

Vinton, IA – Benton County

(1) 5K-A – North Side

(2) 5K-B – South Side

Registration: Please use the Online Start Box (OSB) to register and complete the event.

Start/Finish location for both 5K walks:

Casey's Convenience Store, 814 C Avenue, Vinton, Iowa.

Open 5:30 am to 10 pm daily.

Driving directions to start point: From US Highway 218, take the exit for Iowa Hwy 150 North, which becomes C Avenue, the main north/south road through Vinton.

Parking: Free parking is available at Casey's and on nearby streets.

Restrooms: Inside Casey's

Trail Ratings: 2A

Wheelchairs: Not recommended.

Strollers: Both routes have some broken sidewalks and areas without sidewalks.

Special Programs:

5K-a: Rockin' Around the Clock, Walking with America's Veterans, Par for the Course

5K-b: Par for the Course

Note: *Streets* run East/West. *Avenues* run North/South and are numbered on the east side of town and lettered on the west.

Walk Description: In addition to the Cedar River, which winds along the north edge of the town, Vinton features lovely old homes representing a variety of architectural styles, and public art including 21 wood carvings and 20 corn art statues scattered throughout the town (see attached maps).

The former home of the Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School, where Mary Ingalls of the Little House on the Prairie stories attended school between 1881 and 1889, was sold to the City of Vinton by the State of Iowa in 2019. The city plans to restore the buildings for future use and to dedicate portions of the expansive campus to senior living housing and to relocate the city's emergency services away from potential flooding near the Cedar River. The Old Hospital Pub is now open for business in the main building, open for dinner Wednesday through Friday, lunch and dinner on the weekends (as of November 2022).

Both 5K routes are primarily on city sidewalks and streets. The north-side route explores several local parks and the riverside, as well as passing through the town's business center and past Veterans Memorial Park and the Benton County Courthouse with its clocktower. The south-side route runs primarily through neighborhoods, past several local schools, and the Braille and Sight Saving School.

Other Things to Do Nearby:

- Nathan's Miles Glow Trail on the south side of Vinton is the longest glow-in-the-dark trail in the United States. It runs south for 2 miles along the west side of 2nd Avenue, starting at Vinton-Shellsburg High School (2101 2nd Avenue) where parking is available.
- The east trail head for the 15-mile-long Old Creamery Nature Trail is on the west side of town along Hwy 218. The trail follows a former railroad bed and connects Vinton with the towns of Garrison (home of the Old Creamery Theater) and Dysart to the west.
- There are also several recreation areas near Vinton that feature camping, fishing, and hiking trails.

