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Bloomington MN (Normandale) Seasonal Volksmarch 2026



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	<p>Normandale College Japanese Garden – Bloomington Minnesota</p>
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Walk Description

Dates: 2026-Apr-01. 2026-Sep-30

City/State: Bloomington, Minnesota

Event-Name: Normandale College Japanese Garden
Event-Location: Bloomington Normandale Community College, 9700 France Ave S, Bloomington, MN 55431,
Place Code= RMH9+VF Bloomington, Minnesota

Lat-long= (44.8292, -93.33123)) Event-Type: Walk, Distance - Trail ratings: 2A Event-Id: 125318 - 2026 / Y1467

Description: Walk through the college's Japanese Garden, and through Tarnhill and Marsh Lake Parks.

Awards & Fees: IVV Credit only, \$4.00; Non-Credit \$3.00, Special Programs: MN Counties: Hennepin County,

MN Cities A-Z= B: Bloomington, Step to the Beat, Amenities:

Strollers (Easy) & Wheelchairs (Medium) Pets: Pets on leash OK

Restrooms: Toilets at College when open (irregular hours). Porta-potty on route. See  icon for locations.

Start/Finish times: 7a.m. to 8p.m. daily during daylight Host Club: Twin Cities Volkssports, AVA-114

Club Contact: Paul Stachour (Bloomington) 952-884-5977 Venue (College) Info: <http://www.normandale.edu>

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Emergency Note

In case of Emergency: Dial 911

Event related assistance:

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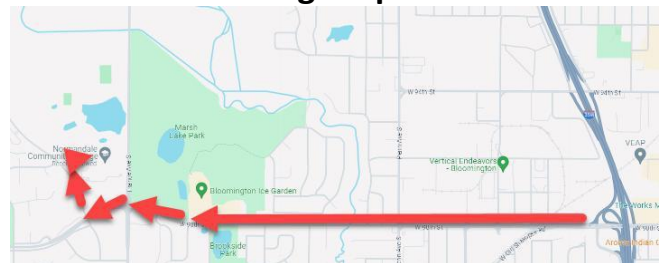
Wayne Heath, Club President, 651-249-8886

Ken Johnson, Regional Director 651-968-6380

Driving Directions

Exit I35W in Bloomington at 98th Street. West on 98th, about 2.5 miles. Cross France Avenue, then turn right [NW] on College View Drive. Pass the parking garage, then turn right [E] into the parking lot & follow signs for Japanese Garden.

Driving Map



Waiver Notice

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

Walk Concept

There are three segments in this 10K walk. They may be done in any order. Only the North segment goes through the Japanese Garden. Each segment is labeled with the

appropriate AVA difficulty rating.

Marking Legend

Items in [brackets] are approximate cardinal directions. Items in {braces} are approximate distances in meters. Items in <angles> are figure references to photos on page 4

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Walk Directions – North 2K – 1A

1. Begin at the parking sign, there is a *Portable toilet available* .
2. Follow sidewalk [E] to Japanese Garden Entrance
3. Enter Garden and walk clockwise around the outside of the garden.
4. Exit the garden, turning left [E] on sidewalk to France Avenue.
5. Left [N] onto France to North end of Marsh Lake Playfields.
6. Reverse [S] on France to West 94th
7. Right [W] on 94th Street to start of parking lot.
8. Left [S] on sidewalk beside lot between lake on left & pond on right to start point.


Walk Directions – West 3K – 2A

1. {0} Begin at the parking sign, there is a *Portable toilet available* .
2. {10} Follow sidewalk [S] between parking lot on right and building on left to south end of parking garage.
3. {300} Continue [S] to the parking lot exit onto College view Road.
4. {400} Continue [S] along College view Road to traffic light at 98th Street.
5. {600} Right [W] at light, crossing College view and onto sidewalk up the hill.
6. {800} Continue [W] past Hillside church to traffic light at Little Road.
7. {1000} Cross Little entering Tarnhill Park continuing [W] on sidewalk until passing baseball field on right.
8. {1300} Right [N] up slight grade and to playground.
9. {1500} Reaching playground, turn at slide onto asphalt path between baseball

field on right and basketball court on left and [E] past recreation building to Little Road.

