



The Washtenaw Wanderers Invite You To A Walk On The Hines Parkway Trail - Westland MI - May 1st, 2026 Through October 31th, 2026

Scenic Hines Parkway, passes through fifteen southeast Michigan suburban neighborhoods from Northville MI to the Dearborn MI Ford Motor headquarters. The entire parkway is about thirty kilometers in length and has a walking/biking trail for its entire length. The Parkway goes through several neighborhood parks. The AVA five and ten kilometer walks provide a great sample of the parkway scenery near Westland MI. You will be walking on the paved walking/biking trail which parallels the parkway and on a two kilometer unpaved pathway through the woods.

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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. The POC does not provide event directions or accept alternate payment methods.

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.

Starting-Finish-Parking Location:

The start point is the parking lot of the **Nankin Mills Interpretive Center, Westland, MI 48185**. There is no fee for parking, the front of the Interpretive Center is on Ann Arbor Trail and the rear of the center and rear parking lot is on the Hines Parkway, you can park in either lot but the rear lot is larger and is also the start point for this walk.

Nankin Mills Interpretive Center Parking is at Latitude: **42.34819** Longitude: **-83.37035**.

Walk **8:00 AM to Dusk - 1 May 2026 through 31 October 2026** - Use the Online Start Box to register.

Fees:

There is no fee to park at the Interpretive Center.

Restrooms:

There are restrooms next to the parking lot (start point).

Assistance:

Event Related Assistance: Rob Weaver 616-745-9627

Emergency: Dial 911

Hines Parkway - Westland - MI

AVA 5k Directions

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In case of emergency, please call 911.

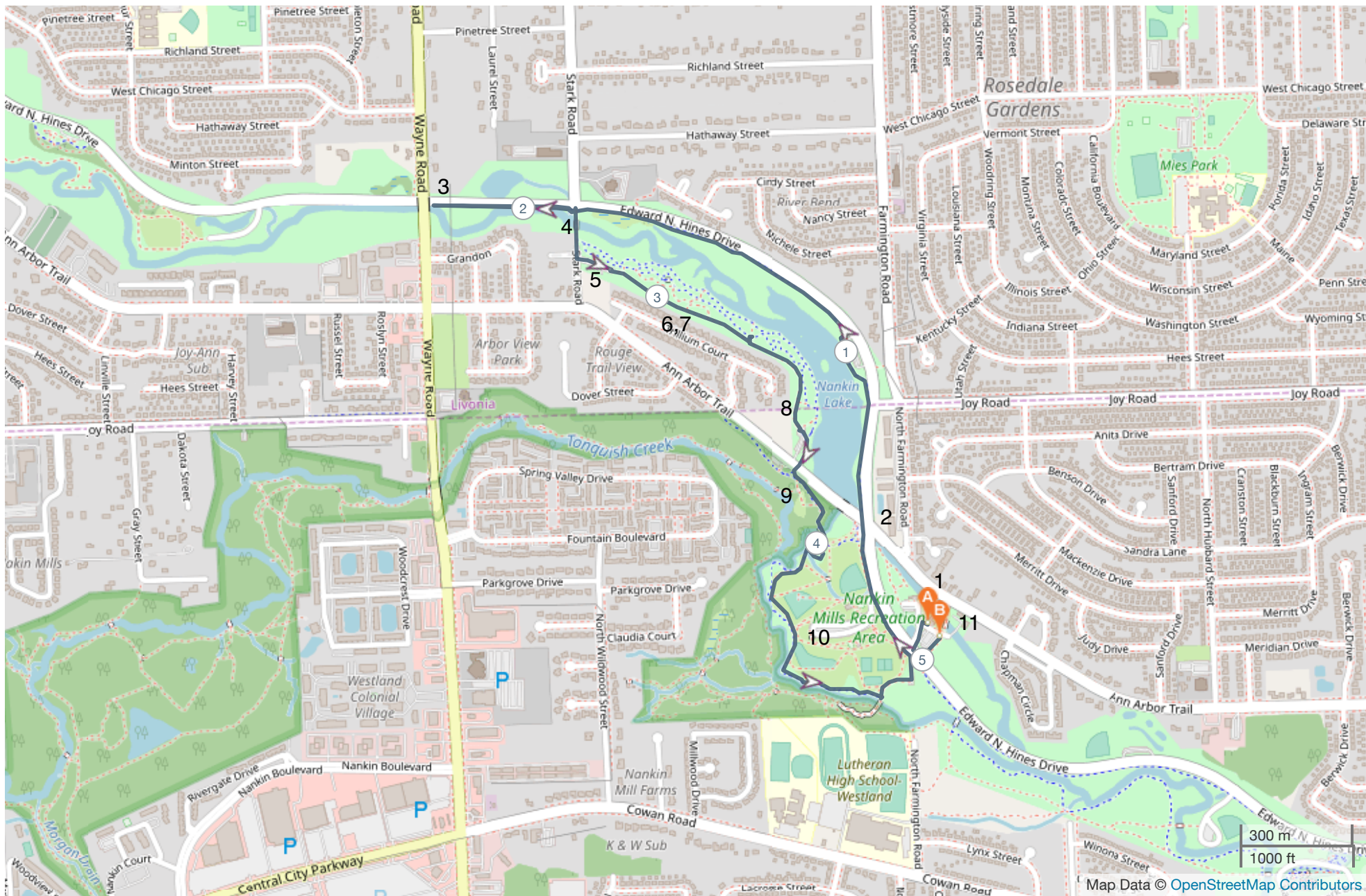
Special Programs:

