

VETERANS AND LIBRARIES
TRAIL RATED 2A - 5K, 6K AND 10K ROUTES
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SPECIAL PROGRAMS: Little Free Libraries,
Rockin' Round the Clock, Walking with
America's Veterans



This walk starts at the Memorial Park Rose Garden and descends through the park on two broad staircases and eventually winds through the Dundee-Happy Hollow Historic District in each of the three walk options. Memorial Park has 7 separate monuments to veterans, in addition to the park itself, which honors WWII veterans. The 5k has 3 Little Free Libraries and the 6k has 5. The 10k option extends the walk from Memorial Park into and through Elmwood Park, to the Aksarben/Elmwood Park neighborhoods to the south and east of the park, in a quest to visit an additional 5 Little Free Libraries. All of the trail is on sidewalks, except for a bit of crushed gravel in the center of the Rose Garden and a 4-block stretch on the 10k on a quiet residential street.

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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Starting Point Location:

41.263472, -96.001510
South point of the Memorial Park Rose Garden,
Robert H Storz Dr, Omaha, NE 68132.

Dodge Street (US Hwy 6) is Omaha’s main east/west street and interstate exits will easily get you to Dodge Street. The entrance to Memorial Park and the Rose Garden is from Underwood Avenue, to the north of Dodge.

From the west: At 72nd Street, turn left (north) to Cass Street. Turn right (east) on Cass and get into the left lane. At the lights, Cass becomes Underwood Avenue. Follow this to Robert H Storz Drive.

From the east: At Happy Hollow Blvd, turn right (north) to the lights at Underwood. Turn left (west) to Robert H. Storz Drive.


From Robert H Storz Drive: This is a loop road, so you can drive until you find a parking spot. The walk starts at the south end of the Rose Garden, where you can see to the south through the white colonnades to see the flag flying.

Restrooms:

There are no restrooms available at the beginning of the walk, although there is a gas station with restrooms about 1k from the end of the walk* on all 3 routes. The 10k does have a porta potty available at the 2k mark and another gas station is marked about 1 block from the trail at 5.5k.

*The gas station is at N. 50th and Underwood Avenue in the commercial heart of the Dundee neighborhood. Street parking is very limited, but there is paid parking on the north side of Underwood at 50th Avenue.

Emergency Numbers:

	<p>In case of Emergency: Dial 911 Event related assistance: Jeanne Miller: 402-981-0463</p>
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Notes on the Directions

- Walking directions are followed by compass directions in parentheses.
- Omaha’s numbered streets run north/south and alternate with numbered avenues. For example, 50th Street is followed by 50th Avenue and then by 51st Street.

KEY TO SPECIAL PROGRAM QUALIFIERS

Walking with America’s Veterans qualifiers, walking from north to south:

1. Memorial Park itself – dedicated to WWII veterans
2. “Victory ‘95” 50th Anniversary memorial
This is a grouping of WWII themed statues (this display includes the bronze plaque on a small granite pedestal, just before the grouping, on the left [west]).
3. Marine Corps emblem (west)
4. Prisoners of War Monument (east)
5. Heartland Airborne Memorial (west)
6. Medal of Honor (behind Airborne statue)
7. White Colonnade with WWII plaques and emblems
8. Korean Conflict/Vietnam War Monument

Little Free Libraries:

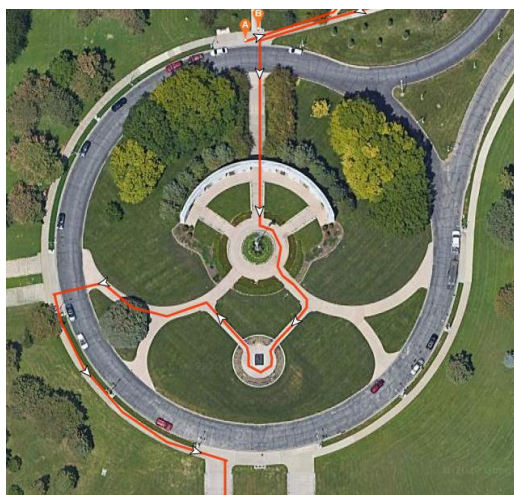
- A. Charter #19488, 6454 Woolworth Ave
- B. Charter #78084, 1201 S 63rd Street
- C. Charter #68350, 6208 Pierce Street
- D. Charter #15219, 5803 Rees Street
- E. Charter #87934, 5563 Mayberry St
- F. Charter #12736, 525 S. 55th St
- G. Charter #67032, 5060 Jackson Street
- H. Charter #107029, 302 South 51st Ave
- I. Charter #30374, 310 N 51st St. (On sidewalk to SE corner of Dundee School)
- J. Charter #68031, 5118 California St

