the start point.
Awards & Fees:	IVV Credit Only
Comments:	Free parking available at the start point and along the route. Restroom available in the park.
Host Club:	Twin Cities Volkssport
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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.





Lac Qui Parle County 10 km Walk

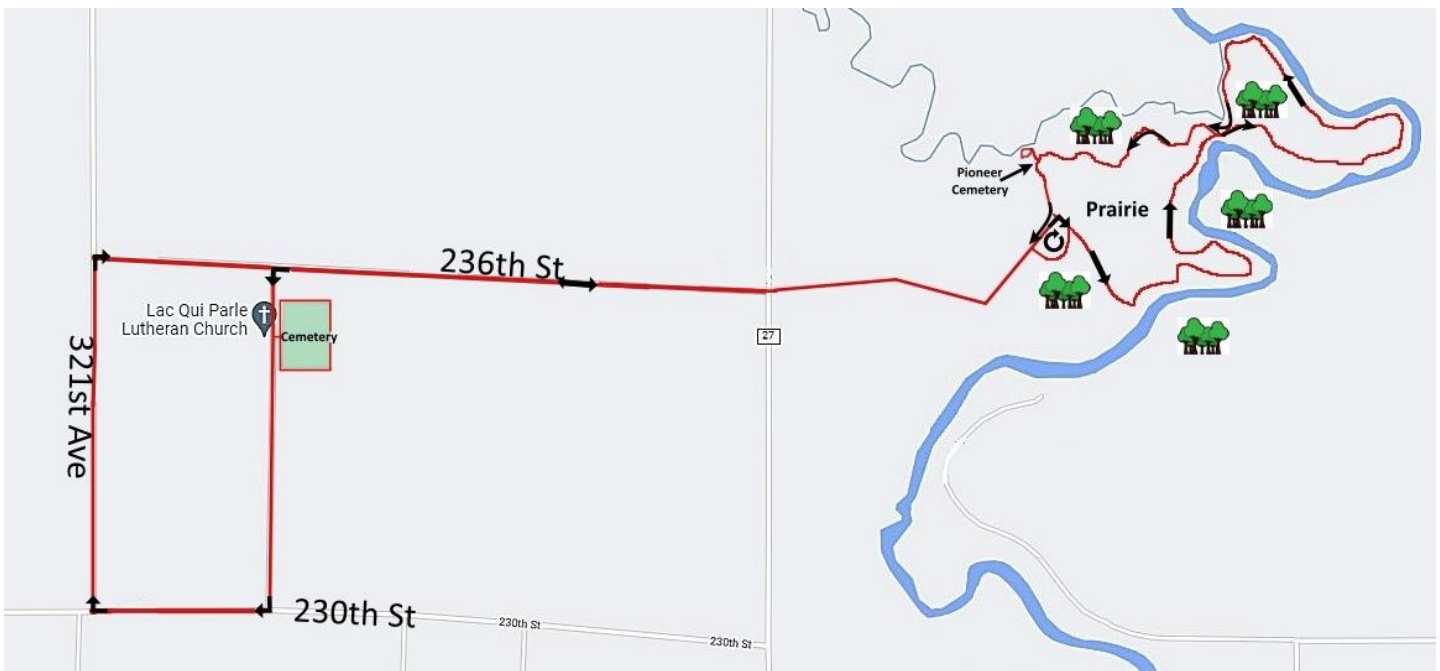
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1. Facing the cemetery with the church behind you, circle the perimeter of the cemetery
2. **Exit** the cemetery facing the church
3. **Left** on the driveway to 230th St
4. **Right** on 230th St
5. **Right** on 321st St
6. **Right** on 236th St
7. **Cross** County Rd 27 and continue straight ahead into park
8. **Right** at the T onto the gravel road
9. **In 200 feet, Right** onto the forest trail looping back to the entrance road
10. **Right** on the entrance road
11. **Circle** the gravel road watching for the dirt road turning off to the right. It's on the opposite side of the prairie from the entrance road
12. **Right** onto the dirt road
13. **Right** at the Y. You will loop the forest along the river and return on the other side of the Y
14. **Right** onto the gravel road along the prairie continuing to the pioneer cemetery
15. **Right** onto the trail along the left side of the Pioneer Cemetery to the Danger Cliff sign where the trail splits. The left side goes down along the river and the right side along a cliff over the river. Either route can be taken to the No Hunting/Private Property sign
16. **Loop** back to the pioneer cemetery and circle the perimeter with the cemetery on your left
17. **Right** onto the gravel road along the prairie back to the entrance road
18. **Right** onto the entrance road
19. **Continue** straight back to 236th St and the start point



In case of emergency: Dial 911
Event related assistance:
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Ken Johnson Club President 651-774-9607
Susan Pinneke Regional Director 515-423-8437