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Chain Saw Carvings

by
BRIAN **PARR**

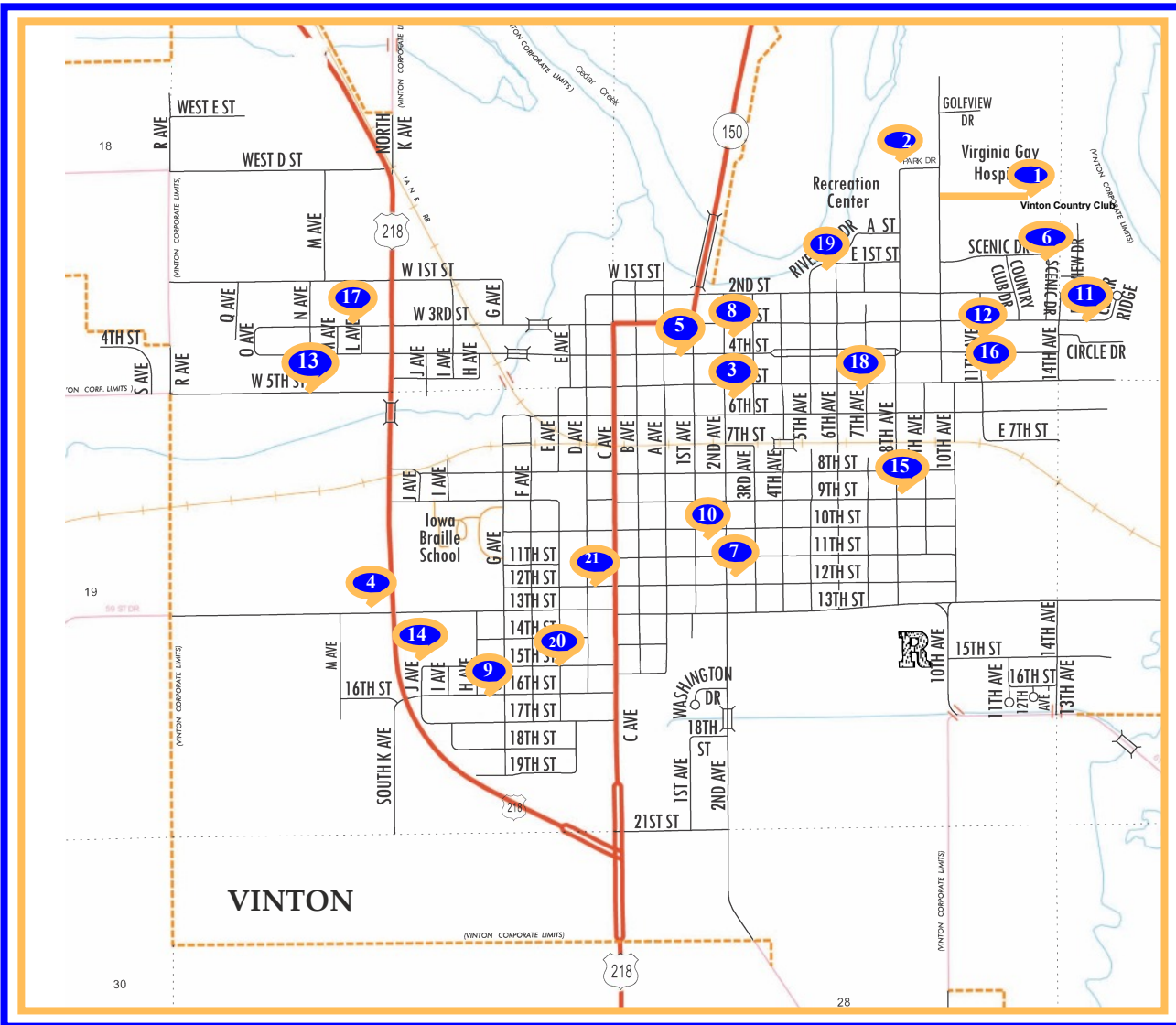
Brian is a life long Vinton resident and a self taught artist. He has been creating chain saw art for the last 9 years.

After the Derecho wind storm of 2011 Brian added to several existing sculptures by creating works of art from tree trunks that would have otherwise been destroyed. They can be seen from the comfort of your car.

The Lorax, pictured here with Brian, is located at the Benton County

Conservation Center
 near Rogers Park
 5718 20th Ave Dr.

The map on the back will allow you to take a guided tour of our city and these wonderful and whimsical pieces of art.



Thanks for Visiting



2012 ACT I Design

1 **Scottish Golfer
Eagles with Fish**
Vinton Country Club
314 N. 9th Avenue

2 **Welcome Bear
Party in the Park Balloon Bear**
Riverside Park
North 9th Avenue

3 **"Gone with the Wind"**
Vinton Public Library
510 2nd Avenue

4 **Praying Hands**
First Christian Church
1209 W. 13th Street

5 **Park Bench with Cabin and Trees**
Nick's TV & Appliance
122 West A. Street

6 **Herky the Hawk**
Ron & Kay Dowd
127 Scenic Drive

7 **Blue Angel**
Dennis & Diana Bramow
1202 2nd Avenue

8 **Bear**
Brian & Jennifer Parr
206 3rd Avenue

9 **Squirrel with Corn**
Gerald & Eileen Kreutner
808 W. 16th Street

10 **Bird House - Butterfly House -
Humming Bird House - Bird Bath**
Van & Julie Zimmer
1003 1st Avenue

11 **Covered Bridge - Church -Trees**
Landscaping accents this carving
Bill & Deb Garbers
111 Riverview Drive

