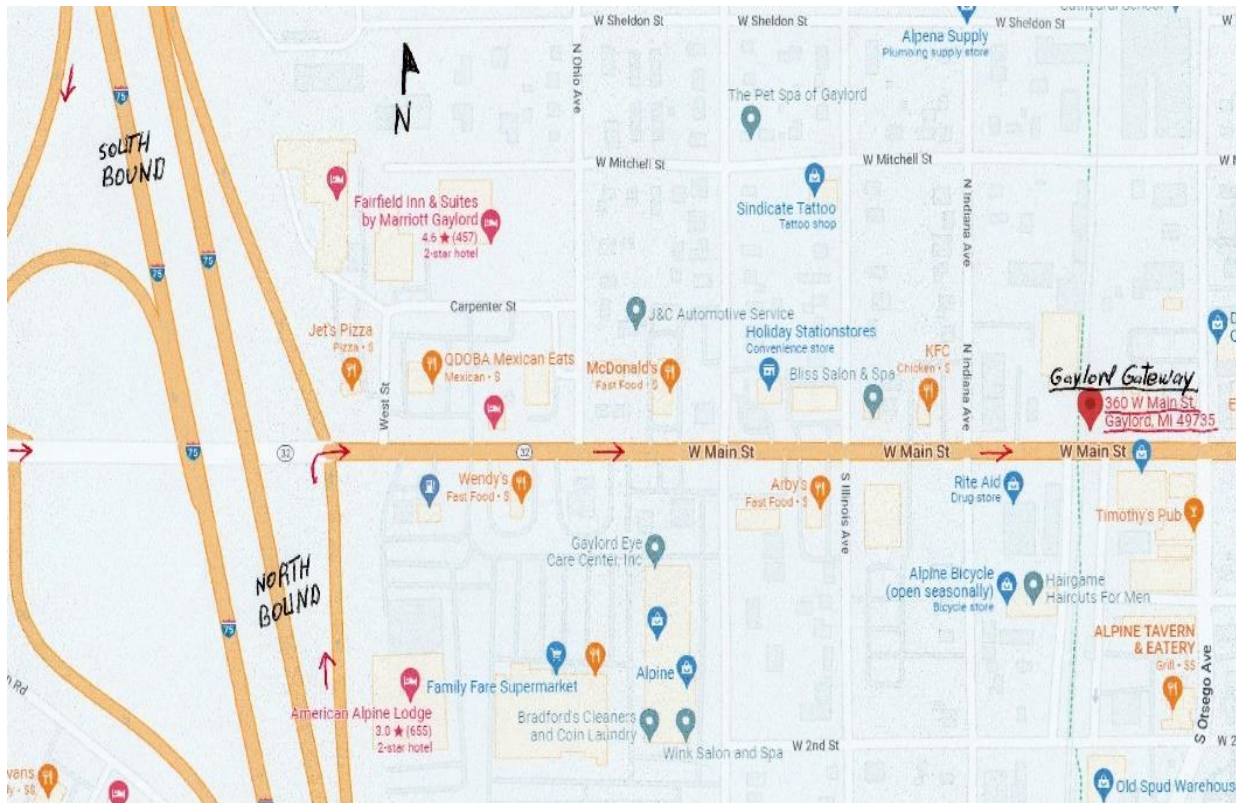


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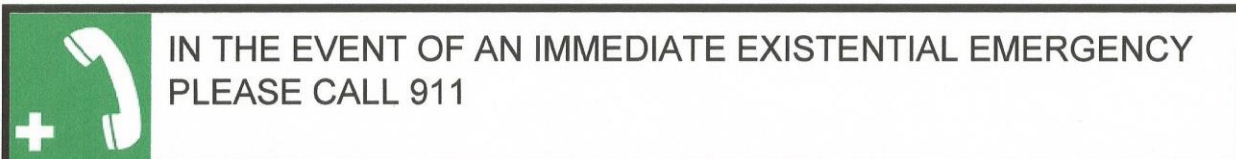
WELCOME TO THE ALPINE VILLAGE OF GAYLORD

This seasonal walking event is hosted by the Mid-America Regional Director in support of the events of the two Clubs of Michigan, most particularly the Mackinaw Bridge Walk on Labor Day, which is why this event is only open for two weeks prior and two weeks after Labor Day. Hopefully, you will find this event a delightful diversion after driving several hours from Southern Michigan on your way to the Mackinaw Bridge. As you do this event, you will no doubt notice multiple opportunities to shop, eat, drink and be merry in the quaint Alpine Village of Gaylord. Enjoy the experience.