Rockin’ Round the Clock:

In front of eCreamery, 5001 Underwood Ave

5k Directions

1. **STAND** with your back to the entrance to the Rose Garden, facing (s) the white colonnade.
2. **LEFT** (nne) on the sidewalk (Prisoner of War Memorial sign shows you the way). View monuments #6 down to #2.
3. **RIGHT** (se) on the sidewalk paralleling Storz Drive to where you started. You should end up facing the colonnade from across Storz Drive.
4. **CROSS** (s) Storz Drive and through the colonnade (#7) toward the flag.
5. **DOWN** the steps and **CIRCLE** (s) the flag to the **LEFT** about 1/3 of the way. Then **LEFT** and **RIGHT** to view monument (#8). Use the sidewalk on the other side of the monument to get to the sidewalk and turn **LEFT** toward Storz Drive.

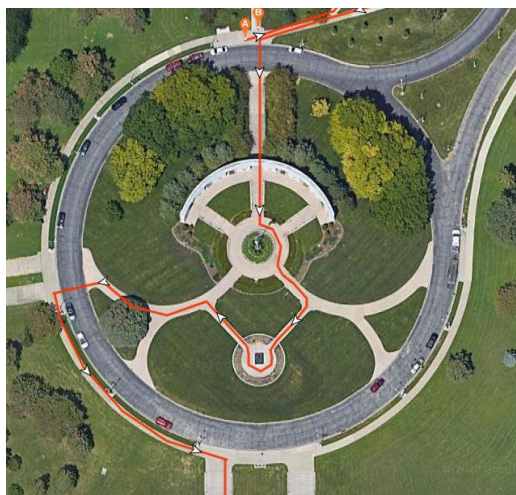


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6. **CROSS** (sw) and immediate **LEFT** (se) toward the double set of stairs leading downhill.
7. **RIGHT** (s), descending 3 sets of stairs. **RIGHT** (sw) down to Dodge Street.
8. **RIGHT** (w) and **RIGHT** (n) to cross Dodge Street using the pedestrian bridge.
9. **RIGHT** (e) to walk along Dodge Street for a short distance. As the street angles to the right (southward) it becomes Farnam Street. **CONTINUE** (ese) a short distance to the lights at S. Happy Hollow Blvd.
10. **CROSS** (ese) Happy Hollow with the lights to remain on Farnam Street.
11. **CONTINUE** (se) on Farnam, passing S. 56th Street by walking on a small median, to S. 55th Street.
12. **RIGHT** (s) on S. 55th to the 4-way stop sign at Howard Street.
13. **CROSS** Howard St, then S. 55th, so that you on the SE corner of S. 55th & Howard.
14. **RIGHT** (s) on S. 55th one block to Jackson. (**F**)
15. **LEFT** (e) on Jackson to S. 52nd Street.
16. **LEFT** (n) on S. 52nd St to the lights at Farnam Street.
17. **CROSS** both S. 52nd St and Farnam so that you are on the NE corner.
18. **LEFT** (n) to Dodge Street and **CROSS**. You are now on NORTH 52nd Street.
19. **CONTINUE** (n) on N. 52nd Street for 2 blocks to Davenport Street and **CROSS**. (Dundee Elementary visible down the street on right.)
20. **RIGHT** (e) on Davenport to N. 51st Street.
21. **LEFT** (n) on N. 51st St (**I** on diagonal sidewalk leading to school) to California Street and **CROSS**.
22. **LEFT** (w) on California to N. 52nd Street (**J**).
23. **RIGHT** (n) on N. 52nd St. to Underwood Avenue.
24. **RIGHT** (e) on Underwood to N. 50th Street (Clock). If eCreamery is open, be sure to stop in and get a taste of today's flavor!
25. **LEFT** (n) and **CROSS** Underwood.
26. **LEFT** (w) on Underwood to the lights at N. Happy Hollow Blvd.
27. **CROSS** both Happy Hollow and Underwood, so that you are on the SW corner. There should be a bas relief brick mural immediately on your left.
28. **LEFT** (w) on Underwood to Robert Storz Drive and **CROSS**.
29. **CONTINUE** (w) a short block to the street entrance to the Rose Garden on your left.
30. **LEFT** (s) through the Rose Garden's series of linear paths back to the Start Point.