12 **Harley Davidson Eagle**
Todd & Kim Davis
312 11th Avenue

13 **Upright Ear of Corn**
Doug & Kathy Tumilty
1601 W 5th Street

14 **Big Hawk**
Terry & Virginia Lindsey
1104 W 15th Street

15 **Big Herky**
Bruce & Jill Tharp
906 S 9th Avenue



16 **"Cubs" Bear with Bat**
Rob & Nicki Ott
1002 E. 5th Street

17 **Big Mushroom & Two Bears**
Candy Murphy
1307 W. 4th Street

18 **Address Post with Frog**
Dan Engledow
610 E. 5th Street

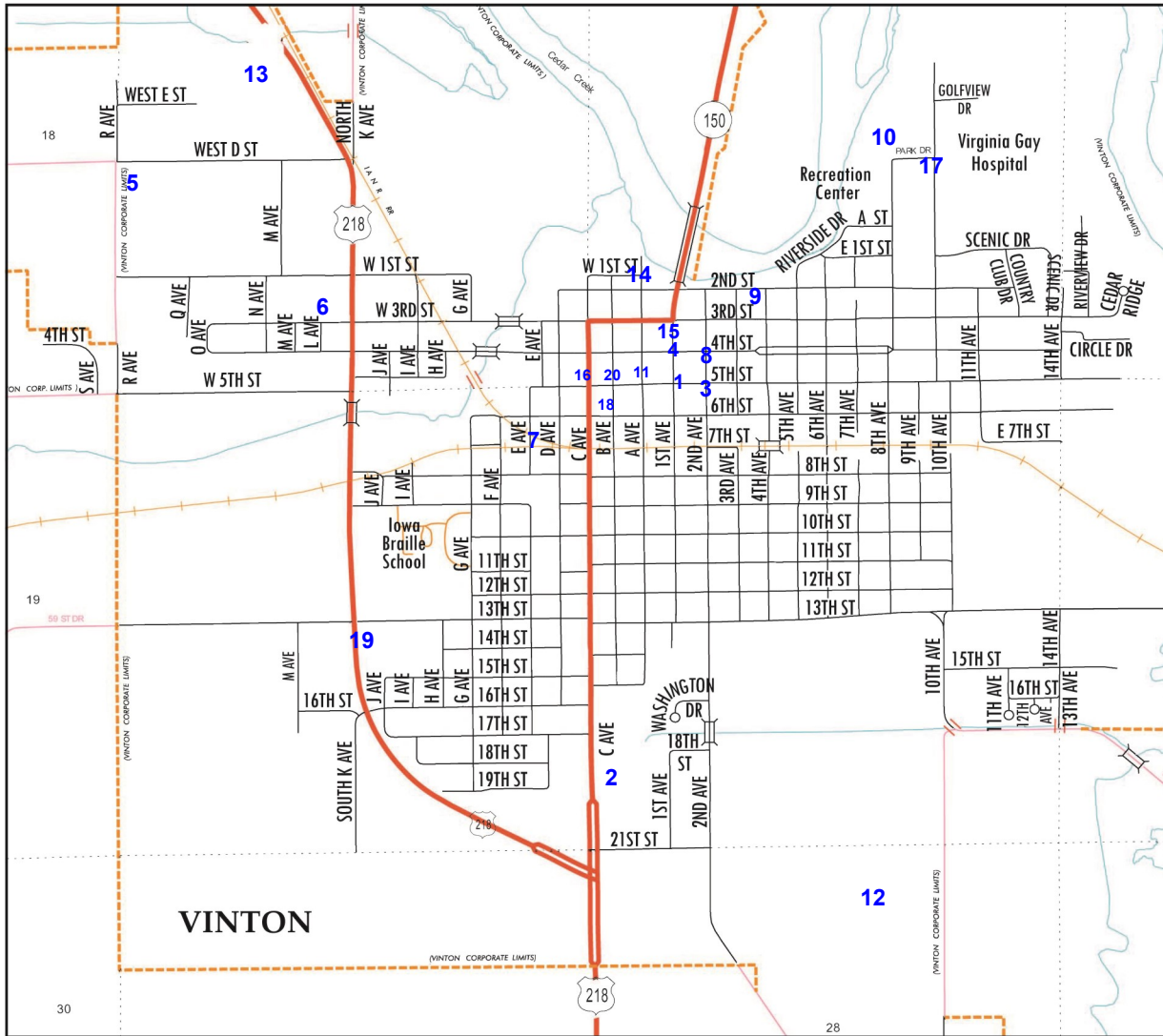


19 **Eagle**
Jeff & Rhonda Sojka
510 Riverside Drive

20 **Thinking Bear**
Nicole Clark / Jimmy Kuhn
514 W. 15th Street

21 **"Sammy" Yorkshire Terrier**
Marlias Woods
416 W. 12th Street

Corn Locations



Join the Vinton Guild of Fine Arts!
 Individual membership: \$ 30/year.
 Family membership \$ 40/year.
 DONATIONS also greatly appreciated!!
 The Guild is a nonprofit organization.
 Checks should be written to the VCF-VGFA and
 mailed to: Farmers Savings Bank, c/o Therese
 Foth, P.O. Box 112, Vinton, IA 52349



THANK YOU



to all of our corn
 sponsors, contributors, & volunteers!