To begin your adventure, you will need to travel to the Start/Finish Point, which is the recently opened Gaylord Gateway Trailhead of the North Central State Trail at 360 West Main Street, Gaylord, Michigan 49735. From Interstate I-75, whether travelling Northbound or Southbound on the Interstate, take Exit 282 onto MI-32/Main Street Eastbound toward downtown Gaylord. Immediately after crossing the railroad tracks, you will need to **TURN LEFT** into the Gaylord Gateway Trailhead.



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Three distances are offered (6, 11 & 21 kilometers). The routes incorporate city sidewalks, park paths (which may be paved or unpaved) and portions of the North Central State Trail (which may be paved or unpaved), which is a segment of Michigan's Iron Belle Trail. Along the North Central State Trail there is little overhead cover. This event and its three distances are sanctioned by the IVV through the AVA and qualify for credit toward IVV achievement awards.

The three routes offer the opportunity to receive credit for the following special programs, as indicated:

Rails-to-Trails (ALL Routes)

Walking the USA A-Z (ALL Routes)

Town Halls/City Halls (ALL Routes)

Walking with America's Veterans (ALL routes)

Multiple maps are provided for use with the written directions and to assist you in navigating the routes.

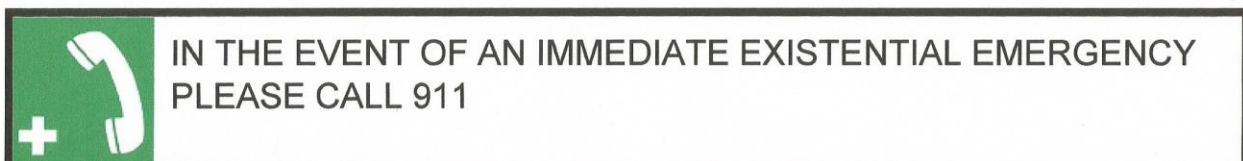
Parking, restrooms and water are available at the Start/Finish Point, the Gaylord Gateway Trailhead. Parking at the Trailhead includes space for up to three RV's. If parking at the Trailhead is not available due space limitations, on-street parking is available. If using on-street parking, please use the spaces identified with the three hour parking limit, which is sufficient for a five or ten kilometer walk. Additional restrooms and water may be found along the trail in parks or other public buildings. Based upon anticipated weather conditions, recommend that you carry water with you on the trail, and wear a head covering.

ON ALL ROUTES SAFETY IS PARAMOUNT. All routes are on sidewalks, improved trails, unpaved trails and a short distance along the shoulder of road with light traffic. In all cases, please observe rules of the road for pedestrians. If walking on the road or its shoulder, walk so that you are facing the approaching traffic. Use the sidewalk, where available. All routes are intersected by streets, which should be crossed cautiously using the available pedestrian crossings.

If there is an existential injury producing accident on any of the routes, call 911 immediately. Once the existential threat has passed, contact the Mid-America Regional Director, Bob Buzolich, at 574-339-9140, or via email at ma_rd@ava.org to complete an AVA incident form. Bob may also be contacted for other event information.

Upon completing this event please be sure log back into the OSB system to "finish/complete" your online registration and record your distance.