6K Directions

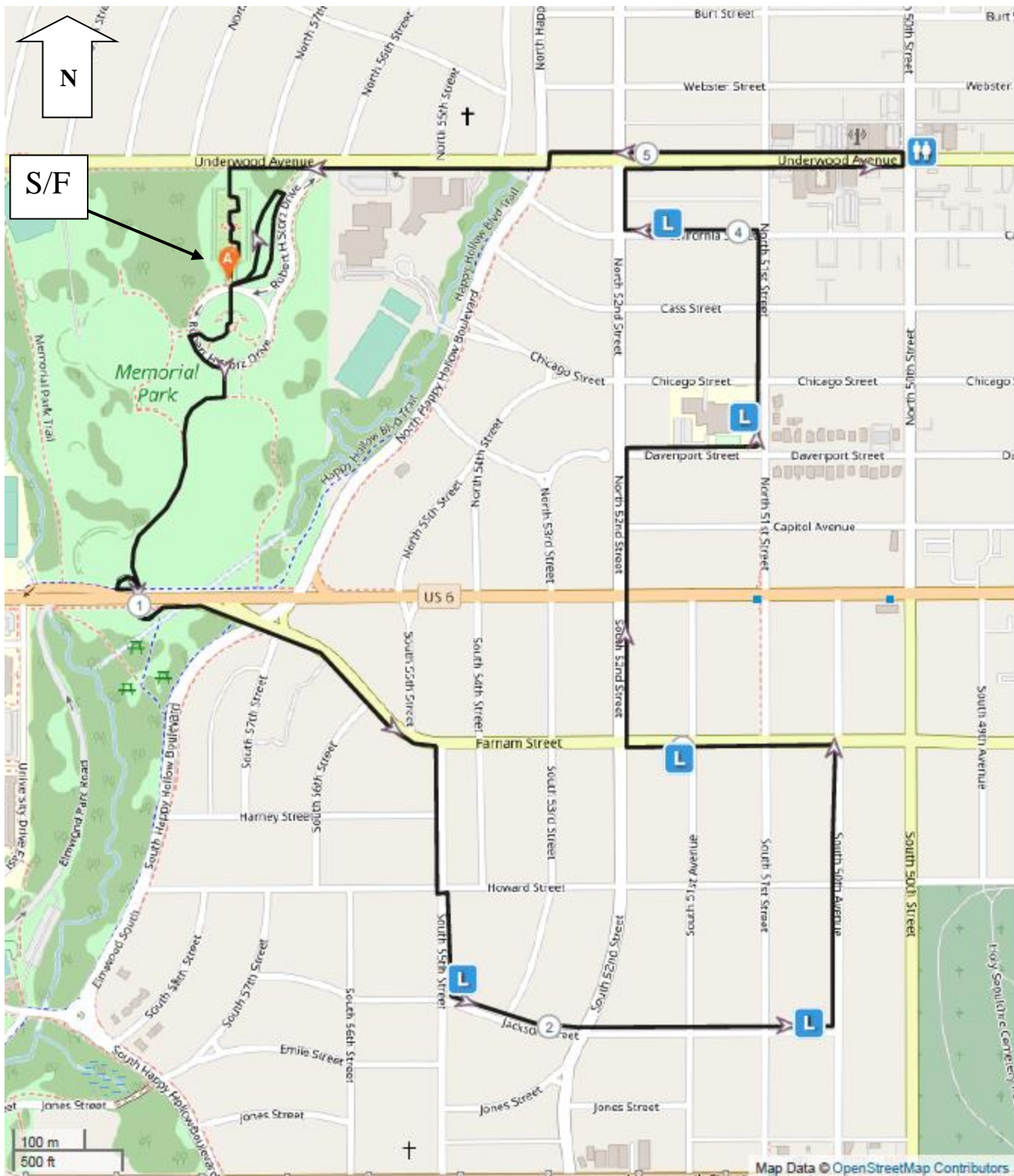
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2. **LEFT** (nne) on the sidewalk (Prisoner of War Memorial sign shows you the way). View monuments #6 down to #2.
3. **RIGHT** (se) on the sidewalk paralleling Storz Drive to where you started. You should end up facing the colonnade from across Storz Drive.
4. **CROSS** (s) Storz Drive and through the colonnade (#7) toward the flag.
5. **DOWN** the steps and **CIRCLE** (s) the flag to the **LEFT** about 1/3 of the way. Then **LEFT** and **RIGHT** to view monument (#8). Use the sidewalk on the other side of the monument to get to the sidewalk and turn **LEFT** toward Storz Drive.