Special Thanks go to:

Tom Hanson
 McDowell's
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 Tharp Design
 Brian Parr, Rick Poldberg, & Therese Foth
 Vinton Community Foundation



Community Art Corn Project



2 Black & Gold Word Find



5 Racing Flags



6 Hay Bales in the Field



9 Flower Garden



12 V-S Black & Gold



15 Freedom Isn't Free



18 Boomtown



19 Food & Fuel

*** All locations listed inside ***

Vinton Guild of Fine Arts
 Old School West Building, 811 D Avenue
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1 Indian Corn

Artists: Paul Roster, Mandy Roster
Sponsors: Don & Gwen Eells
Contributors: Dan & Nancy Steenhuyse
Location: Hummel Park, 2nd Ave & 5th St



*2 Black&Gold Word Find

Artists: Joanna Kalina
Sponsors: John & Dottie Anderson
Contributors: John & Dottie Anderson
Location: V-S High School, 210 W 21st St



3 Historical Steam Engine

Artists: Rod Moore
Sponsors: Elwick Electric, Inc
Contributors: In Memory of Steve Johnson
— With few words and much devotion, he touched many lives.
Location: Train Depot, 612 - 2nd Ave



4 Barn Quilt Sunrise

Artists: Jennifer Parr, Therese Foth
Sponsors: Jonathan & Julie Clingman
Contributors: Jonathan & Julie Clingman
Location: Clingman Pharmacy, 106 E 4th St

*5 Racing Flags

Artists: Michael Hook, Adrienne Williams
Sponsors: Intl Motor Contest Assn (IMCA)
Contributors: Intl Motor Contest Assn
Location: IMCA, 1800 West D St

*6 Hay Bales in the Field

Artists: Brian Parr, Rick Poldberg
Sponsors: Eden Mutual
Contributors: In Memory of Levin & Audrey Olson
Location: Eden Mutual, 301 N K Ave-218

7 ISU Cyclones

Artists: Dave Morrow
Sponsors: Wayson Family Farms
Contributors: Custom Millwork & Finishing
Location: Old School, D Ave & 8th St



8 The Old West

Artists: Kandi Wolfe Tesar
Sponsors: Pizza Ranch
Contributors: Whalen's
Location: Vinton Public Library, 510 2nd Ave

*9 Flower Garden

Artists: Gloria Orcutt, Kim Fischels, & Anita Gordon
Sponsors: Bill & Nelda Karr
Contributors: Nancy Baldwin
Location: Youth Community Garden, 4th Ave & E 2nd St

10 Starry, Starry Night

Artists: Barb Floyd Campbell, Therese Foth
Sponsors: Edwards Plumbing & Heating, Koop's Automotive Sales & Service, Three Rivers Insurance, Dave Vermedahl
Contributors: J & C Huber Farms
Location: City Park, 9th Ave & Park Drive



11 Farm Fields

Artists: Amanda Dedrick
Sponsors: US Bank
Contributors: US Bank
Location: Bank Drive-Up, 5th St & A Ave



*12 V-S Black & Gold

Artists: Joanna Kalina
Sponsors: John's Quick Shop, John & Deb Ketchen
Contributors: Ketchen family
Location: V-S Football Field, C Ave & 21st St



13 Seed Corn

Artists: Brian Parr
Sponsors: Remington Seed
Contributors: RS Vinton Employees
Location: Remington Seed, 701 N Hwy 218

* Pictured on Cover

14 Musical Ear

Artists: Michael Hook, Adrienne Williams
Sponsors: Johnson Real Estate, Alan & Cindy Michael
Contributors: Alan & Cindy Michael
Location: Celebration Park, 1st Ave & W 2nd St



*15 Freedom Isn't Free

Artists: FAST Korp
Sponsors: Rabe Electric
Contributors: In Memory of Staff Sergeant Troy David Pladsen, Army Ranger
Location: Benton County Court House, 111 E 4th St

