



**The Washtenaw Wanderers and Illinois Gateway Milers Welcome You To
Walk Charleston IL and the Eastern Illinois University Campus
As Part Of The 2026 Mid-America Regional Conference
June 17th, 2026 Through June 24th, 2026**

This is a walking tour of the Eastern Illinois University (established 1896) campus. Participants will tour most of the campus grounds. See university buildings - administrative, classroom, and athletic related. Walk through several quadrangles, sorority row, on trails past athletic fields and stadiums. The 5km walk tours the EIU campus only. The 10 km walk is a tour of the City of Charleston, IL plus an extended tour of the EIU campus.

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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 **East Pavilion of Morton Park, located on 2nd St, near the intersection of Lincoln Ave and 2nd St.** There are free parking spots on 2nd Street.

Latitude: **39.48512** Longitude: **-88.17953**

Walk **8:00 AM to Dusk - 17 June 2026 through 24 June 2026** - Use the Online Start Box to register.

On Saturday - **20 June 2026**, from **08:00 AM to 10:00 AM ONLY**, there will be representatives from the sponsoring clubs in the East Pavillon starting point who have an old-fashioned stamp for your books and water and snacks.

Restrooms:

There are restrooms in Morton Park adjacent to the playground.

Assistance:

Event Related Assistance: Rob Weaver 616-745-9627

Emergency: Dial 911

Eastern Illinois University Campus

AVA 5k Directions

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In case of emergency, please call 911.

Special Programs:

Anniversaries Hurrah

Walking with America's Veterans

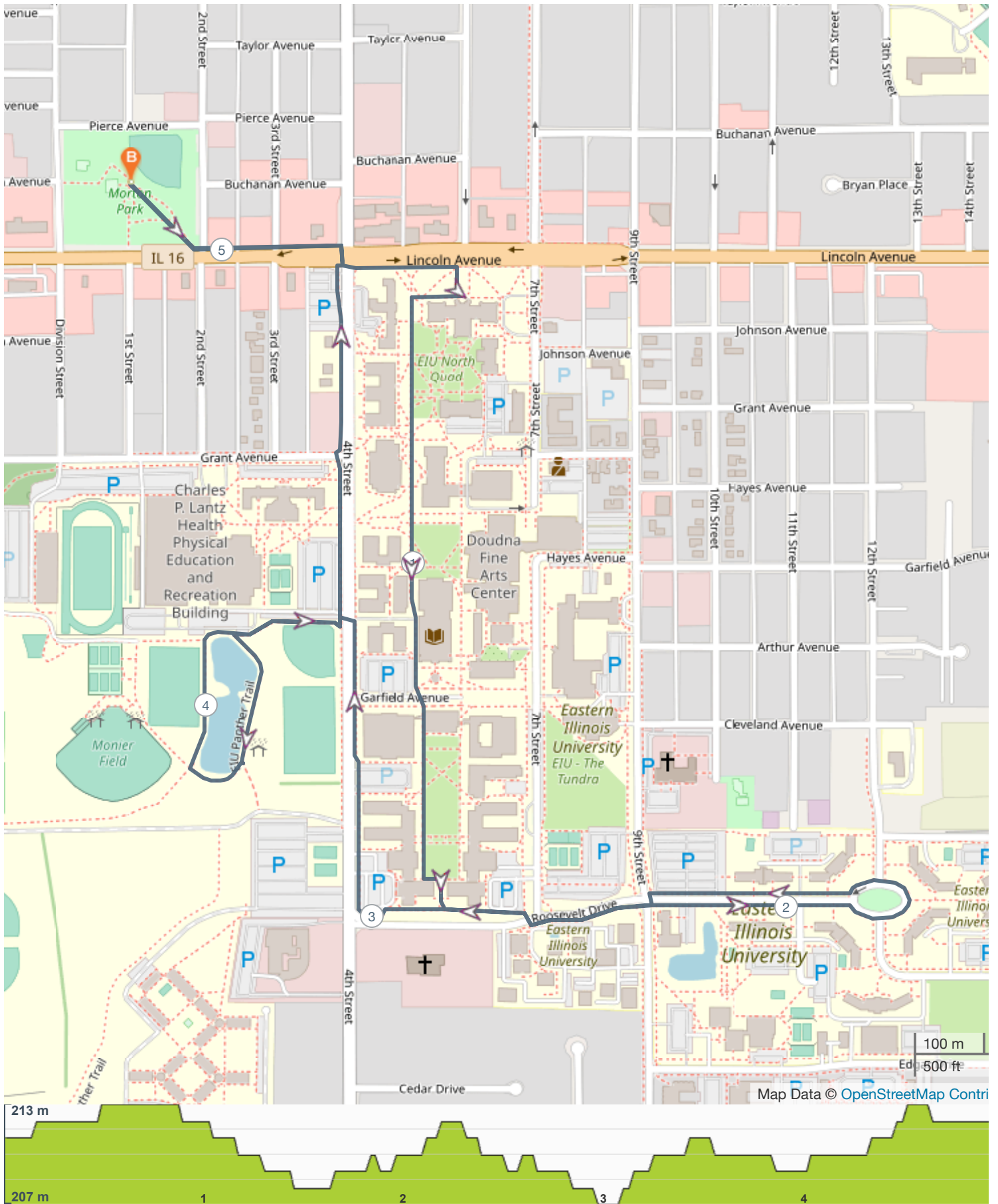
1. From Morton Park - East Pavilion (Start Point) walk a short distance south to the Lincoln Avenue (IL 16) sidewalk.
2. **LEFT** onto the sidewalk along Lincoln Avenue.
3. At Lincoln and 4th Street, use two crosswalks to continue in the same direction (East) but on the opposite side of Lincoln Avenue.
4. You will come to a big building that looks like a fort. The building is called Old Main.
5. Facing the front of the Old Main building turn right on its front sidewalk and follow the sidewalk along the front of the building to the first sidewalk on the side of the building.
6. **LEFT** on the sidewalk and head south into the campus. This sidewalk is long (about 1km) and you will pass by many university buildings and about three grassy areas (quadrangles), cross Garfield Ave and keep heading South on the sidewalk.