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6. **CROSS** (sw) and immediate **LEFT** (se) toward the double set of stairs leading downhill.
7. **RIGHT** (s), descending 3 sets of stairs. **RIGHT** (sw) down to Dodge Street.
8. **RIGHT** (w) and **RIGHT** (n) to cross Dodge Street using the pedestrian bridge.
9. **RIGHT** (e) to walk along Dodge Street for a short distance. As the street angles to the right (southward) it becomes Farnam Street. **CONTINUE** (ese) a short distance to the lights at S. Happy Hollow Blvd.
10. **CROSS** (ese) Happy Hollow with the lights to remain on Farnam Street.
11. **CONTINUE** (se) on Farnam, passing S. 56th Street by walking on a small median, to S. 55th Street.
12. **RIGHT** (s) on S. 55th to the 4-way stop sign at Howard Street.
13. **CROSS** both Howard, then S. 55th, so that you are on the SE corner of S. 55th & Howard.
14. **RIGHT** (s) on S. 55th one block to Jackson. (**F**)
15. **LEFT** (e) on Jackson to S. 52nd Street.
16. **CROSS** S. 52nd Street and **CONTINUE** (e) to S. 50th Avenue (**G**).
17. **LEFT** (n) on S. 50th Ave. to Farnam Street.
18. **LEFT** (w) on Farnam to S. 51st Avenue and **CROSS**. (**H** is just a bit to your left.)
19. **CONTINUE** (w) to S. 52nd Street.
20. **RIGHT** (n) on S. 52nd Street to Dodge Street and **CROSS**. You are now on NORTH 52nd Street.
21. **CONTINUE** (n) on N. 52nd Street for 2 blocks to Davenport Street and **CROSS**. (Dundee Elementary visible down the street on right.)
22. **RIGHT** (e) on Davenport to N. 51st Street.
23. **LEFT** (n) on N. 51st St (**I** on diagonal sidewalk leading to school) to California Street and **CROSS**.
24. **LEFT** (w) on California to N. 52nd Street (**J**).
25. **RIGHT** (n) on N. 52nd St. to Underwood Avenue.
26. **RIGHT** (e) on Underwood to N. 50th Street (Clock). If eCreamery is open, be sure to stop in and get a taste of today's flavor!
27. **LEFT** (n) and **CROSS** Underwood.
28. **LEFT** (w) on Underwood to the lights at N. Happy Hollow Blvd.
29. **CROSS** both Happy Hollow and Underwood, so that you are on the SW corner. There should be a bas relief brick mural immediately on your left.
30. **LEFT** (w) on Underwood to Robert Storz Drive and **CROSS**.
31. **CONTINUE** (w) a short block to the street entrance to the Rose Garden on your left.
32. **LEFT** (s) through the Rose Garden's series of linear paths back to the Start Point.

