

Montgomery County 2025 Walk

Viking Lake (2B) 5k out and back; 10k around the lake

Sanction #128244 – 2025/Y3579

Viking Lake is a 1,000-acre park in its natural state with an abundant supply of wildflowers and animals. The mowed-grass trail takes you on a quiet walk 5-k out and back and a 10k around the lake, with views of the lake peeking through. Restrooms along the trail. Park in designated park areas.

Walk Registration:

Registration takes place online using the AVA Online Start Box, on my.ava.org. Follow the instructions provided to create a user account and sign the AVA waiver (one time). Instructions for payment are also included. Download the directions and print as needed.

Walk Completion and Walk Credit:

Once you have physically completed the walk, please login to your Online Start Box account, click on the “My Start Box” tab, then the “Finish Table” tab, then click on “Go to Finish Table” button for the event you have completed. Use the displayed entry form to submit the date and distance of your walk as well as select applicable AVA Special Programs to generate stamped “virtual” insert cards that you may choose to print out.

You need to finish the walk (whether you want to print “stamps”) for the club payment.

Driving Directions:

2780 Viking Lake Rd, Stanton, IA 511573 [40°58'18"N 95°02'37"W](https://www.google.com/maps/place/2780+Viking+Lake+Rd,+Stanton,+IA+511573/@40.9638889,-95.0083333,15z)

I-80 east or west; South on Hwy 71; West on Hwy 34; South on County Road M65.

Follow brown signs to Viking State Park

Continue past the park’s entrance sign. Right at 1st Y.

Follow campground /picnic area and continue past service road.

Left a next sign to Shelter (not to campgrounds).



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

Viking Lake 5-10 K

The grass/dirt trail is fairly well marked except in certain areas where there are boat docks or some other distraction from the trail. Keeping the lake on your right. Also, note that the distance noted on the park signs will not match up with our map. They start in a different area.

1. From the parking area walk past the pit toilets toward the fishing area. Walk across the grass, keeping the lake on your right, path right at the Y. You will see the marked trail straight ahead in the trees. Hultman (White Tail).

2. Right on the road towards the lake. The trail will exit by a concession area with restrooms. Walk along the concession building, keeping it on your left and pass the small beach on your right. Continue straight ahead to the trail in the trees.

3. At the next boat launch area, walk across the grass toward the pit toilet and small covered bench to the trail. Stay right with trail sign.

4. The trail splits at a Y. Stay on the path to the left. The path on the right ends.

5. **5 K turn around**-after passing Bench #1/Trail-White Tail-sign Mile 1.5, there will be a pond on your left.

At the pond, turn around and retrace your steps to the start.

6. The trail splits. Stay to your right. Bench #3

7. Stay on the path, staying right every time, crossing the dam. It is several K's to the dam.

8. After crossing the dam and bridge, you will go left on the road until you rejoin the trail on the 2nd hard right. (1st right a grass trail goes nowhere)

9. At the Y, take the White-Tail Nature Trail on your right down toward the lake. Blue arrow sign.

10. Follow the trail (staying right) until it reunites with the main trail. The trail becomes a rock road. Right onto the road.

11. At the end of the road, turn right, just before the hill, onto the park road passing the camping area (modern restrooms available in the camping area).

12. After the campground, the trail will be on the right. Take it down toward the lake until you see the start point ahead of you. Return to the start.

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Viking Lake 10 K Blue Trail