10. {2100} Left [N], then [NE] and [E] on Little downhill to Collegeview Road.
11. {2600} Cross Collegeview, then left [NW] along Collegeview to THE parking lot entrance.
- 12 {2700} Right [NE] entering parking lot.
13. Through lot [N&E] to start-point. [3000}

Walk Directions – East 5K – 1B

1. {0} Begin at the parking sign, there is a *Portable toilet available* .
2. {10} Follow sidewalk [W] to road leading to north overflow parking lots.
3. {100} Right [N] on sidewalk to 95th Street.
4. {300} Cross 95th, then right [E] on 95th street to France Avenue.
5. {800} Cross France to Archery Range, at SE corner turn ½ right, following natural path [SSE] and [SSW] and back to France at steps.
6. {1300} ½ Left [S] along France to light at 98th street.
7. {1600} Left [E] at light, along 98th to natural path on left. Hiking Trail sign.
8. {1625} ½ left [NE & N] to parking lot at north end of ice-arena. Notice steps to lot on right of path.
9. {1800} Continue [N], [NE], & [E] on path with Marsh Lake on the left until exiting onto 96th street.
10. {2500} Left [NE] on 96th to Washburn Avenue. East March Lake Sign.

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11. {2800} Reverse direction [SW], [W], [SW] back to parking lot at north end of ice-arena. Ascend Stairs to road.
12. {3700} Follow road [S] with ice-arena on your left to 98th street.
13. {4000} Right [W] at 98th to traffic light at France Avenue.
15. {4300} Cross France, continuing [W] to main parking lot entrance for Normandale College.
16. {4400} Right [N] at parking lot entrance towards main door entrance of the college. *toilets available during business hours*🚻.
17. {4500} Left [W], [N] at flags with building on your right arts/music building – Step to the Beat) to start-point {5000}.

Walk Summary

Congratulations. You have finished this walk, with an overall distance of (2+3+5) => 10k and an elevation gain of (8+42+27) 77m. Login to my.ava.org, go to the finish table, and indicate the total kilometers you have completed on this walk

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.

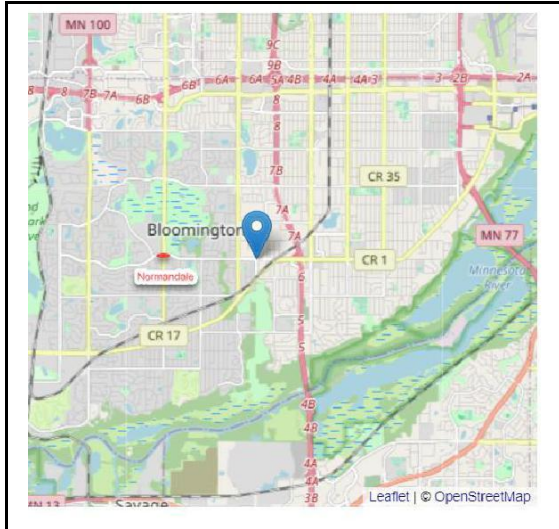
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Maps

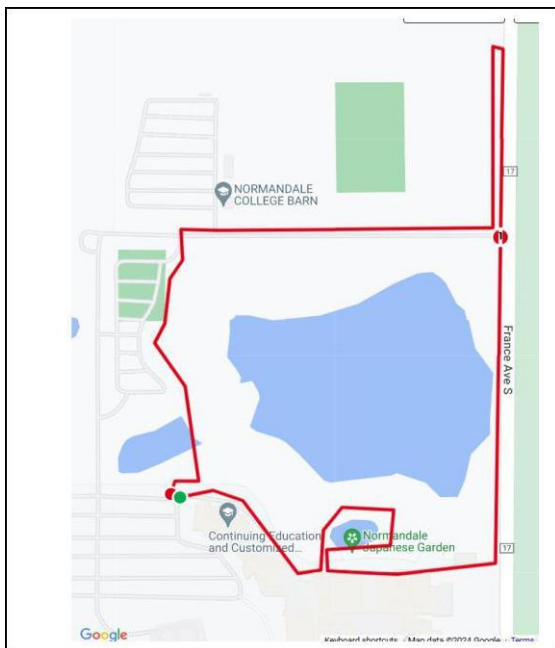
College Location



West Loop 3K – 2A



North Loop 2K 1A



East Loop 5K – 1B

