

Fort Dodge, IA (Webster County) 2 5K Walks
(1) 5K-a (North/West-Silos)
(2) 5K-b (North/South-Downtown)

Start location for both:

Fort Dodge Public Library
424 Central Ave.
Fort Dodge, IA 50501

Driving Directions to the start:

From Hwy 20 (from east or west), at Exit 121, go north onto the ramp for US 169.
Go Approx. 4 miles. (*Continue straight through the first major intersection. As you continue, Iowa Central Community College will be on your right.*) Exit onto US 169 Bus. toward Fort Dodge. (*Same exit as Freedom Rock.*)
Go about .9 miles. Turn left onto S 3rd St. (in one block, the road name changes to N 3rd St.) go 3 blocks,
Turn right onto 1st Ave N. Go 2 blocks, then
Turn right onto N 5th St., then immediately turn right onto Central Ave.

Lat. 42.504413 Lng. -94.190906
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Special Programs: Veterans Memorial (5K-b)
Clock Tower (5K-b)
Rails-to-Trails (5K-a)

Parking (free) is available on the square around the library.

Restrooms are available inside the Fort Dodge Public Library when it is open. The hours are Monday-Friday 9:00 am – 5:30 pm. Saturday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. Closed Sundays. Check the website: <https://fortdodgelibrary.org> for current information.

Note: Streets run North/South, Avenues run East/West. Pay close attention to this in the downtown area. (For example, you may find yourself walking on 3rd St. and crossing 3rd Ave.)

5K

(Painted Silos/Loomis Park)

1. With your back to the front of the library, turn left and cross S. 5th St. at the crosswalk (toward Fletcher Wood Products). Go one block to 1st Ave N.
 2. Cross 1st Ave. N and turn left. *As you pass the **Webster Co. Social Services Bldg.**, notice the Wahkonza inscription above the doors. Est. 1912*
- Note the rock and plaque commemorating the site of the military post established by the war department. It was later named Fort Dodge.*
3. Turn right at N 3rd St. In one block, as crossing Haskell St. look to your right for a view of the steeple of **Corpus Christi Catholic Church**. *The first mass was held in 1855, with construction on parish church beginning in 1880. It is on the Nat'l Register of Historic Places.*
 4. Cross the bridge. At the top of the hill, at the yellow fire hydrant (508 N. 3rd St.) turn left crossing N 3rd St. onto 5th Ave. N.
 5. Go 1 block to N. 2nd St. (across from Self-Serve). Turn right, go 2 blocks.
 6. At 7th Ave N. (Street jogs. Sign is further ahead). Turn left at 612 N. 2nd St. and go downhill.
 7. At Hawkeye Ave., turn right. In 2 blocks notice the painted silos. Turn right at the sidewalk at yellow fire hydrant. Using the sidewalk, circle around the silos and return to this point.
 8. At Hawkeye Ave., turn right. Cross the driveway and enter Loomis Park. *Take a moment to read the information sign at the park.*
 9. Turn right and follow the trail into Loomis Park.

You will notice there is a barrier prohibiting vehicles from entering the park. However vehicles are permitted to enter the road from the east side of the park. Please be aware and watch for traffic.

10. Continue on the trail. Just beyond the playground you will come to a shelter. This is your turn around point. Take a moment to enjoy the view of the river and read the plaque on the rock.
11. Turn around and follow the path out of the park, exiting the same way as you entered. Veer left at the informational sign and go back to Hawkeye Ave.
12. Turn left, passing the silos.
13. Turn left at 7th Ave. N and go uphill.
14. At the top of the hill, turn right onto N 2nd St.
15. Go 2 blocks and turn left at 5th Ave. N
16. Go one block to N 3rd St.
17. Cross N 3rd St. and turn right, going downhill and over the bridge.
18. About 2 blocks after the bridge, at 1st Ave. N, turn left.
19. Go 2 blocks to N 5th St.
20. Turn right and return to Fort Dodge Public Library.

