



Grand Marais Walk

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This Lake Superior harbor town is the home of the Grand Marais Art Colony and the North House Folk School. Walk the piers and boreal forests of Artist's Point and see the upper and lower lighthouses.

DATES: Tues, Apr 1st until Wed, Dec 31st, 2025

TIMES: Dawn to Dusk

DISTANCE: 5 and 10 km

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COUNTY: Cook County

SPECIAL PROGRAMS: Centurion Achievement Challenge; IVV -Americas; Lighthouses II; Town Halls/ City Halls;; Walking the United States - States; Walking the USA A - Z Walking With americas Veterans.

AWARD: IVV CREDIT ONLY

IMPORTANT EVENT INFORMATION: Restrooms: Yes, Pets: Yes, Strollers: Hard, Wheelchairs: No. Free parking and restrooms at the start point and along the route. There is another free municipal lot and restrooms 1½ blocks north of the start point between Wisconsin St and 1st St.

START POINT and DIRECTIONS: Artist’s Point parking area, 15-11 Broadway Ave, Grand Marais, MN 55604. GPS coordinates: 47.747598, -90.333159. Grand Marais MN 55604. GPS location Grand Marais is 110 miles north of Duluth on Highway 61. Take I-35 to Duluth to Highway 61. Turn right on Broadway Ave which leads directly to the start point at the Artist’s Point parking area.

COMMENTS: Grand Marais is the home of children’s author Besty Bowen (White Pine North), F. Keith Hunt (Tough Men; Tough Boats), and Willis H. Raff (Pioneers in the Wildness). Grand Marais is the county seat for Cook County. It was named for Territorial and State senator (1857-62) Major Michael Cook of Faribault who was killed in a Civil War battle at Nashville. The county first created in 1874. The area is characterized by its rocky, rugged Lake Superior shoreline, forests, and lakes, beautiful scenery, nature, and wilderness.

WALK COMPLETION AND CREDIT: 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 the event was walked, the distance walked, and the selection of applicable special programs that person is participating in. Nevertheless, a fee of \$2 for a downloaded PDF is deducted from the Event Bank when the PDF is downloaded. Later, any PDF fees are credited back to a user’s Event Bank when they submit the event completion info as a paying for credit participant. Note however that the \$2 coupon for the downloaded PDF expires in 60 days. Also note that an event registration expires after 30 days, but if your registrations lapses, you may re-register without cost.



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10 km Directions

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1. **Exit** the parking lot towards the harbor and turn **Right** along the beach to the sidewalk along Wisconsin St
2. **Left** on the Sidewalk following Voyager Hwy/Hwy 61 keeping the lake on your left.
3. After passing the North House Folk School and parking lot on your left, turn **Left** into the Grand Marais Campground and Marina
4. **Straight** at the Y with the wood fence on your left
5. **Left** at the end of the fence
6. **Right** at the T
7. **Right** just past the picnic shelter on the left. The road will curve to the right
8. **Left** at the T
9. **Cross** Voyager Hwy/Hwy 61 and go **Straight** on W 8th Ave
10. **Right** at County Rd 7/W 5th St
11. **Left** at W 5th Ave
12. **Right** at Gunflint Trail
13. **Right** at Voyageur Hwy/Hwy 61
14. **Right** at 3rd St
15. **Left** at 5th Ave W
16. **Left** at W 2nd St
17. **Right** at Broadway Ave and go through the parking lot to toward the flag tower and the white buildings
18. **Left** around the US Coast Guard sign until arriving at the Artists' Point information sign. (Follow the gravel path to the 3 steps up to the sea wall/pier. Turn
19. **Right** to go to the Lighthouse **Turn Around** and continue to the other end of Artists' Point following the main trail more or less to the left (bay side) through the boreal forest. Return via the same route or along the lake shore
20. **Return** to the Coast Guard Station and parking lot



In case of Emergency: Dial 911
Event related assistance:
Ken Johnson POC/DRD/Club President 651-774-9607
Susan Pinneke RD (515) 423-8437



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5 km Directions

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1. **Exit** the parking lot towards the harbor and turn **Right** along the beach to the sidewalk along Wisconsin St
2. **Left** onto the sidewalk
3. **Right** on W 8th Ave crossing Voyager Hwy/Hwy 61
4. **Left** at W 2nd St
5. **Right** at W 10th Ave
6. **Right** at 3rd St
7. **Right** at 2nd Ave W
8. **Left** in front of the rounded, gray brick library and proceed along the library sidewalk to the Grand Marais Garden Club's Memorial Rose Garden. Use the path to encircle the roses.
9. **Right** at 1st Ave W crossing Voyager Hwy/Hwy 61
10. **Left** at Wisconsin St
11. **Right** at Broadway Ave and go through the parking lot to Artist's Point toward the flag tower and the white buildings
12. **Left** around the US Coast Guard sign until arriving at the Artists' Point information sign. (Follow the gravel path to the 3 steps up to the sea wall/pier. Turn
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