Anniversaries Hurrah

1. Start in the parking lot behind the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center. Walk across Hines Parkway using the cross walk. Turn right onto the paved hike/bike trail.
2. Follow the paved trail straight until the intersection of Hines Parkway and Ann Arbor Trail. Use the crosswalk and cross Ann Arbor Trail.
3. Continue to follow the hike/bike trail along the Hines Parkway for about two kilometers, until you come to a road overpass (Wayne Rd).
4. At the overpass, turn around and return on the same hike/bike trail until you come to a road - Stark Road.
5. Turn right on Stark Road. Walk over bridge and continue a short way until you see a path on your left going into the woods.
6. Turn left onto the path, follow the path as it zig-zags parallel to the creek.
7. The path will split into two or three parallel paths, Chose any **except** the path closest to the creek (easy to fall in on that one).
8. Continue on the path as it parallels the creek, then parallels a small lake, Nankin Lake. You will come to a grassy area with picnic tables next to Nankin lake.
9. Cross the grassy area then cross Ann Arbor Trail at the cross walk and follow the paved trail down a hill to a large grassy area.
10. Walk on the dirt trail around the edge of the grassy area, do not take trail into the woods, you will come back to Hines Parkway. Some days the grassy area is flooded, in that case skip the grassy area and use the hike/bike trail you were on in step 1 to return to the Nankin Mills parking lot.
11. Cross Hines Parkway at the crosswalk to return to the start point.