7. When the sidewalk ends at some buildings, take a left then a right to go between two tall dormitory buildings and arrive at Roosevelt Drive.
8. **LEFT** on Roosevelt Drive and walk about five blocks to circle at the end of Roosevelt, walk around the circle and return opposite way on Roosevelt, past where you entered Roosevelt to 4th St.
9. Cross 4th Street and **RIGHT** to follow 4th Street sidewalk.
10. **LEFT** on sidewalk next to baseball ball park seating. Follow sidewalk until you find the sidewalk for the two ponds.
11. **LEFT** on sidewalk to the ponds and circle both ponds. Return on same sidewalks to 4th Street.
12. **LEFT** on 4th Street sidewalk. Walk on 4th Street to Lincoln Avenue.
13. Cross Lincoln Avenue at crosswalk. **LEFT** and return to 2nd Street and Morton Park.



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Eastern Illinois University 5km



Charleston Illinois and EIU Campus

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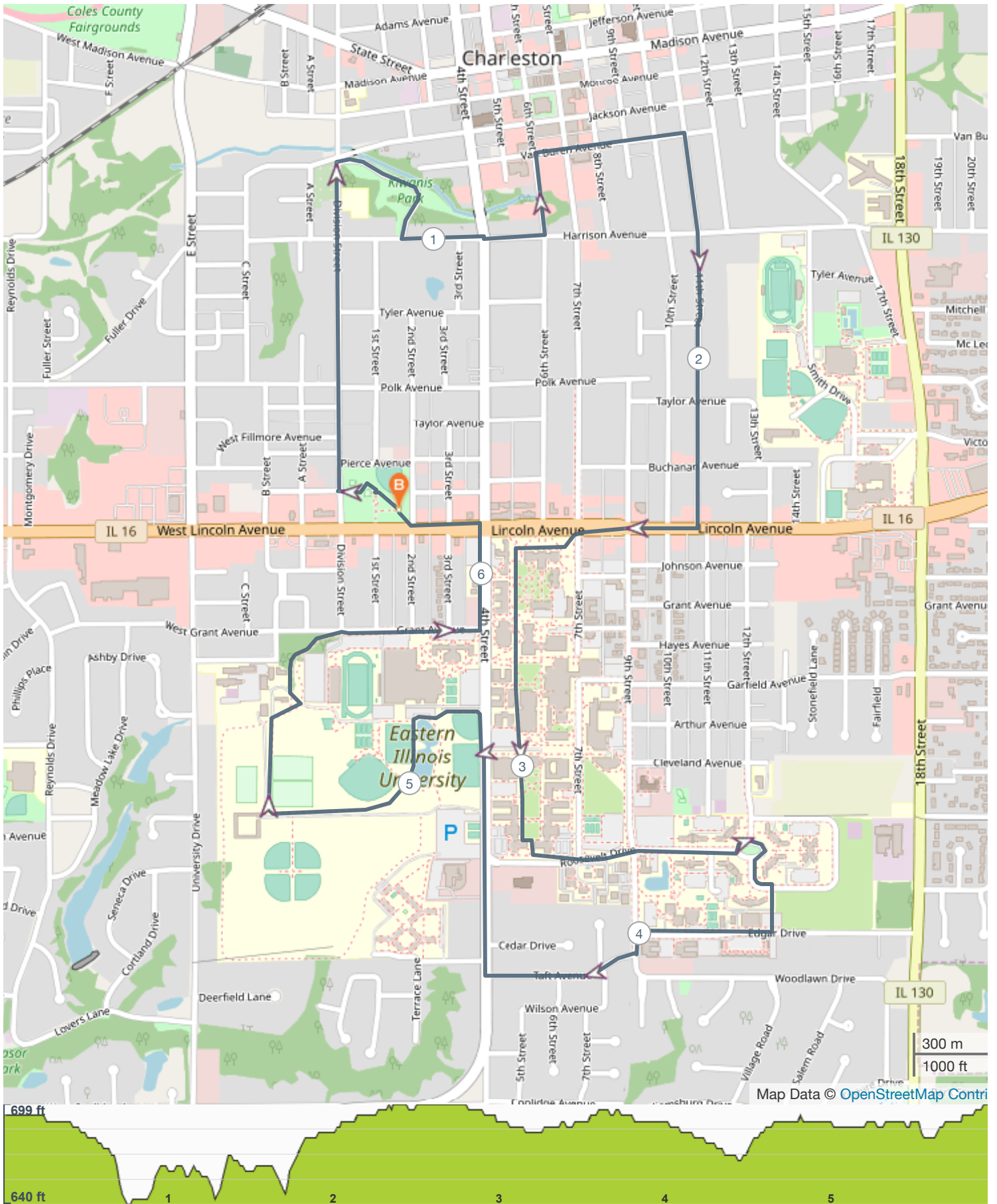
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1. From Morton Park - East Pavilion (Start Point) walk across the park to the west side, Division Street. **RIGHT** onto Division Street sidewalk.
2. Follow Division Street to Kiwanis Park entrance - Has Sesame Street sign. **RIGHT** onto Sesame Street (aka Kiwanis Park Drive).
3. Follow the Kiwanis Park Drive as it curves through the park and ends at Harrison Avenue.
4. **LEFT** on Harrison Ave. (no sign).
5. **LEFT** on 6th Street. Walk 2 blocks.
6. **RIGHT** on Jackson Ave. Walk 4 blocks.
7. **RIGHT** on 10th Street. Walk 5 blocks.
8. Cross Lincoln Ave on crosswalk. **RIGHT** on Lincoln. After 7th Street turn in on sidewalk to the front of Old Main building (looks like a fort).
