

Jefferson - Greene County

Milwaukee Railroad Depot
507 E Lincolnway
Jefferson, Iowa
42.023792-94.373932

Registration: Registration is by Online Start Box only. This event is available from April 15 to October 15.

Driving Directions: Jefferson is 42.5 miles west of Ames on Hwy 30. At Jefferson turn left on E Elm St for 1.3 miles to E Lincolnway. Turn left on E Lincolnway for 0.3 miles to Milwaukee Railroad Depot.

Parking: Parking lot of the Depot.

Walk Description: The walk is on multiuse trails and city sidewalks. You can view the scenery and roof top art from the observation deck of the 14-story Mahanay Memorial Carillon Tower, take a photo op with Thomas Jefferson, see George Gallop's octagon house, learn about Iowa's first woman to win an Olympic Gold medal, and walk from San Francisco to New York in two blocks.

Restrooms: Restrooms are available along the trail and on the 10K at gas stations.

Special Programs: City Halls, Rails to Trails and Walking with America's Veterans.

Trail Rating: 5K 1B, 10K 2B



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5K Directions

1. Before leaving the Milwaukee Road Depot, see the Freedom Rock painted by Iowan Ray "Bubba" Sorenson. Leaving the Milwaukee Road Depot, **turn right (south)** onto the Raccoon River Valley Trail. Go past the school. Cross intersection of Mulberry and East Vine.
2. **Turn right (west)** at Wilcoxway, no street sign but is cement sidewalk. First house on right is 502 Wilcoxway. Walk on left side of street. Go to Chestnut St.
3. **Cross and Turn right (north)** on Chestnut St. to Russell. *703 S Chestnut St. is the George Gallup octagon house. George Gallup was born in 1901, became a statistician, and founded the Gallup Poll.*
4. **Turn left (west)** on Russell to Maple St.
5. **Turn right (north)** on Maple by the Chautauqua Park, walking on the left side. As you cross W. South St switch to walking on the right sidewalk of Maple.
6. **Cross and turn right** on Lincolnway walking on the north side. At the 4-way stop by the Shell station, carefully cross Elm.
7. *Go past the Carnegie Library, built in 1904. Note the Doreen Wilber sculpture across the street. She was born in Iowa and graduated from Jefferson High School. She medaled 8 times in archery and was the first Iowa woman to win an Olympic Gold Medal.*
8. **Continue east on Lincolnway** to the Mahanay Memorial Carillon Tower. *The bell tower is open to visitors with admission. The 168-foot tower features 47 cast bells and an electric carillon that chimes every quarter hour. An elevator ride to 120 feet offers a spectacular view of Greene County. Enjoy the rooftop art. Open daily Memorial Day through September and weekends in May and October.*
9. Note the Lincoln Highway post by the tower. *The Boy Scouts installed about 3000 of these posts along the Lincoln Highway from New York to San Francisco in a single day on September 1, 1928.*
10. Walk past the statue of Abraham Lincoln on the courthouse square. *On September*

21, 1918, 2000 people gathered on the square for the unveiling of this statue. It was a gift to the community from E.B. Wilson, western Iowa district consul for the Lincoln Highway Association. Note the plaque honoring the Women's Friday Club, started in 1888. A book social was held where admission was one book. 450 donated books became the start of the first public library.

11. **Turn left (north)** on Chestnut St. to city hall.
12. **Return (south) to Lincolnway cross and turn left** to see the Thomas Jefferson Gardens and take a photo op with Thomas. Follow the green painted route from San Francisco to New York. The Greene County Historical Museum on the southwest corner is open Sat 9-12 and Wed 1-4.
13. **Cross Lincolnway again** to the north side to see the old Deep Rock gas station on the corner of Lincolnway and South Cedar, built in 1923. Continue on past the Memorial Gardens and Veterans Memorial and Army tank.
14. **Cross Lincolnway to the finish.**