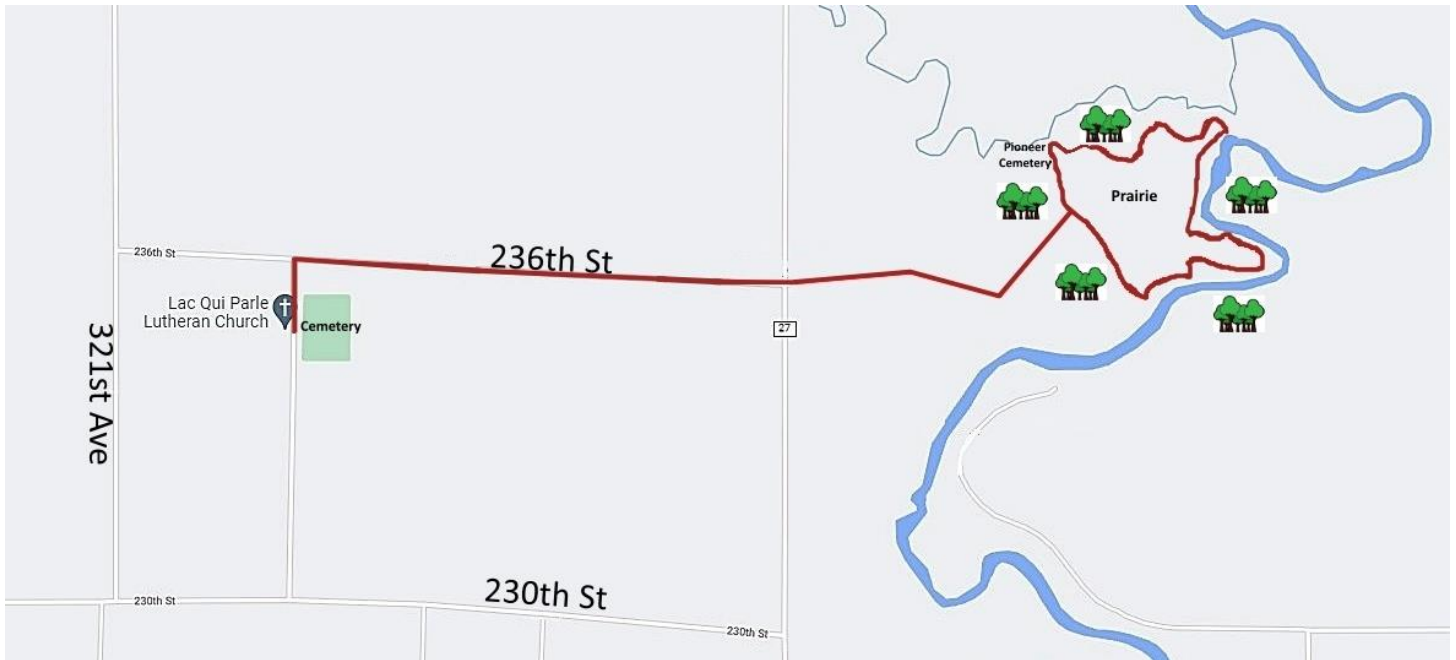
*These walk directions and maps may only be used in conjunction with a signed American Volkssport Association athletic waiver.
All other uses prohibited*

Lac Qui Parle County 5 km Walk

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1. With the church on the left and the cemetery on the right, walk to 236th St.
2. **Right** on 236th St
3. **Cross** County Rd 27 and continue straight ahead into park
4. **Right** at the T, staying on the gravel road.
5. **Circle** the gravel road around the prairie returning to the gravel entrance road at T
6. **Right** onto entrance road
7. **Continue** straight back to 236th St and the start point



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Lac qui Parle County Area Information

Lac qui Parle County is in west central Minnesota encompassing 778 square miles of agricultural land, wooded areas, rivers, lakes, and streams. The name Lac qui Parle translates from French to "lake which speaks" and if you visit during goose and duck hunting seasons you'll know why. Tradition says that an old Dakota declared that the lake had spoken to him one time during the night. Some other theories for the name include (1) echoes thrown back from the bordering bluffs or (2) the groaning sound ice makes when breaking up in the spring (3) sounds made by gas bubbles escaping from the decaying matter on the bottom of the lake.

Lac qui Parle Lake

Lac qui Parle Lake is a large (5,589 acre) reservoir in Lac qui Parle, Chippewa, and Swift Counties formed by the damming of the Minnesota River. The dam was built by the Works Progress Administration (WPA) in 1939. It was reconstructed in 1996. The northernmost point of the lake is about 3 miles southeast of the city of Appleton. The lake flows 10 miles southeast to the dam, which is about 4 miles to the west of the town of Watson.

Lac qui Parle River

The Lac qui Parle River is a tributary of the Minnesota River, 118 miles (190 km) long, in southwestern Minnesota. Several tributaries of the river, including its largest, the West Branch Lac qui Parle River, also flow in eastern South Dakota. The general direction of the river flow is from southwest to northeast. The river passes to the east of Dawson. It flows into the Minnesota River just below Lac qui Parle Lake in Lac qui Parle State Park, approximately ten miles (15 km) northwest of Montevideo, after flowing through a wooded valley in which it drops 210 feet (64 m) in 18 miles (29 km). The river basin area is 1,156 mi², with a discharge volume of 57 ft³/s at its mouth, which has an elevation of 2895m.

Geology

The base landscape of the park moved into the area some 2.6 billion years ago during the Algoman Orogeny with the plate tectonic movement of a 3.5-billion-year age Island Arc northward. This movement, subduction, and subsequent suturing with an existing plate to the north along what is known today as the Great Lakes Tectonic Zone created a local environment of volcanism, earthquakes, tsunamis, and mountain building. Although the mountains have long ago eroded away, their granite roots are still evident in the local area from surface outcrops to those 25 to 500 feet below the surficial glacial till.

Lac qui Parle County Park

Lac Qui Parle County Park is the site a group of settlers from Iowa reached in 1869. The group was led by Peter F. Jacobson and became known as the Jacobson colony. This grew into the town of Williamsburg which went into demise following the creation of the city of Lac qui Parle. The pioneer cemetery within the park is the last remnant of the Williamsburg townsite. The Lac qui Parle Evangelical Lutheran congregation was started in 1870. The congregation built a new church and cemetery a mile west of the original cemetery (the start point).

There are about 240 combined acres in the park today, both north and south of the Lac qui Parle River. Amenities include an extensive trail system, canoe / kayak landings, solar powered MDH certified well, toilets, and playground. The Park is truly four-season with winter months enticing people that enjoy skiing, snowshoeing, and sledding. It is open to the public year around, 7 days a week. No other park in the County or surrounding area offers such a rich natural resource experience.

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