9. **LEFT** on sidewalk after the Old Main building. Walk into the campus on the sidewalk.
10. Follow the sidewalk through the campus past buildings and across quads. The sidewalk ends at some buildings. Jog left on the sidewalk to then right to go between buildings to Roosevelt Drive.
11. **LEFT** on Roosevelt and walk five blocks to the circle at the end of Roosevelt. Walk clockwise around the circle then turn **RIGHT** into Sorority Row towards the Tri-Delta sign.
12. **RIGHT** at the Sigma Kappa sign. Walk through the parking lot and between the concrete planters.
13. **RIGHT** on Edger Drive. **LEFT** on 9th Street (very short).
14. **RIGHT** on Taft Ave. Walk to 4th St. Carefully cross 4th, **RIGHT** on 4th St.
15. Walk on 4th past the soccer field and baseball diamond.
16. At the end of the baseball diamond, just before a parking lot, turn **LEFT** onto the sidewalk.
17. When near the ponds, turn **LEFT** onto the Thomas Woodall Panther Trail. Follow this trail past both ponds. Just after the ponds the trail curves to the right.
18. Follow the Thomas Woodall Panther Trail as it goes behind practice fields, passes the back of the Football Stadium and field. Walk by some equipment sheds until the trail ends at Grant St.
19. **RIGHT** on Grant Street. Walk to 4th Street. **LEFT** on 4th Street. Walk to Lincoln Ave. Cross Lincoln Avenue on the cross walk.
20. **LEFT** on Lincoln Avenue sidewalk. **RIGHT** on 2nd St. Follow to end point (East Pavilion).

Charleston IL And EIU 10km Map



After Walking Charleston Illinois and/or EIU

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

Restaurants near Charleston: <https://www.opentable.com/nearby/restaurants-near-me-charleston-il>



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