

Bonnie Christensen Remembrance Walk GDMVA/Iowa's Walking Club

Seasonal: April 15-October 15, 2023

Time: Dusk to Dawn

Registration: OSB only

Start/ Finish: Adair City Park 401 5th St., Adair Iowa Latitude 41.49883 Longitude -94.64224

Directions: From I 80 West Adair exit 76 turn left approx. ¼ mile, after crossing historic bridge the park is immediately on your right.

From I 80 East take Adair exit 76 turn right approx. ¼ mile, after crossing historic bridge the park is on your right.

Trial lengths: 5K 10K and 11K

Trail ratings: 5K 1B parts of walk are without sidewalks may not be suitable for wheel chairs or strollers. 11K 2B most of the walk is along the shoulder of a paved county road with moderate traffic. There is no shade or restrooms on this portion of the walk, not suitable for strollers or wheelchairs. **Walk facing traffic, using care crossing the bridge over I 80.**

Parking: Is available in the Park

Restrooms: Available in the Park

Special Programs: City Halls/Town Halls, Walking with American Veterans, Par for the Course, Adair and Guthrie Counties.

POC: Don Corrigan, 515-277-8066, donindsm@msn.com. Emergency Call: 911.

This walk provides easy access from Interstate 80, approximately 80 miles east of Omaha and 60 miles west of Des Moines it provides travelers an opportunity to experience small town Iowa.

Adair has a population of about 800, was incorporated in 1872 and sits on the Summit Cut, which divides the watershed of the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers. Located at the western end of the White Pole Road Scenic Byway, travelers are encouraged to follow the byway as it goes east towards Dexter, Iowa for an Iowa experience. Visit www.traveliowa.com for more information.

About 2 miles to the west of the start point is the site of the first successful train robbery west of the Mississippi. On July 21, 1873 the James-Younger Gang, led by Jessie James derailed a train, killing the engineer and making off with \$3000.00. The 11 K walk will take you to the site, for 5K walkers it is a short drive straight out the park entrance on Broad which becomes White Pole Road.

Adair is mentioned in the 2013 Steven King novel *Deep Sleep* as the home of Bradley Trevor.

This walk to honor of Bonnie Christensen, who grew up in the area and was a long time member of the Adair United Methodist Church. A charter member of the Greater Des Moines Volkssport Association Bonnie was a fixture at many events in the Midwest.

A special walk is being planned on June 24th so watch Iowa's Walking Club's website for up dates

1. Starting at the shelter facing the 5th Street entrance walk past **playground** and Blue Star and Jessie James markers. On the right entrance column note the **Veteran's Honor Roll**
2. Right on 5th
3. Left on Cedar, walking on the right side of the street to 11th Street
4. At 11th St **5K walkers** turn around retrace steps to step #10
5. **11K walkers** Left on 11th
6. Right on Broad aka White Pole Road/Historic Highway 6/G 30 for 1.8 miles to the Jessie James Historical Marker
7. Retrace your steps back to 11th Street
8. Left on 11th
9. Right on Cedar
10. Left on 10th (looks like an alley) follow around as it turns into to Stuart St.
11. Left on 8th (no sign, first left on Stuart)
12. Right on Adair Street
13. Left on 7th to end becoming North Street (unmarked) entering Guthrie County
14. Right on North Street
15. Right on 5th
16. Left on Adair Street
17. Right on 3rd
18. Left on Guthrie Street
19. Right on 2nd (no sign)
20. Right on Audubon
21. Right on 5th
22. Right on Cass passing the Methodist Church where Bonnie sang in the Choir
23. Right on 4th
24. Cross Audubon
25. Left on Audubon passing **City Hall**
26. Right on 3rd (no sign end of block)
27. Left on Stuart
28. Right on 2nd

29. Right on Hillcrest, noting Smiley Face water tower
30. Right on 5thRight
31. Cross bridge and return to Park. For 10K repeat 5K.