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A STROLL THROUGH GAYLORD THE ALPINE VILLAGE 6 – KILOMETER ROUTE

Welcome to The Alpine Village of Gaylord, Michigan. After securing your vehicle at the Gaylord Gateway Trailhead, please follow the instructions starting below (REFER TO MAP FOR 6-KM ROUTE):

1. From the sculpture at the front of the Pavilion proceed over the railroad tracks to access the North Central State Trail and TURN LEFT onto the trail. Proceed in a Southerly direction along the North Central State Trail from the Trailhead. Shortly after departing the Trailhead, you will need to cautiously cross Main Street using the pedestrian crossing.
2. At the intersection of the Trail with Grandview Boulevard you will see the historic Bagley Cemetery across the tracks on your left. Cautiously cross Grandview and TURN LEFT onto the sidewalk along Grandview. Proceed in an Easterly direction along Grandview on the sidewalk. At the intersection of Grandview and Otsego Avenue cautiously cross Otsego using the pedestrian signal and continue along Grandview to its termination at the Gaylord City Elk Park.
3. After viewing the Elk and other wildlife residing in the park, TURN AROUND and re-trace your steps along Grandview Boulevard to its intersection with Court Avenue. At the intersection of Grandview and Court TURN RIGHT onto the sidewalk along Court and proceed in a Northerly direction along Court. At the intersection of Court and 2nd Street you have completed three kilometers.

4. At the intersection of Court and 1st Street TURN LEFT onto 1st Street and proceed in a Westerly direction on 1st.
5. At the intersection of 1st and Otsego Avenue TURN RIGHT onto Otsego to proceed in a Northerly direction along Otsego.
6. At the intersection of Otsego and Main Street/MI-32 TURN RIGHT onto Main Street to proceed in an Easterly direction along Main, which will take you past the Otsego County Courthouse and its Veteran's Monument.
7. Continue along Main to its intersection with Hazel Avenue. TURN LEFT onto Hazel to proceed in a Northerly direction along Hazel. Along the way cautiously cross Main using the pedestrian signal.
8. At the intersection of Hazel and Huron Street TURN LEFT onto Huron to proceed in a Westerly direction along Huron. About midway down the block, you will see Freel Park on your Right. TURN RIGHT proceed through Freel to Mitchell Street.
- 9) After passing through Freel Park Mitchell Street is the first street to be encountered to the North of the Park. TURN LEFT onto Mitchell to proceed in a Westerly direction along Mitchell.
10. At the intersection of Mitchell and Oak Avenue TURN LEFT onto Oak to proceed in a Southerly direction along Oak.
11. At the intersection of Oak and Main Street you will see the City Hall on your left. TURN RIGHT onto Main to proceed in a Westerly direction along Main to return to the Start/Finish Point.

