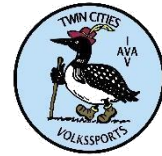




# Whitetail Woods Walk

Empire Township, Minnesota  
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EVENT TYPE: Seasonal Walk

DATES: Apr 1st until Sep 30th, 2026

TIMES: 5 am to 10 pm

DISTANCE: Both trails are rated 2 for incline, the 5 km Prairie Trail is rated B and the 5/6 km Lake Trail C

CONTACT: Wayne Heath, [wvheath76@gmail.com](mailto:wvheath76@gmail.com), 651-249-8886

COUNTY: Dakota County

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Take Interstate 494 East or West to Pilot Knob Road in Eagan. Take Pilot Knob Road South. **Left** on 170<sup>th</sup> St W. **Right** on Station Trail. **Right** into Whitetail Woods Regional Park.

SPECIAL PR: Centurion Achievement Challenge; IVV-Americas; Par-For-The-Course; Walking the United States - States; Walking the USA, A - Z

AWARD: IVV CREDIT ONLY

COMMENTS: Whitetail Woods Regional Park is a 456-acre park bordered by the Vermillion Highlands Modified Wildlife Management Area and the Vermillion River Wildlife and Aquatic Management Area. The Lake Trail is a 5 or 6 km trail through a mostly wooded area with some prairie. Part of the trail is on a paved bike path but most of it is on natural terrain including some grass and gravel paths. The Prairie Trail is a 5 km loop following a mowed grass and gravel path mostly through a restored prairie and some wooded area.

IMPORTANT EVENT INFORMATION: Parking, restrooms, and water available at the start point. Pets are allowed and must be on a leash. The trails are rated hard for strollers and wheelchairs.

The OSB system does not deduct any walking fee from a walkers Event Bank until they have submitted walk completion info including the date the event was walked, the distance walked, and the selection of applicable special programs that the walker 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 walkers Event Bank when he/she submits the walk completion info as a paying for credit walker. 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.



## Whitetail Woods 5/6/11 km Walk

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From the parking lot go up to the picnic shelter area to start, there are restrooms and water available. All the intersections have a post with a map and a red number at the top indicating which intersection it is. **The # in these directions indicate trail numbers, not walk instruction numbers.** There are also posts at the joining trails stating which intersection the trail goes to next.

### 5 km Prairie Loop

1. With the shelter at your back and starting on the right side of the shelter area, go to the paved trail. The play area will be on your right [Par for the Course]
2. **Right** at the Y staying on the paved trail to the end of the parking lot
3. **Left** at the end of the parking lot
4. **Right** onto the gravel/crushed rock trail.
5. **Left** on the grass trail to post #23
6. **Right** at the Y at post #23. This is a loop trail, and you will be returning to post #23
7. **Right** at #23 to the gravel trail and to post #21 keeping Left down a hill with a curve to the right at the bottom.
8. **Left** at #21 onto the grass trail to #27
9. **Right** at #27 to #26.
10. **Left** at # 26 to # 25
11. **Right** at #25 to #22
12. **Straight** at #22 to the picnic shelter