16 Old Cedar River

Artists: Brian Parr
Sponsors & Contributors: Farmers Savings Bank & Trust
Location: FSB Lot, B Ave & 5th St



17 Tree of Lights

Artists: Brian Parr, Therese Foth
Sponsors: Virginia Gay Hospital
Contributors: Virginia Gay Hospital
Location: Virginia Gay, 502 N 9th Ave



*18 Boomtown

Artists: Rick Poldberg
Sponsors: TJ Gas
Contributors: Tom & Eunice Pingent
Location: Fareway, A Ave & 6th St

*19 Food & Fuel

Artists: Brian Parr, Marvin Drentner
Sponsors: Pioneer Seeds, Tom Husnik, Robert Hanson,
Contributors: Tom & Terese Husnik
Locn: Kiwanis Park, 13th St & H. 218



20 Iowa Corn

Artists: Janie & Sera Marie Seely
Sponsors: Iowa Land Management
Location: ILM, 415 A Ave

5K-A – North Side

1. With your back to the Casey's entrance, turn **right** and walk across the parking lot to 8th Street. **Right** on 8th Street to 2nd Avenue (3.5 blocks).
2. **Left** on 2nd Avenue to 5th Street (3 blocks). *As you cross the railroad tracks, look to your right to see Vinton's old railroad depot, now a museum that has limited weekend hours.*

At 2nd Avenue and 5th Street is the Vinton Public Library, with a wood carving and corn statue on the lawn.

3. **Right** on 5th Street to 11th Avenue (9 blocks).
4. **Left** on 11th Avenue to 3rd Street (2 blocks).
5. **Right** on 3rd Street to Country Club Drive (1 block).
6. **Left** on Country Club Drive to Scenic Drive (2 blocks).
7. **Left** on Scenic Drive to T-intersection with 9th Avenue.
8. **Right** on 9th Avenue to Park Drive across from the hospital entrance.
9. **Left** on Park Drive to 8th Avenue (1 block).
10. **Right** on 8th Avenue. **Keep left** at the large wooden bear, as 8th Avenue becomes a single-lane one-way road downhill. *You will be walking in the same direction as any traffic.*
11. At the bottom of the hill, turn **left** on Riverside Drive. Follow the road along the Cedar River, **keeping to the right**.
12. Keep right at the *Yield* sign and continue following the river past Veterans Memorial Park (on your left) to 2nd Street.

13. **Right** on 2nd Street to 1st Avenue and the river bridge (Hwy 150)
14. **Cross** 1st Avenue (use caution) and visit Celebration Park, where you will find memorials and historical information on Cedar River flooding.
15. **Return** to 1st Avenue at the river bridge.
16. **Right** (away from the river) on 1st Avenue, past the Benton County Courthouse to 4th Street (2 blocks).
17. **Right** on 4th Street to B Avenue (2 blocks).
18. **Left** on B Avenue to 8th Street (4 blocks).
19. Right on 8th Street to return to starting point at the Casey's convenience store.