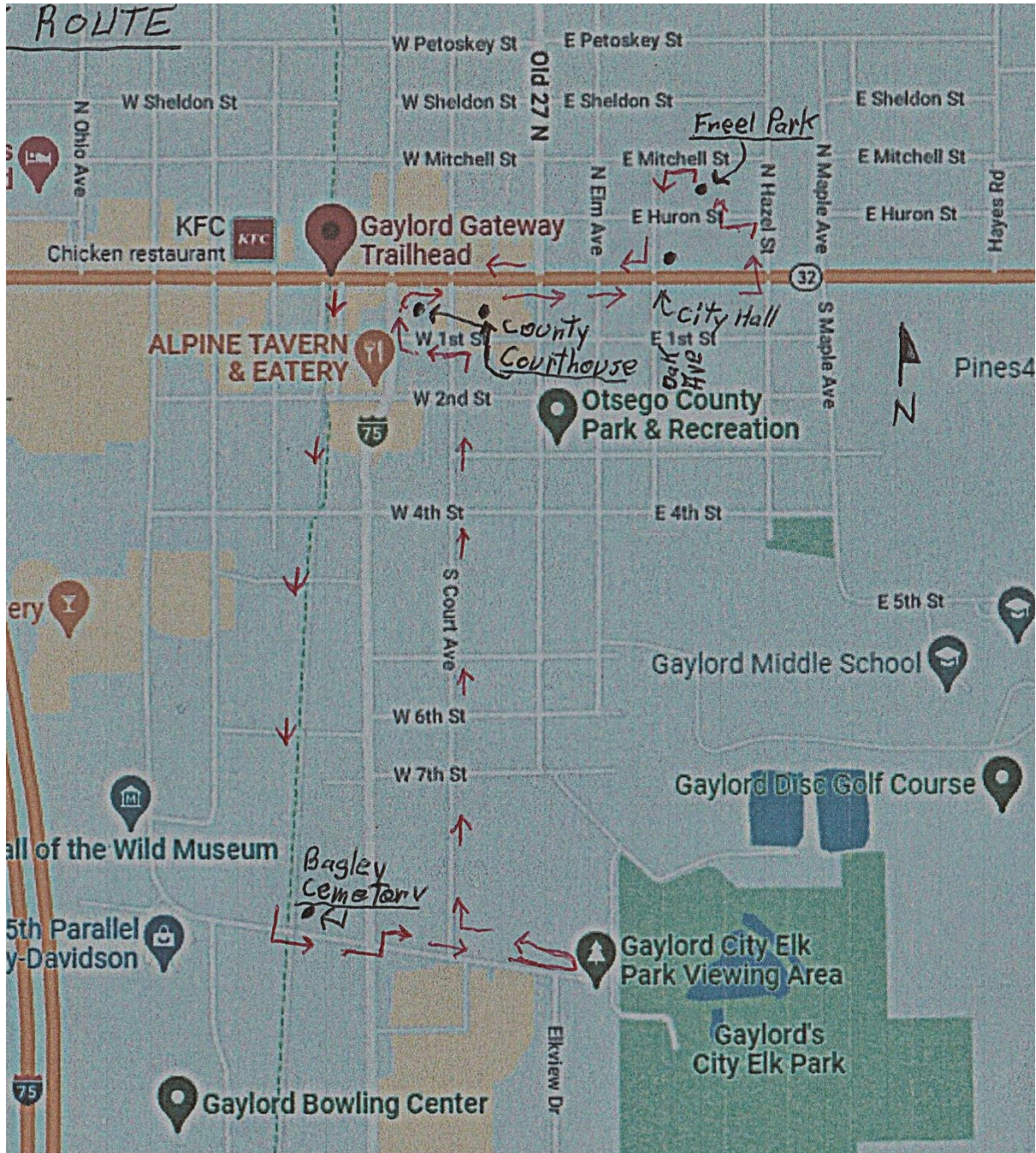
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MAP FOR 6-KM ROUTE



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A STROLL THROUGH GAYLORD AND ALONG THE NORTH CENTRAL STATE TRAIL

11 & 21 – KILOMETER ROUTES

Welcome to The Alpine Village of Gaylord, Michigan. After securing your vehicle at the Gaylord Gateway Trailhead, please follow the instructions starting below: **(REFER TO START/FINISH MAP AS APPROPRIATE)**

1. From the sculpture at the front of the Pavilion proceed over the railroad tracks to access the North Central State Trail and TURN LEFT onto the trail. Proceed in a Southerly direction along the North Central State Trail from the Trailhead. Shortly after departing the Trailhead, you will need to cautiously cross Main Street using the pedestrian crossing.

2. At the intersection of the Trail with Grandview Boulevard you will see the historic Bagley Cemetery across the tracks on your left. Cautiously cross Grandview and continue in a Southerly direction along the North Central State Trail.

3 (11-K Walkers Only) **(REFER TO 11-K MAP)** At the intersection of the North Central State Trail and McCoy Road (County Road F-42) you will see the Otsego County Road Commission across the road and to your right. At this intersection 10-K walkers will turn around and retrace their steps to Grandview Boulevard and will complete the event using the instructions beginning with item below.

3 (21-K Walkers Only) **(REFER TO 21-K MAP)** At the intersection of the North Central State Trail and McCoy Road (County Road F-42) you will see the Otsego County Road Commission across the road and to your right. At this intersection 21-K walkers

will continue in a Southerly direction on the North Central State Trail, after cautiously crossing McCoy Road to the Wah Wah Soo County Park, which is the turnaround point for the 21 K route. When you reach the County Park, you have completed 8 k and will have access to restrooms.

For 11 and 21 K Walkers please complete this event using the directions below.