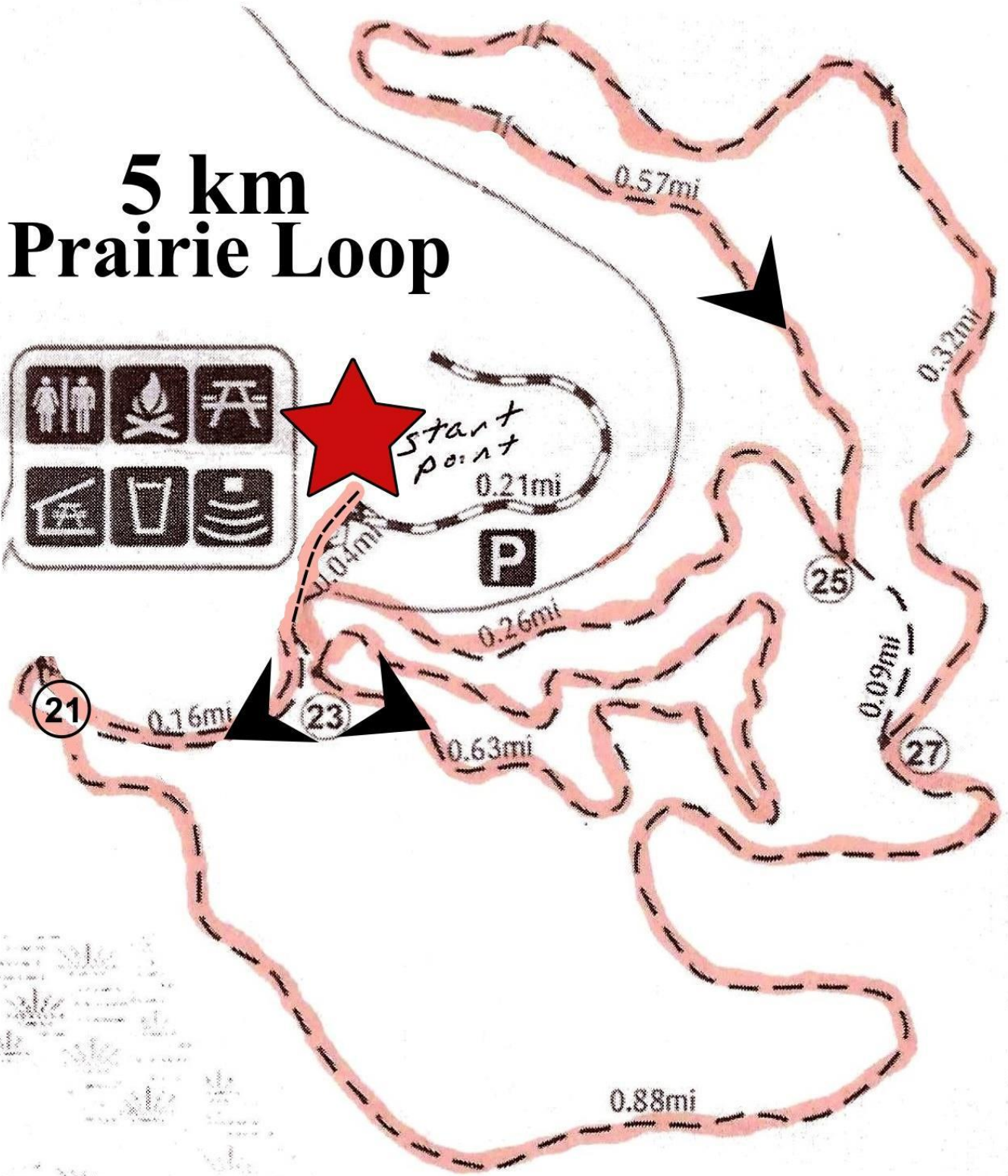
In case of emergency: Dial 911  
Event related assistance:  
Wayne Heath POC, Club President 651-249-8886  
Ken Johnson Regional Director 651-774-9607

## 5 km Prairie Loop



start  
point

0.21mi



Dakota County Parks Department



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## 5/6 km Lake Trail

- 1) With the shelter at your back, starting on the right side of the shelter area, go to the paved trail, the play area will be on your right [Par for the Course]
- 2) **Right** at the Y staying on the paved trail
- 3) **Right** at T #22 staying on the paved trail to #21
- 4) **Straight** at the X staying on the paved trail to #16
- 5) **Right** onto the dirt trail at #16 to #12
- 6) **Right** at #12 to #8
- 7) **Right** on #8 to #6
- 8) **Straight** at #6 crossing the paved trail continuing onto the dirt trail to #3

- 16) **Right** at #9 to #5
- 17) **Right** at #5 to #14
- 18) **Right** at #14 to #28. This intersects with the paved trail but keep in the grass on the left side of the paved trail
- 19) **Left** at #19 to #24 keeping on the grass trail
- 20) **Straight** at #24 to the picnic shelter

### Alternate Trail

- 21) **Right** at #6 to #2
- 22) **Right** at #2 to #4
- 23) **Left** at #4 to #9
- 24) **Right** at #9 to #5
- 25) **Right** at #5 to #14
- 26) **Left** at #14 to #15
- 27) **Left** at #15 to #11
- 28) **Right** at #11 to #10
- 29) **Left** at #10 to #11
- 30) **Straight** at #11 to #15
- 31) **Straight** at #15 to #14
- 32) **Left** at #14 to #28, this intersection is with the paved trail, stay in the grass on the left side of the paved trail
- 33) **Left** at #19 to #24
- 34) **Straight** at #24 to the picnic shelter start point

**Sometimes this section of the trail is closed. The park uses goats to remove buckthorn and other non-native species of weeds and bushes. If this section is closed proceed to #19 (instruction 21). If the trail is not closed:**

- 9) At #3, for 6 km There is an out and back to an overlook. For 5 km, skip 10 & 11 and go to step 12
- 10) **Left** at #3 to #1
- 11) **Turn around** at #1 and return to #3
- 12) **Left** at #3 to #2

### For 5 km

- 13) **Right** at #3 and go to #2
- 14) **Left** at #2 to #4 most of this section is on a board walk
- 15) Just past the boardwalk, turn **Left** at #4 to #9



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