

The Wandergruppe Walking Club
 Welcomes You to
The El Reno Walk
 Celebrating the Centennial of Route 66



This walk is composed of a 5-KM course in downtown El Reno, Oklahoma, and a second 5-KM Course starting at Lake El Reno and making a circuit of Adams Park. Both courses are on Rt. 66.

This land belonged to the historic [Cheyenne](#) and [Arapaho](#) tribes at the time of European encounter. During the 1860s and 1870s what is now US 81 was the Chisholm Trail. In 1874, the United States established a fort to supervise the area and General [Philip Sheridan](#) took command. The Village of El Reno originated shortly after the 1889 land run. In 1932, the United States Southwestern Reformatory was constructed about 2 miles west of El Reno; as medium-security prison, it has become the fifth-largest federal prison in the U.S. At one time, railroads contributed strongly to the city economy. A terminal and repair facility for the [Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad](#) (CRI&P or "Rock Island") was based here.

You are encouraged to visit historic Fort Reno. Besides its early uses, during World War II, [Fort Reno](#) was the site of a [prisoner of war](#) camp for Germans and Italians. The POW cemetery has been preserved and has stones bearing the names of German and Italian prisoners who died there. Go north on 81/Choctaw, Left/west on Foreman, Right on Rt 66, then Fort Reno Road. The Public access/hours may be irregular, so here is a link to their website: [Historic Fort Reno - Established 1875](#).

Walk Registration:

Registration takes place online using that 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.

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Directions to start point:

From I-40: Take exit 125, US-81 north. At the roundabout, use the 3rd exit; this is also Rt 66 west and Bus 40 as well as US 81 north. In town this becomes Rock Island. Continue to Wade and turn left on Wade. After 2 blocks turn right on Choctaw; after 1 block you will see The Filling Station on your left. This is the junction of Routes 81 (going north) and 66 (going west).

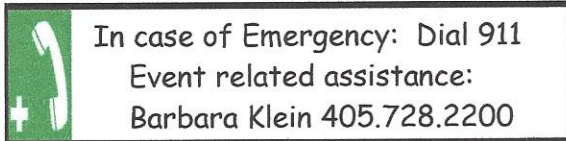
From Rt 66: If you enter El Reno on Rt 66 from the west, Sunset Dr/Bus 40 will bring you to this junction. If you enter on Rt 66 from the east, use the second exit at the roundabout and follow the directions for exiting off I-40.

Parking: There is some parking beside The Filling Station, and a new lot is being built across the street. There is a large lot at the Lake El Reno start.

Restrooms:

The Filling Station has restrooms and vending machines when open. Current hours of operation are 9-4 Mon-Sat and 12-4 Sunday. You will pass restaurants and public buildings along the course. There is a simple restroom at the Lake parking lot.

Both courses are rated 1-A, on hard surfaces; however, the Park Walk does include a long slope. Also, remember that it can be quite hot and sunny, or cloudy with a cold wind, especially on the more open Park course. Be sure to wear sunscreen, take water, and dress appropriately.

Emergency Numbers:

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 Directions:

El Reno, Downtown, 5-KM

1 Leaving the front of the Filling Station, 120 S Choctaw Ave, go left on Russell, crossing Choctaw to Bickford

2 Left on Bickford. *The theatre featured in the movie "Twisters" is at 110. At 117 is Freman's Eats, in the old JC Penney. After you cross Hayes, you will see the old Post Office, now an events center, to the north on your right.*

3 Left on Hayes.

4 Right on Choctaw. *On your left is the construction of a new Canadian County Courthouse, replacing the "old" courthouse built in 1962.*

5 Left on the sidewalk at Rogers, staying on the sidewalk between the construction and the County Judicial Bldg for 1 block. *On your right is The Stables, then the Old Jail.*

6 Left on Evans. Carefully cross Sunset/Rt 66 to Wade

7 Right on Wade to Grand. *You will see the trolley barn ahead.*

8 Left on Grand. *The County Museum is on your right. The hotel on your left is now the Senior Center.*

9 Left on Watts (T-intersection).

10 Right on Evans

11 Left on Jenkins. Cross Rock Island where the crossing signs are. Continue on Jenkins 2 blocks to Macomb.

12 Right on Macomb

13 Left on Ash

14 Left on Hoff

15 Left on Watts

16 Right on Barker. *At the corner of Barker and Wade the Carnegie Library is on your left.*

17 Left on Woodson. *Cross Rock Island and enjoy the Veteran's Plaza and mural.*

18 Left on Rock Island for 2 blocks.

19 Right on Wade. *Watch for El Reno's famous onion burger restaurants: On your left, on the SE corner you'll see Johnnie's Grill. Shortly, you will see Robert's on your left, and Sid's in on the SW corner with Choctaw.*

18 Right on Choctaw. Return to the Filling Station start point.

Adams Park, 5-KM

Directions from the Filling Station; about 2.5 miles: Left (E) on Russell, Right (S) on Choctaw, Left (E) on Wade, Right (S) on Rock Island, Right (W) on Elm. Pull into the El Reno Lake parking lot.

- 1. Leave parking lot and go left on Babcock
- 2. Left on Indian Trail to Sunset/Rt 66/Memorial Stadium. Turn around.
- 3. Left on Penwright.
- 4. Left on Parkview to Country Club. Turn around.
- 5. Parkview to Indian Trail
- 6. Right on Indian Trail to Babcock
- 7. Left on Babcock
- 8. Right into the Parking

In case of emergency Dial 911
Event related assistance: B Klein, 405.728.2200
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Downtown El Reno