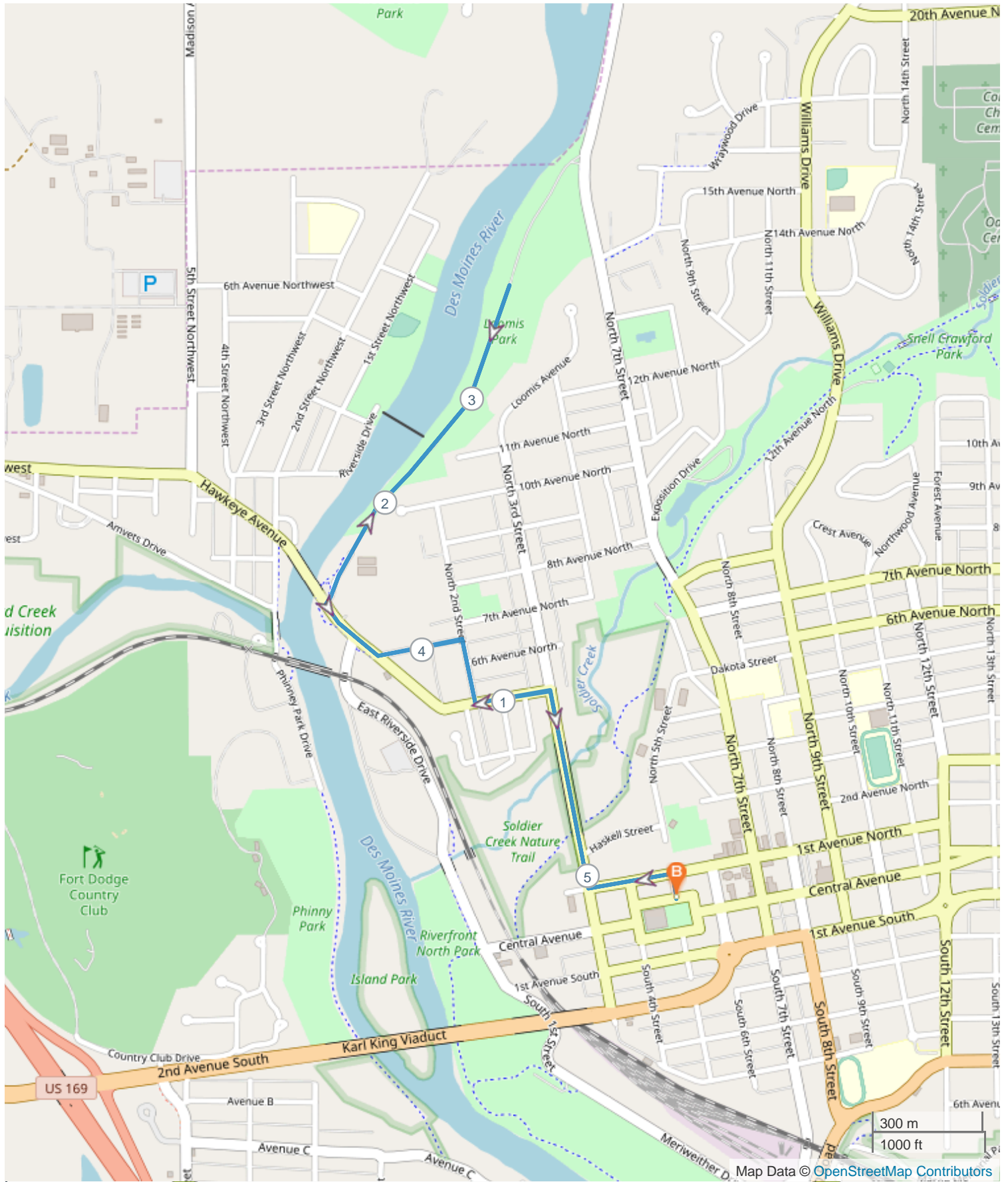


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Fort Dodge-Silos And Loomis Park



5K-b (East/South-Downtown)

1. With your back to the front of the library, turn left and cross S. 5th St. at the crosswalk (toward Fletcher Wood Products.) Go one block to 1st Ave. N.
2. Turn right at 1st Ave. N. Note the **original public library**.
Funded by a gift from Andrew Carnegie, it opened in 1903.
3. Go 2 blocks to N. 7th St. Turn left.
4. Go 3 blocks to 4th Ave. N. (no sign) Cross 4th Ave. N., turn right and go uphill one block.
5. At N. 8th St., turn left and pass by **Corpus Christi Catholic Church**.
The first mass was held in 1855, with construction on parish church beginning in 1880. It is on the National Register of Historic Places.
Just past the CC Parish Center (across from the church) turn right and walk through the parking lot to the exit on N. 9th St.
6. Turn left on N. 9th St. and go 1/2 block.
7. At 5th Ave. N. turn right and carefully cross the street. Go 1 block. *Pass by the old High School, later named Phillips Middle School. After the city opened a new middle school, the building was renovated and is now Phillips Luxury apartments.*
8. At N. 11th St., turn right. Go 3 blocks.
9. At 2nd Ave. N, turn right and go 2 blocks.
10. At N. 9th St., turn left and go one block.
11. At 1st Ave. N (no sign), turn left and go 3 blocks uphill.
12. At N. 12th St., turn right and go 1 block to Central Ave.
13. At Central Ave, turn left and cross N. 12th St. Enter **Veteran's Memorial Park**. *At the center is a marker for the historic site of the Chicago, Great Western Depot.*
14. Exit the park the way you came and turn left onto S. 12th St.
15. Cross Central Ave.
16. Go about 1 block, passing Tillie's Quilt Shop. Walk toward the **clock tower** and round-about at 1st Ave. S. Carefully cross through the round-about and continue on S. 12th St.
17. At 2nd Ave S., turn left and go one block (Fareway on left)
18. At S. 13th St, turn right. Go past **Sacred Heart Catholic Church** (*dedicated in 1922*). Continue for 3 blocks.
19. At 5th Ave. S. turn right, passing alongside **St. Paul Lutheran Church**. (*The original brick 113 yr. old church was destroyed by arson in 1999. Thus the sign on the new building "Ashes to Glory".*)
20. At S. 12th St., cross the street at the stop light.
21. Turn right on S. 12th St. Go 2 blocks.
22. At 3rd Ave. S., turn left. (No sign). (*Across from Laufersweiler Funeral Home-serving the FD community for 160 years.*)
Pass the **Blanden Memorial Art Museum**, 920 3rd Ave S. (Open Tues-Sat 11-5. Free Admission). You should stop in and visit. At 824 3rd Ave S., note the house once owned by **Adeline Swain**. (*In 1869, after hearing Susan B. Anthony speak at a suffragist meeting she organized the first such meeting in Webster County.*)
23. At S. 8th St., (No sign) turn right and go 2 blocks. (*Old USPS Bldg. is on right. New bldg. was constructed on east side of town.*)
24. At 1st Ave. S. turn right. Go 2 blocks.
25. At S. 10th St. turn left. Go 1 block.
26. At Central Ave., turn left.
At 701 Central Ave., note **Webster Co. Courthouse** with its newly restored copper cresting on the clock tower.
At 629 Central Ave., note **First National Bank Bldg.** at 629 Central (now Central Apartments-on Nat'l Historic Register.)
27. Continue on Central Ave. and return to the public library, located behind the gazebo in the park on the city square.



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