7. Upon returning to Grandview Boulevard TURN RIGHT onto Grandview to proceed in an Easterly direction along Grandview using the sidewalk. At the intersection of Grandview and Otsego 11 K walkers will have completed 5 K, and 21 K walkers will have completed 15 K. All walkers should cautiously cross Otsego using the pedestrian signal and continue along Grandview to its termination at the Gaylord City Elk Park.

8. 3. After viewing the Elk and other wildlife residing in the park, TURN AROUND and re-trace your steps along Grandview Boulevard to its intersection with Elkview Drive. At the intersection of Grandview and Elkview TURN LEFT to proceed in a Southerly direction on the sidewalk along Elkview.

9. At the intersection of Elkview and Commerce Boulevard TURN LEFT onto Commerce to proceed in an Easterly direction along Commerce. Note that Commerce has no sidewalk, but also has light traffic. So, please observe the rules of the road for pedestrians and walk against traffic using the road shoulder.

10. Remain on Commerce through to its termination in the parking area for Aspen Park. Proceed through the Park's parking area to the start of the Hemlock Trail at the four way trail intersection, where you will see a message board. **(REFER TO ASPEN PARK MAP)**

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11. TURN RIGHT onto the Hemlock Trail to proceed in a counter-clockwise along the Hemlock Trail until you return to the four way trail intersection. Along the way and until you return to the four way trail intersection disregard any trails intersecting with the Hemlock Trail.

12. Upon returning to the four way trail intersection TURN RIGHT onto the Elk Trail to proceed in a Northerly direction along the Eastern fence line of the Gaylord Elk Park. Upon reaching the intersection of the Elk Trail and the North Trail you will observe a small shelter and a bench. **(REFER TO AERIAL PHOTO MAP)** You will also observe an unnamed third trail on your left. TURN LEFT onto the unnamed trail to continue in a Northerly direction along the Eastern boundary fence of the Gaylord Elk Park. Along the way you will also walk along the Eastern boundary fence of the Gaylord Water Utility facility. Upon passing the Gaylord Water Utility facility, you will encounter a dirt road, which is behind the Gaylord Middle School.

13. TURN LEFT onto the dirt road between the Gaylord Middle School and the Gaylord Water Utility facility to proceed in a Westerly direction. Along the way you will encounter curves. Continue along the dirt road going past several facilities associated with Gaylord Community Schools. **(REFER TO AERIAL PHOTO MAP)** At the intersection of the dirt road and Elm Avenue you will see a stop sign and Fifth Street to your left. Make a quick jog to your left to cautiously cross Elm and to proceed in a Westerly direction along Fifth Street.

14. At the intersection of Fifth Street and Court Avenue TURN RIGHT onto Court to proceed in a Northerly direction along Court.

15. At the intersection of Court and 1st Street TURN LEFT onto 1st Street and proceed in a Westerly direction on 1st.

16. At the intersection of 1st and Otsego Avenue TURN RIGHT onto Otsego to proceed in a Northerly direction along Otsego.

17. At the intersection of Otsego and Main Street/MI-32 TURN RIGHT onto Main Street to proceed in an Easterly direction along Main, which will take you past the Otsego County Courthouse and its Veteran's Monument.

18. Continue along Main to its intersection with Hazel Avenue. TURN LEFT onto Hazel to proceed in a Northerly direction along Hazel. Along the way cautiously cross Main using the pedestrian signal.

19. At the intersection of Hazel and Huron Street TURN LEFT onto Huron to proceed in a Westerly direction along Huron. About midway down the block, you will see Freel Park on your Right. TURN RIGHT proceed through Freel to Mitchell Street.

20) After passing through Freel Park Mitchell Street is the first street to be encountered to the North of the Park. TURN LEFT onto Mitchell to proceed in a Westerly direction along Mitchell.

21. At the intersection of Mitchell and Oak Avenue TURN LEFT onto Oak to proceed in a Southerly direction along Oak.

22. At the intersection of Oak and Main Street you will see the City Hall on your left. TURN RIGHT onto Main to proceed in a Westerly direction along Main to return to the Start/Finish Point.