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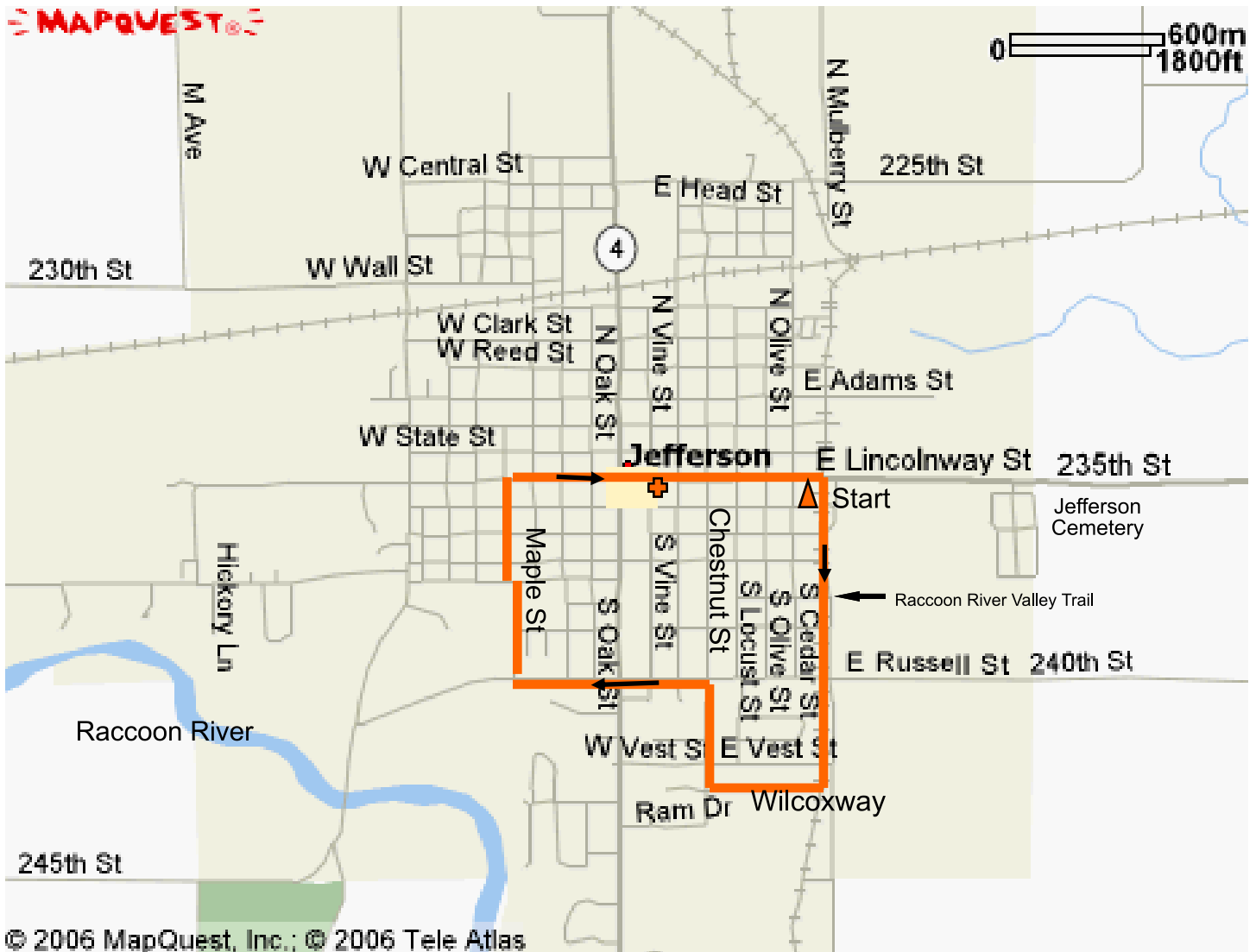
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10 K Directions

1. **One mile cemetery loop:** Leaving the Milwaukee Railroad Depot, **turn right (east)** along Lincolnway (E53 highway.) Follow the sidewalk.
2. At the entrance to the Jefferson Cemetery, **turn right (south).**
3. Walk on the cemetery road to the first intersection, make a U and walk back to the entrance.
4. **Turn left (west)** on Lincolnway and walk back towards the Depot. Note the Freedom Rock done by Iowan Ray "Bubba" Sorensen.
5. Just before the Depot, **turn left (south)** onto the Raccoon River Valley Trail.
6. Go past the school. Cross intersection of Mulberry and East Vest.
7. **Turn right (west)** at Wilcoxway. no street sign but is cement sidewalk. First house on right is 502 Wilcoxway. Walk on left side of street. Go to Chestnut St.
8. **Turn right (north)** on Chestnut St. to Russell. 703 S Chestnut St. is the George Gallup octagon house. George Gallup was born in 1901, became a statistician, and founded the Gallup Poll.
9. **Turn left (west)** on Russell crossing a 4-lane intersection. Follow Russell down the hill as it turns to gravel.
10. **Turn left (east)** onto a multiuse trail in Daubendiek Park. Follow the trail east to the Raccoon River overlook spur.
11. **Return back to the main trail & turn left.** Follow trail past the parking area. (Restrooms available by parking lot.)
12. **Continue on trail and exit where you entered.** Walk back up the hill on the left side of the street to Maple St.
13. **Turn left (north)** on Maple St by the Chautauqua Park, walking on the left side. As you cross W. South St switch to walking on the right sidewalk of Maple.
14. **Cross Lincolnway and turn right** walking on the north side. At the 4-way stop by the Shell station, carefully cross Elm. *When you are walking along Lincolnway, you are walking along the original route of the Lincoln Highway.*
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19. **Turn left (north)** on Chestnut St. Go past city hall. Go to Reed Street.
20. **Turn left (west)** on Reed St. To Vine St.
21. **Turn right (north)** on Vine to McKinley St.
22. **Turn right (east)** on McKinley to Locust St.
23. **Turn right (south)** on Locust to Lincolnway. Cross Lincolnway. *The Greene County Historical Museum on the southwest corner is open Sat 9-12 and Wed 1-4. Follow the green painted route from New York to San Francisco. Do a photo op with Jefferson at Thomas Jefferson Gardens.*
24. **Turn left (east)** on Lincolnway walking on the left (north) sidewalk. *Note old Deep Rock gas station on corner of Lincolnway and South Cedar, built in 1923. Continue on to Memorial Gardens and Veterans Memorial and Army tank and gardens.*
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