

Grimes Farm Walk – Marshall County 5K

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Start/Finish: Grimes Farm & Conservation Center
2359 233rd Street, Marshalltown IA 50158
(641) 485-4804

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Cross over the bridge from the parking lot to Observation Tower sign on left.

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1. Take the trail to the Observation Tower on left through the woods. Note destruction from the Derecho of 2020 throughout the grounds.
2. Cross over the gravel road. Continue uphill on grass path along the trees & gravel road on left. Where the trails split - stay **LEFT** of Mildred’s Tower sign & bench. At the next 2 Y splits in the trail stay left on the edge of the grounds with the gravel road and then fields on your **LEFT**. Ignore all trails to right. Trail goes uphill & down to Mildred’s Tower.

Climb Mildred’s Tower, 1,010 feet above sea level and 30 feet high, to see views of pasture and flatland to the west; Marshalltown skyline and Linn Creek Corridor winding to the Iowa River east. Note solar panels on tower.

3. Head down hill from the tower staying **LEFT** to the woodlands below where the field ends. Follow this path along Linn Creek until it winds up to the field.
4. At this 1-mile point turn **LEFT** and continue along Linn Creek by a sign reading Beaver Loop Trail. At the next intersection of 2 trails go **LEFT** following 5K/8K (2nd Loop) trail sign keeping you along Linn Creek until you intersect with another path on your right. Continue **LEFT** along Linn Creek following the 5K/8K signs.

5. At the next intersection with trees in the center, and play station visible on right, continue **LEFT** along Linn Creek. The trail passes the Wood Duck Trail sign with the creek on your left and prairie on right.
6. When meeting the bike path, turn **LEFT** and go a short distance to get back onto the trail into the woods along the creek.
7. At the end of Wood Duck trail turn **LEFT** onto the bike path & cross the bridge over Linn Creek. Pass by the Deer Trail on your left and the 5K turn around sign (**not ours**) and walk until you are under the bridge over the road. Turn around there and trace your steps back to the bridge and onto the black-top bike path.
8. Follow the black-top bike path through the prairies passing the play station and picnic shelter on your right, parking lot on left` and back across the covered bridge to the Conservation Center.

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Linn Creek Recreation Trail

Turnaround

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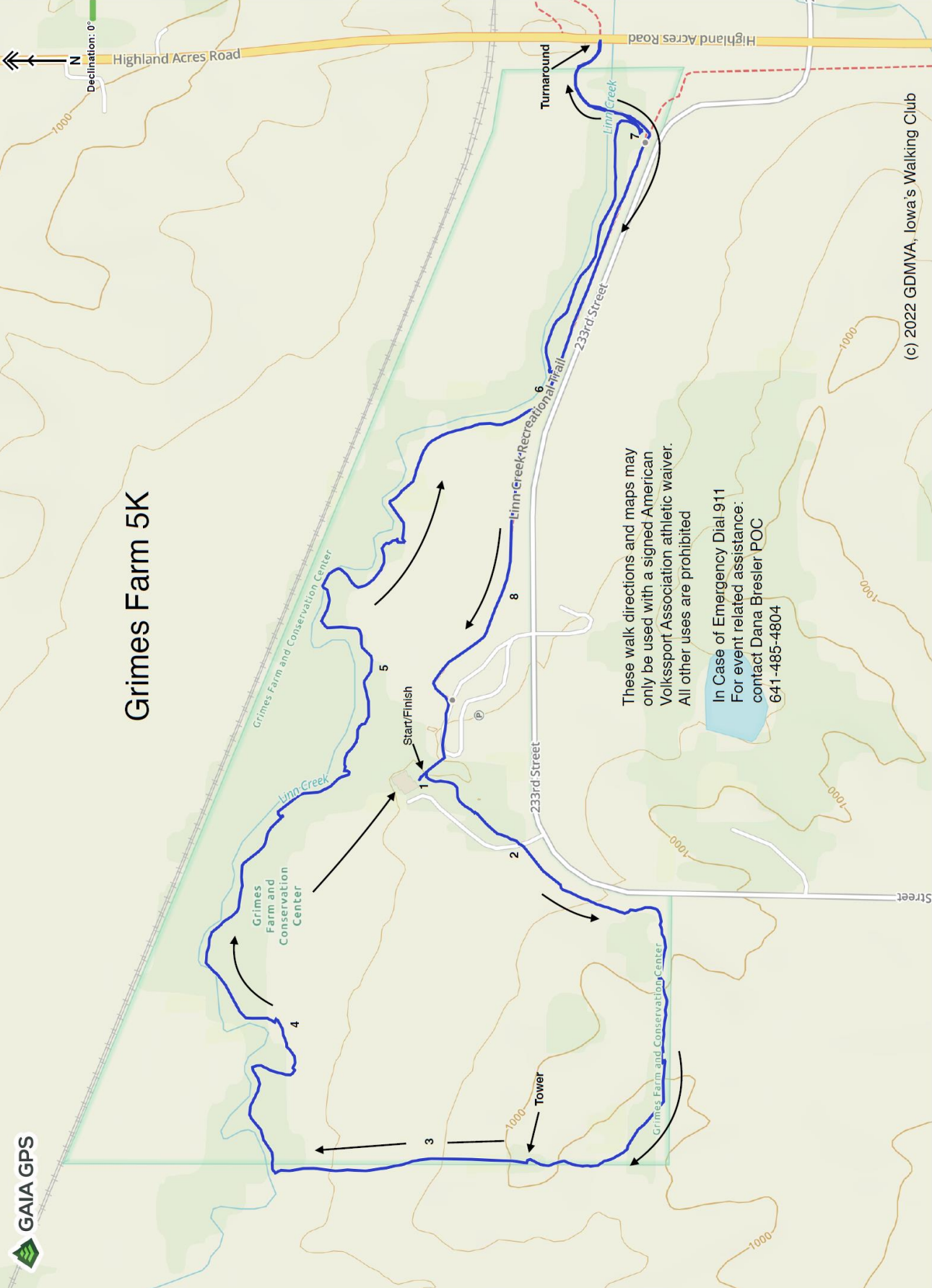
Linn Creek

Start/Finish

Tower

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7. At the end of Wood Duck trail turn **LEFT** onto the bike path & cross the bridge over Linn Creek. In a short distance turn **LEFT** onto Deer Trail. In ½ mile turn around at the rustic foot bridge to return to the bike path. Turn **LEFT &** stay on the bike trail with the railroad on your left. You will see a Martha Hall bench on your right as you enter the woods.

8. Stay on the trail until you come to an intersection. A Bench marked Judy Hamelau will be on your right. Turn **RIGHT** here and continue until you cross over a bridge & come to a parking lot on your right & road ahead.

9. Cross over Campbell Road (not marked) to the other side and walk against traffic to the intersection with Westwood Dr. Cross the street and stay on the sidewalk uphill.

10. Pass the Willows on your right and round the corner and stay on 233rd St. Wandering Creek Golf Course is on your left. They are open all year; if you need restrooms or refreshments feel free to stop.

11. Just past the golf course, the sidewalk ends at Odessa Dr. Cross the street and walk on the left side of the road to Highland Acres Rd.

12. Carefully cross the road and turn **RIGHT** onto a concrete bike path just past the Grimes Farm sign. Where the paths meet, stay **LEFT** on blacktop.

13. Follow the black-top bike path through the prairies passing the play station and picnic shelter on your right, parking lot on left and back across the covered bridge to the Conservation Center.

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