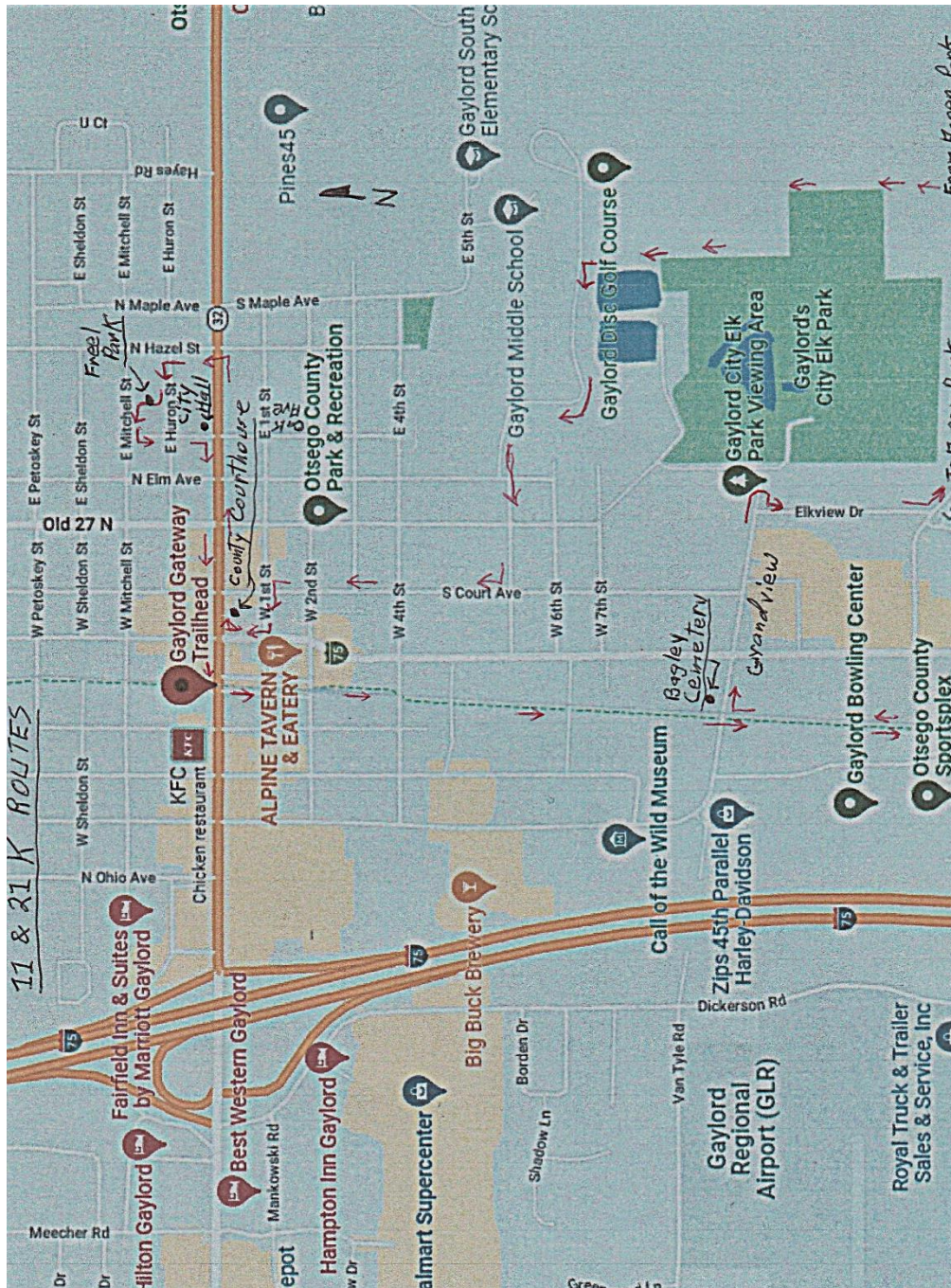
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11 & 21 – K START/FINISH MAP



