

# Anamosa, Iowa: Heart of Grant Wood Country

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Starting Point: Lawrence Community Center, 600 E Main St, Anamosa, IA 52205  
GPS coordinates: 42.108639, -91.278914

Driving directions to starting point: Primary outside access routes are US-151 (from NE/Dubuque and SW/Cedar Rapids) and State Routes 1 (from south/Iowa City) and 64 (from east/Maquoketa). From Exit #54 on US-151 go west on E 3<sup>rd</sup> St into Anamosa. E 3<sup>rd</sup> St will swing right (north) and become Scott Street. Very soon, at a stop sign you will find Lawrence Community Center on NE corner of Scott and Main Streets. Start point should be on that corner (or indoors in inclement weather).

Restrooms can be found in Lawrence Community Center and maybe some businesses in downtown Anamosa.

Parking is available around Lawrence Community Center and across Scott Street from the center.

Trail lengths and ratings: 5K and 8K, both rated 2B

This walk qualifies for the following Special Programs: Par for the Course (golf course on 8K; crude baseball diamond in park along 5K), Walking with America's Veterans, Walking the USA (A for Anamosa), Iowa County walks (Jones County).

## 8K Route

1. From starting point at entrance to Lawrence Community Center walk out to sidewalk and follow it to the intersection of Scott and Main Streets. **Cross Main Street** and then **cross right over Scott** to the southwest corner of the intersection. **Turn left** and proceed south on Scott Street.
2. As Scott swings left (east) to become E. 3rd St., **cross Shaw Road**.
3. **Turn right onto recreational trail that parallels Shaw Road**, following this for about 1.4K to where it ends at a parking lot, not too long after re-crossing Shaw Road.
4. Turn **right at parking lot** and **right again** after about 10 feet onto another trail. This will take you over the Wapsipinicon River on a "bow string" bridge to another parking area. You are now in Wapsipinicon State Park.
5. At this parking area **turn right** on the road down a short hill, over a creek to a T intersection.
6. Go **right at the T** and follow the park road. The large open grassy area to the left is part of the Wapsipinicon State Park golf course (Par for the Course special program). Soon the trail will join the Wapsipinicon River, parallel on the right. The park has no sidewalk, so be careful to keep to the left side of the road, facing oncoming traffic. Follow this road as it follows the river on your right and beneath a bluff on

your left for about 1.3K, until a road from the park's upper level merges from the left. **Follow the merged road** about 50 yards to **Elm Street**, which is also Jones County Road E-34.

7. Turn **right on County Road E 34** (Elm Street) and follow the shoulder and sidewalks into town. Elm Street will come to an end at Main Street. Carefully **cross to the north side of Main Street** at the roundabout.
8. Turn **right on Main Street** and continue 2 blocks to High Street. The Jones County Courthouse will appear in a park-like setting to your left.
9. Turn **left on High Street** on eastern border of courthouse grounds. Cross High Street, and turn north (right) up High, which is the eastern border of the parklike grounds around the attractive art deco **Jones County Courthouse**. Between the sidewalk and east entrance to the courthouse is a U.S. veterans memorial (Walk with Veterans special program).
10. Just past the courthouse on the left as you continue north on High Street will appear a large limestone structure, the **Anamosa State Penitentiary**. Despite it's very serious purpose, this prison is quite an architectural wonder. Built by prisoners more than 150 years ago out of Stone City limestone, it appears to be some kind of immense fairy tale castle, albeit

with a large dungeon attached. The **administration building**, appended to the prison approximately opposite Carroll Street, is particularly ornate. There is a small Penitentiary Museum within that building (open Monday-Friday, Memorial Day to October, 319-462-2386), portraying the institution's history and life there from perspectives of inmates and staff. ... **Continue north another block** and then ...

11. Turn **right onto Broadway** and continue east on sidewalk to Garnavillo street.
12. Turn **right onto Garnavillo**, 4 blocks to Main Street.
13. **Cross Main Street** at the light and **turn left a couple blocks** to Ford Street.
14. Turn **right on Ford Street** one long block to 1<sup>st</sup> Street.
15. Turn **left onto First Street**. On the near left (northeast) corner of this intersection is the **former Anamosa Public Library** building, a beautiful old limestone structure which quite resembles a church. Some real churches (Methodist and UCC) dominate the south side of this block. Continue walking east to Davis Street.
16. Turn **left on Davis Street** for one long block to Main Street.
17. Turn **left on Main** and walk through Anamosa's quite intact **downtown** to Ford Street. Note

Starlighters Theater at 200 E Main. Now housing Anamosa's community theater, this building once housed the National Motorcycle Museum, which later closed in 2023.

18. **At Ford, turn right, cross Main Street** at the light, and continue north 2 blocks to Cedar.
19. Turn **right on Cedar Street** and walk 6 blocks east to just short of Division Street.
20. **Cross right over Cedar Street just before arriving at Division Street.** Take short flight of steps into small Fountain Park. **Follow sidewalks that follow the left border (east) of the park,**

passing a gazebo, till reaching the parking lot. **Exit park at parking lot entrance** and carefully **cross** sometimes-busy **Old Dubuque Road.**