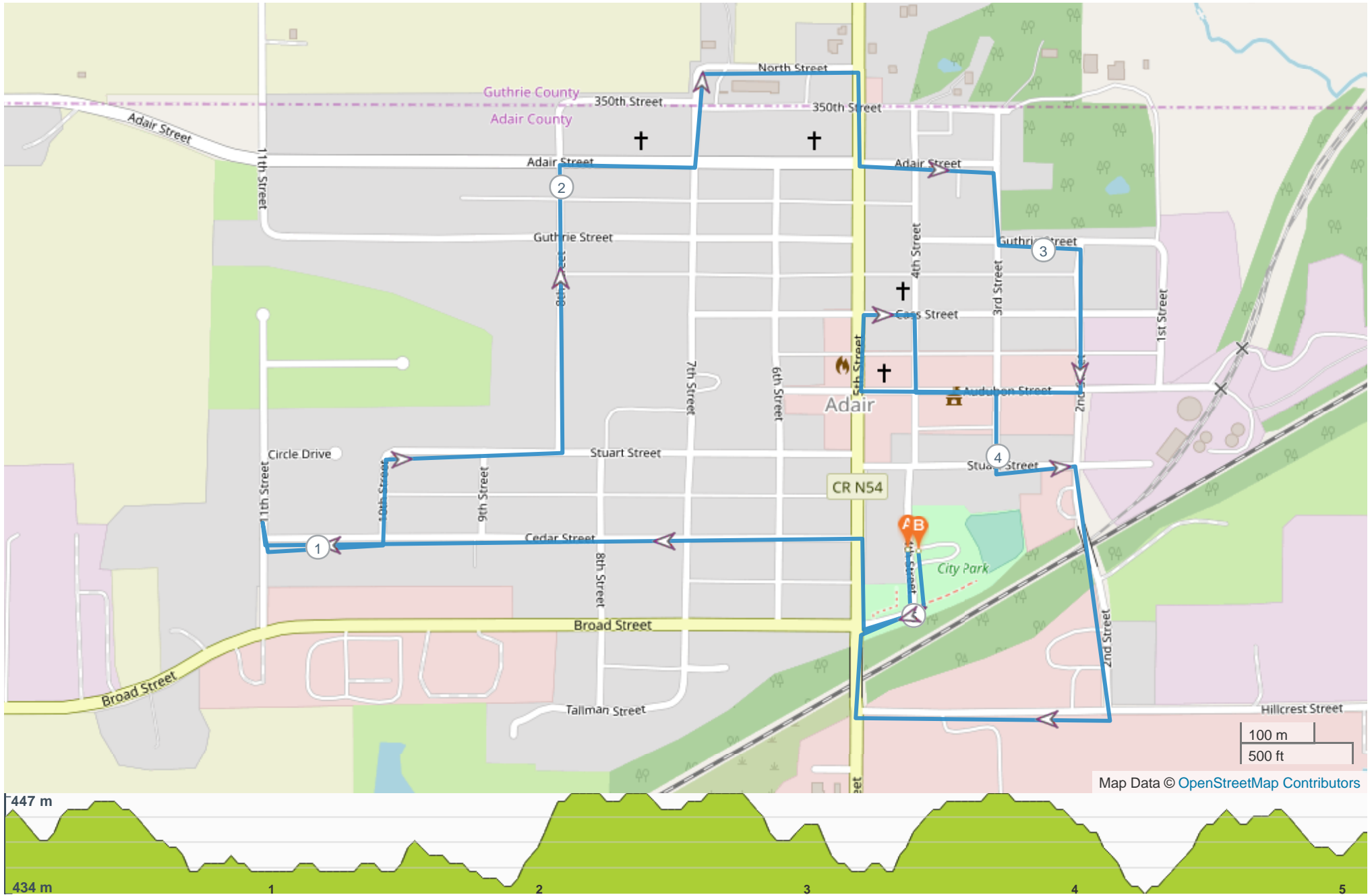
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Be sure to log back into the OSB system to "finish/complete" your online registration after doing the event. The OSB system does not deduct any event fee from a participant's event bank until they have submitted event completion info including the date of the event, the distance, and selection of applicable special programs that person 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 user's Event Bank when he/she submits completion info as a paying for credit participant. Note, however, the \$2 coupon for the downloaded PDF will expire in 60 days.) Also note that an event registration expires after 30 days, but if your registration lapses you may reregister without cost.

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

Thank you for walking with Iowa's Walking Club. We hope you enjoyed your time in Adair. Jessie James wheel can be reached by car if you were not able to participate in the 11-k walk.

Adair 5K



Adair 10k