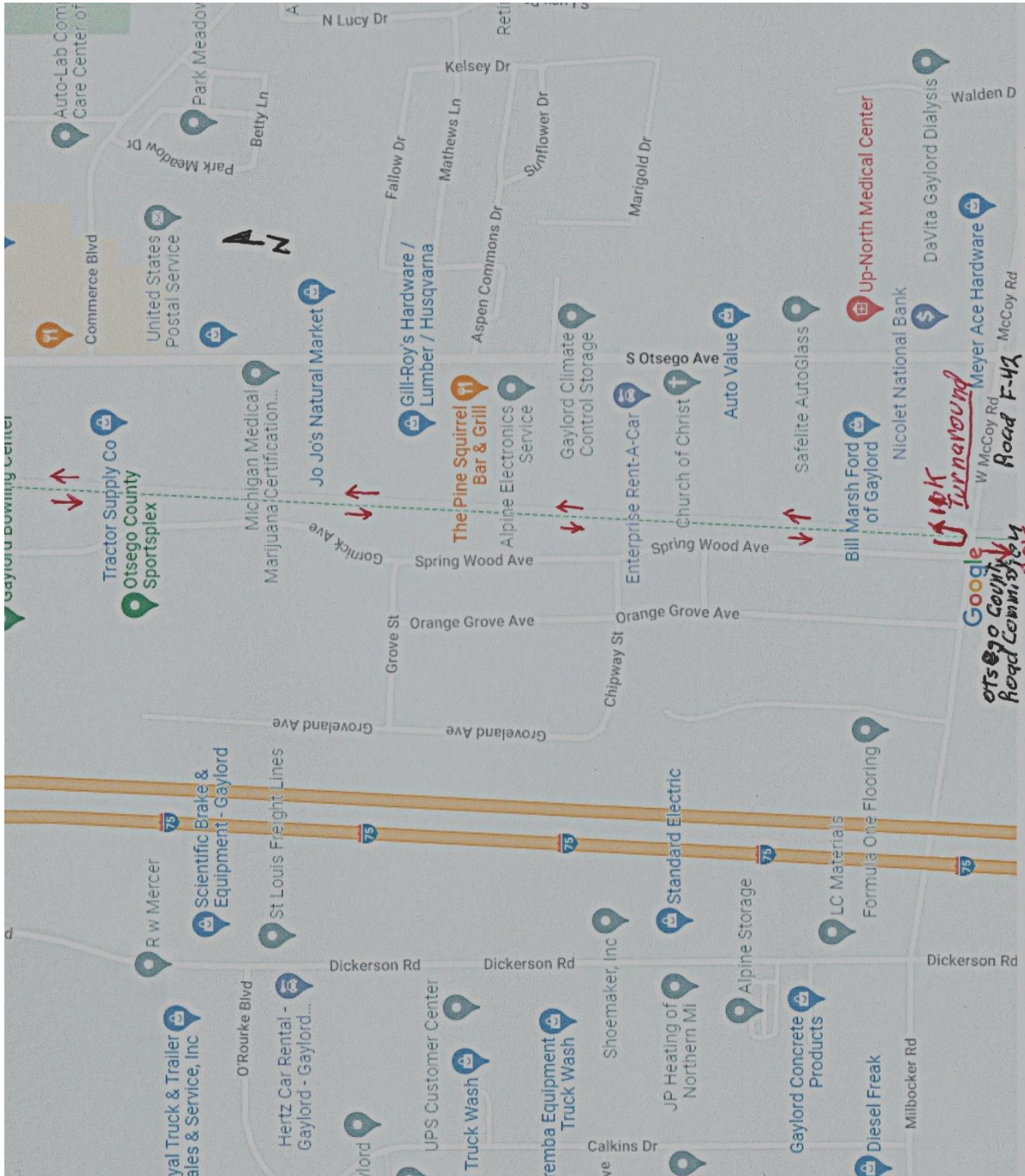
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11-K ROUTE MAP TO TURN AROUND POINT