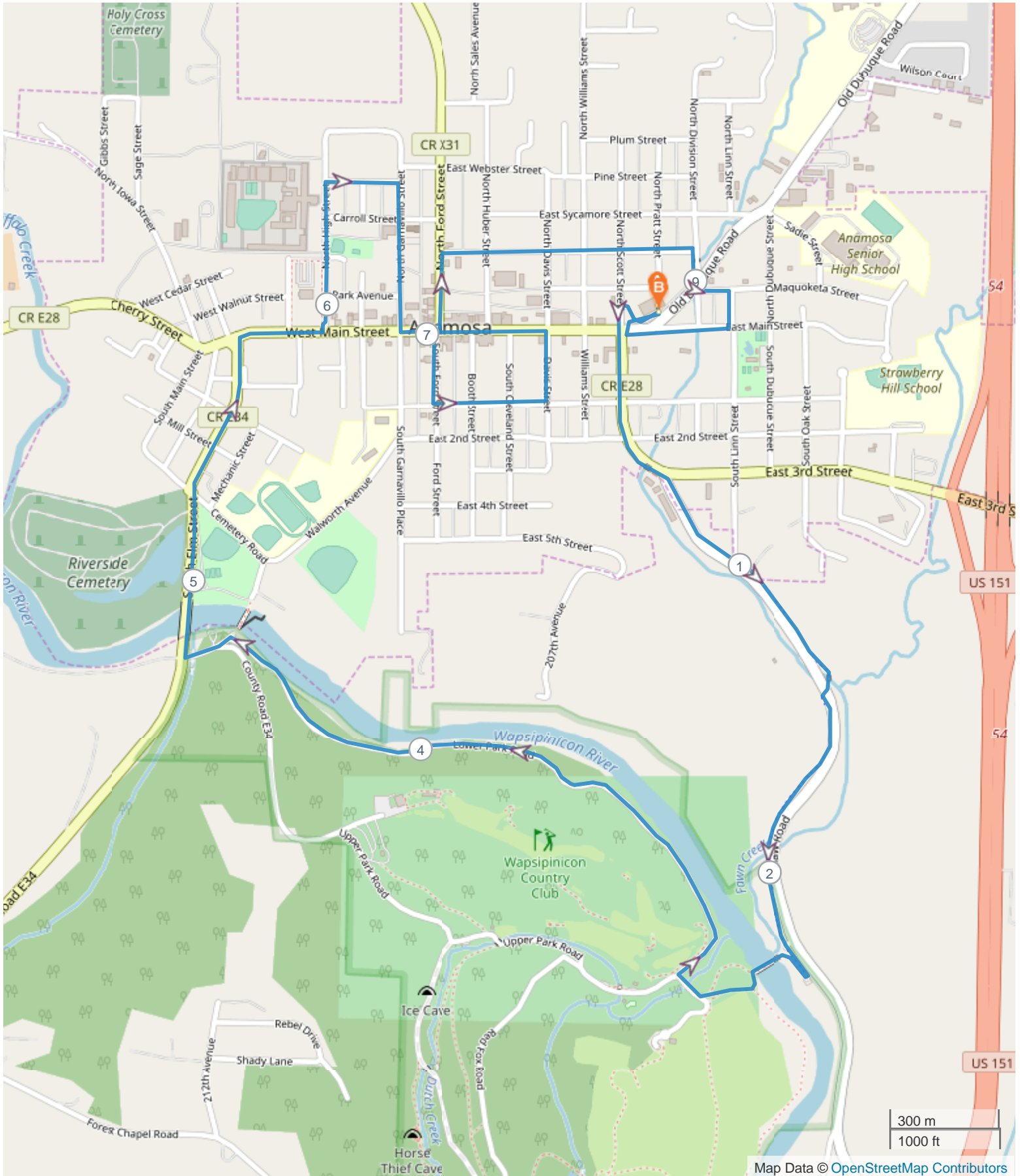
21. Once across Old Dubuque **angle a bit left** and continue east one block on **Maquoketa Street.**
22. Turn **right on Linn** and walk one block south to and **crossing Main Street.**
23. Turn **right on Main** and walk a couple long blocks west to Scott Street. At the corner, **cross to your right over Main Street,** and you are back to the starting point, Lawrence Community Center.

**Be sure to log back into the OSB system to finish/complete your online registration by entering your participation date, distance and any special program. After logging into your account, select "Finish Table."**

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# Anamosa 10K



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## 5K Route

1. From starting point at Main and Scott streets, **cross Scott and then turn left across Main.**
2. Continue **south on Scott Street** one long block to First Street.
3. Turn **right on First Street**, about 9 blocks to Ford Street. On this corner (NE side) is the **former Anamosa Public Library**, a handsome limestone building that looks a lot like a church. Some real churches (Methodist and UCC) dominate the south side of this block.
4. Turn **right at Ford Street**, one long block, to Main Street.
5. At Main, **cross Main** at the light and then **turn right** for 4 blocks
6. **to Davis Street.** This takes you through Anamosa's quite intact **downtown.** Note Starlighters Theater at 200 E Main. Now housing Anamosa's community theater, this building housed the National Motorcycle Museum, which later closed in 2023.
7. Turn left on Davis Street and 2 blocks to Cedar.
8. Cross Cedar Street and turn left two blocks to Ford.
9. Turn left on Ford Street 2 blocks to Main.
10. Turn right at Main Street, crossing Ford at the light, and continue 3 blocks to High Street.

10. **Cross High Street, and turn north (right) up High**, which is the eastern border of the parklike grounds around the attractive art deco **Jones County Courthouse**. Between the sidewalk and east entrance to the courthouse is a U.S. veterans memorial (Walk with Veterans special program). On the other side of High Street is St. Patrick's park, which has a crude baseball diamond, which barely qualifies for the Par for the Course special program.
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