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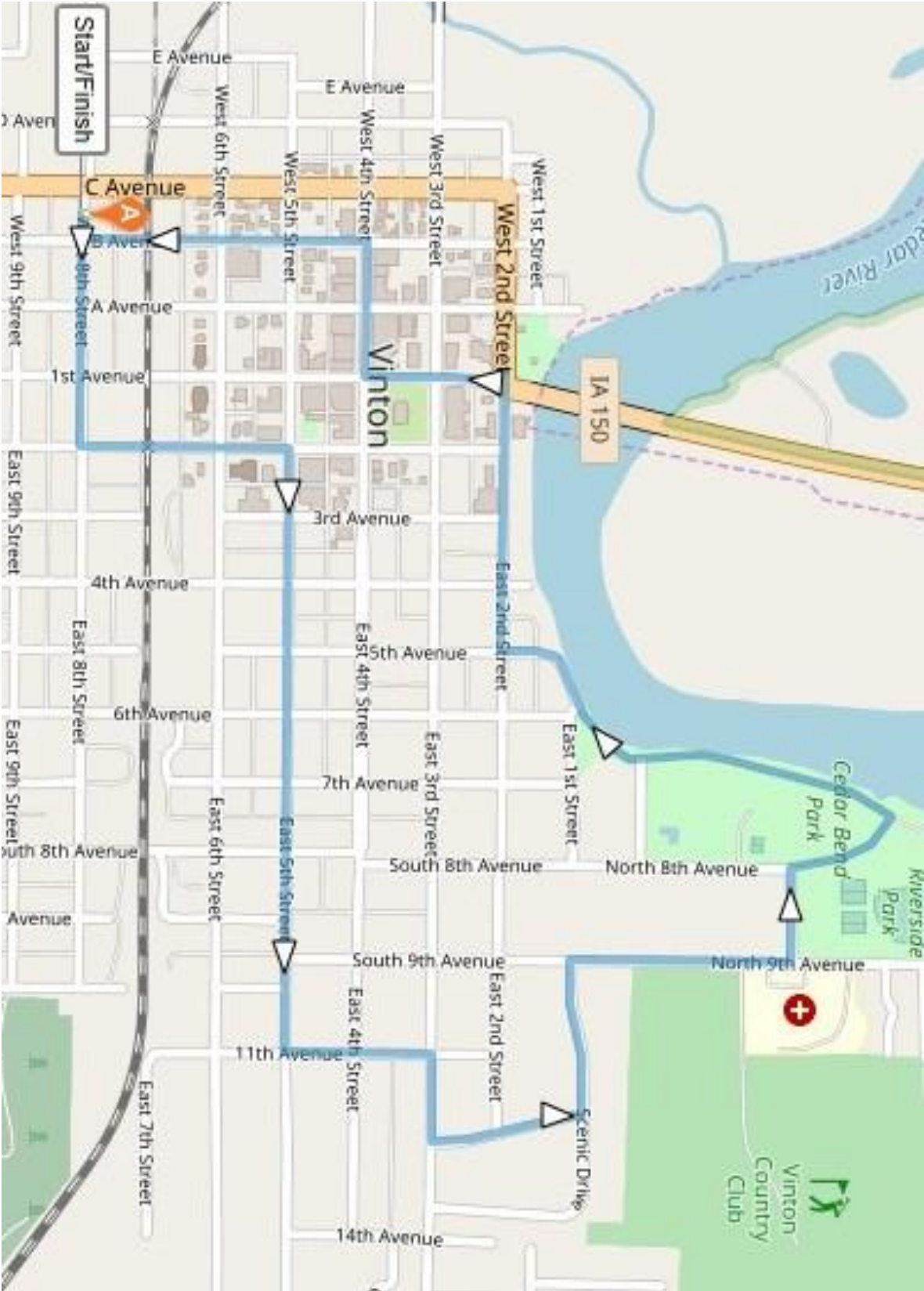
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5K-B – South Side

1. With your back to the Casey's entrance, turn **left** and walk across the parking lot to 9th Street.
2. **Left** on 9th to 1st Avenue (2.5 blocks).
3. **Right** on 1st Avenue to 10th Street (1 block). *Notice the many beautiful old homes in this area.*
4. **Left** on 10th Street to 8th Avenue (7 blocks).
5. **Right** on 8th Avenue to 13th Street (3 blocks).
6. **Right** on 13th Street to A Avenue (8 blocks).
7. **Left** on A Avenue to 15th Street (2 blocks).
8. **Right** on 15th Street past the Vinton-Shellsburg Middle School to C Avenue (2 blocks).
9. **Left** on C Avenue to 16th Street (1 block).
10. **Cross** C Avenue at crosswalk (use caution).
11. **Left** on C Avenue to 17th Street (1 block).
12. **Right** on 17th Street to G Avenue (4 blocks).
13. **Right** on G Avenue to 11th Street (on your right) and a circle drive (on your left) (6 blocks).
14. **Left** at 11th Street to follow the circle drive up to the original schoolhouse of the Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School, where Mary Ingalls of the Little House on the Prairie books attended school between 1881 and 1889. Continue along the circle drive to return to G Avenue.
15. **Left** on G Avenue to 8th Street (1 block).
16. **Right** on 8th Street E Avenue (2 blocks).
17. **Left** on E Avenue to 6th Street (2 blocks).
18. **Right** on 6th Street to B Avenue (4 blocks). *Use caution crossing C Avenue. Look for some interesting building styles along this stretch.*
19. **Right** on B Avenue to 8th Street (2 blocks).
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