Hines Parkway Trail AVA 5km



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AVA 10k Directions

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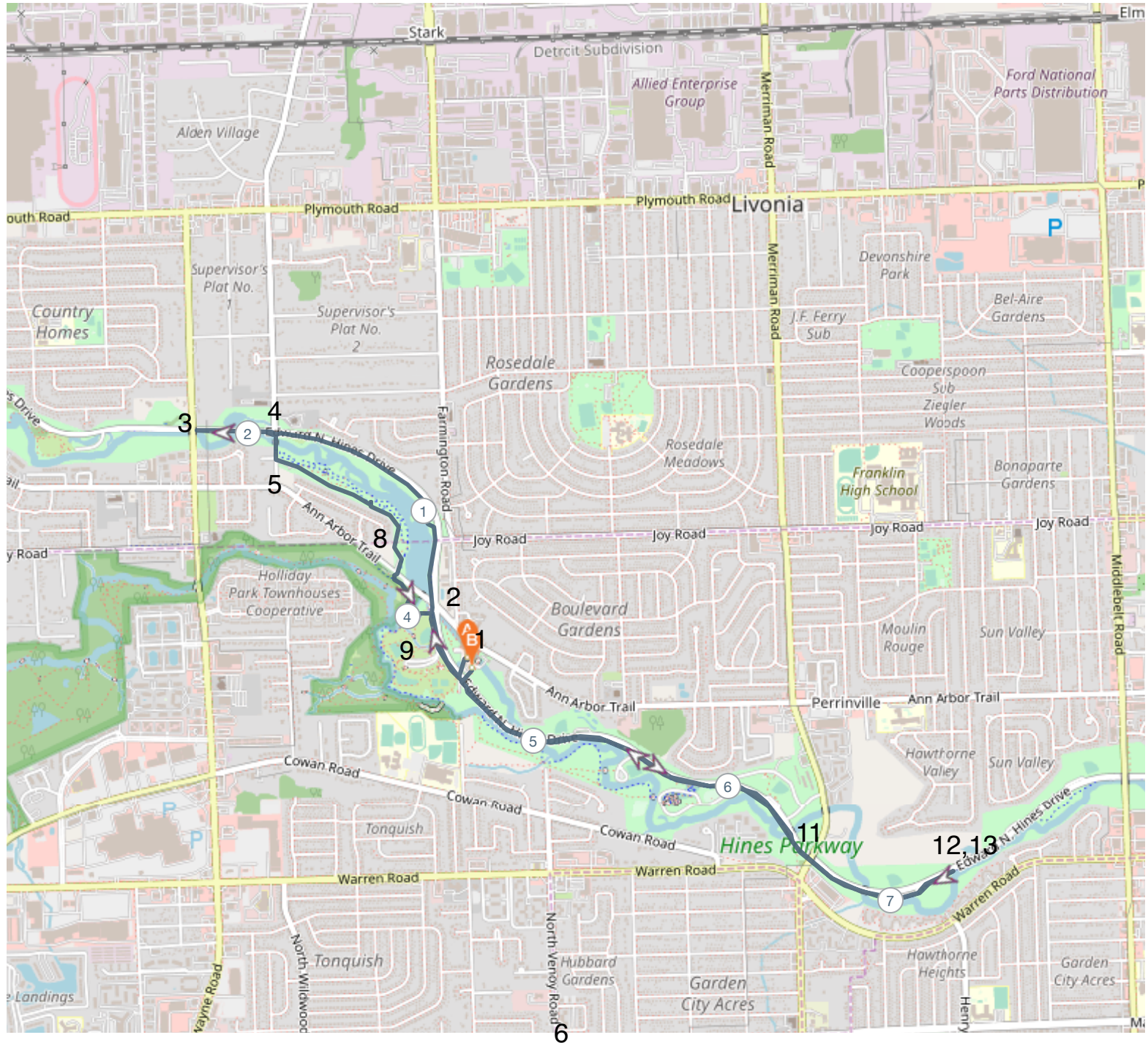
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10. Follow the path back to the hike/bike trail along Hines Parkway (the section you were walking on in Step 2). Walk back toward the crosswalk opposite Nankin Mills.
11. To achieve 10km do not cross the crosswalk at Nankin Mills, keep going on the hike/bike trail and walk about 2km until you are crossing under the Merriman Rd, overpass.
12. Continue another 500 meters until the trail goes around a bend and there is a pull-off driveway.
13. Turn around and retrace your steps on the hike/bike trail until you are once again opposite the Nankin Mills start point.
14. Cross Hines Parkway at the crosswalk and return to the start point.

Hines Park AVA 10km Walk

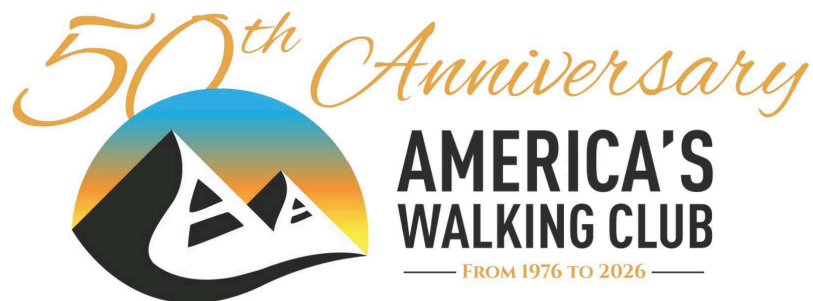


After Walking The Hines Parkway Trail - Westland MI

Be sure to log back into <http://my.ava.org> > my account > finish table to log your walk as completed.

The Nankin Mills Interpretive center is open Monday through Friday, if you are curious you might want to visit. There is a small entry fee. Read about it: <https://www.waynecountymi.gov/Parks-Recreation/Nature-Centers-Interpretive-Programs/Nankin-Mills-Interpretive-Center>

This walk is in Westland, MI. Restaurants near Westland MI: <https://www.opentable.com/nearby/restaurants-near-me-westland>



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Other Michigan Walks for 2026

2026 Year-Round Events:

Lansing - Capitol

Quincey

2026 Seasonal Events:

April 1st — May 31st

Ann Arbor Downtown & Argo Park

April 1st — September 30th

Grand Haven

Holland

Mackinac Island

Mackinaw City

Marquette

Northville-ITC Trail

Port Huron

Saint Joseph

Sault Ste Marie

South Haven

South Lyon

April 1st — October 31st

Maybury State Park

April 1st — December 31st

Frankenmuth

May 1st — October 31st

Westland Hines Parkway Trail

June 1st — September 30th

William C Sterling State Park

September 1st — November 30th

Island Lake State Recreation Area

Also, check on the Washtenaw Wanderers Volkssporting (Walking) Club Facebook page www.facebook.com/washtenawwanderers/ for additional opportunities to do informal walks on Tuesdays or Wednesdays.

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