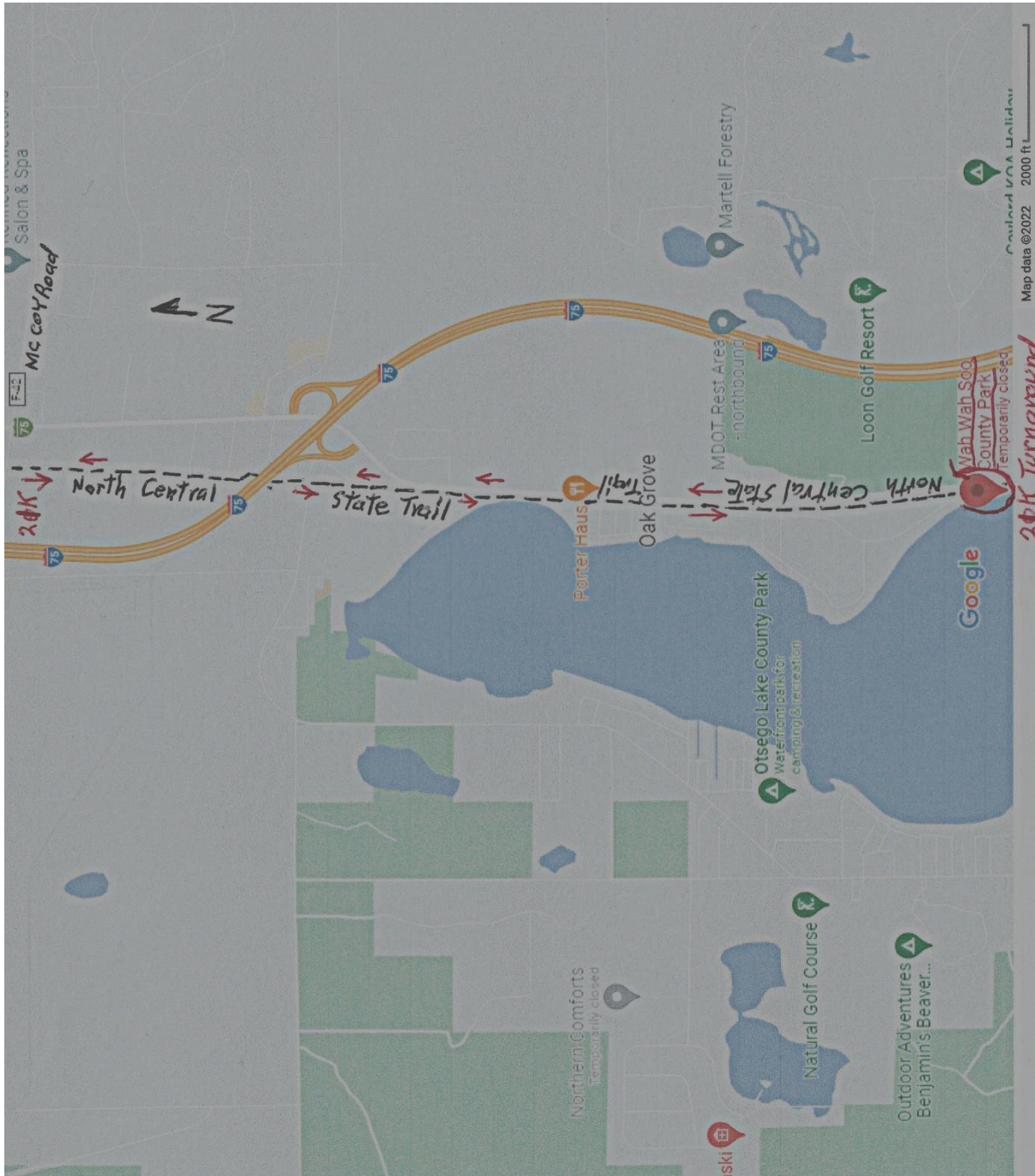


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21-K ROUTE MAP TO TURN AROUND POINT



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11 & 21-K ROUTE MAP THROUGH ASPEN PARK



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11 & 21-K ROUTE AERIAL MAP EXITING ASPEN PARK



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