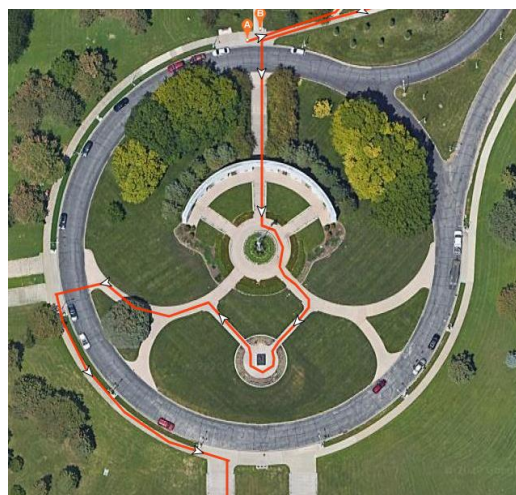
VETERANS AND LIBRARIES – 6K
START POINT – MEMORIAL PARK ROSE GARDEN
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10K Directions

1. **STAND** with your back to the entrance to the Rose Garden, facing (s) the white colonnade.
2. **LEFT** (nne) on the sidewalk (Prisoner of War Memorial sign shows you the way). View monuments #6 down to #2.
3. **RIGHT** (se) on the sidewalk paralleling Storz Drive to where you started. You should end up facing the colonnade from across Storz Drive.
4. **CROSS** (s) Storz Drive and through the colonnade (#7) toward the flag.
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6. **CROSS** (sw) and immediate **LEFT** (se) toward the double set of stairs leading downhill.
7. **RIGHT** (s), descending 3 sets of stairs. **RIGHT** (sw) down to Dodge Street.
8. **RIGHT** (w) and **RIGHT** (n) to cross Dodge Street using the pedestrian bridge.
9. **SHARP RIGHT** (e) on the path leading down toward the sculptures. **LEFT** (se) to S. Happy Hollow Blvd.
10. **RIGHT** (s) on Happy Hollow to where the sidewalk curves right into the park along Elmwood Road.

11. **CROSS** (s) Elmwood Road at the crosswalk and **RIGHT** (w) (Crosswalk will be about 1/2 way alongside the roundabout, not before it).



Step #11
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12. **LEFT** (s) on sidewalk – trail sign shows “ To Aksarben”.
13. Just before the next intersection is a set of steps leading down to the grotto. *If conditions permit*, you may descend the steps, enter the tunnel, cross the grotto and return to the sidewalk by ascending the ramp on the right, then **LEFT**. *Otherwise*, **STRAIGHT** across road. At ▼-intersection, stay **LEFT**, then turn **LEFT**.



Step #13 – dotted lines show route through the grotto
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14. **LEFT** (sw), passing a playground on the right to the parking lot near a ball diamond.

15. **FOLLOW LEFT** (s-ish) sidewalk, with golf course split-rail wood fence on your left, to its end at S. 67th and Pacific Sts.
16. **CROSS** (s) Pacific Street and turn **LEFT** (e) for one block to S. 66th St.
17. **RIGHT** (s) to walk along S. 66th St. FACING TRAFFIC four blocks to Woolworth Avenue.
18. **LEFT** (e) one block to S. 64th Ave (**A**) & **CROSS**.
19. **LEFT** (n) 2 blocks to Poppleton Ave. & **CROSS**.
20. **RIGHT** (e) one block to S. 63rd St. & **CROSS**.
21. **LEFT** (n) one block to Pierce St. (**B**) & **CROSS**.
22. **RIGHT** (e) one block (**C**) to S. 62nd Street & **CROSS**.
23. **LEFT** (n) to Pacific Street.
24. **RIGHT** (e) to S. 60th Street & **CROSS**.
25. **LEFT & CROSS** Pacific Streets. You should be on the NE corner of 60th & Pacific.
26. **RIGHT** (e) on Pacific to Rees & **CROSS**.
27. **LEFT** (n) on Rees as it curves east to S. 57th Street & **CROSS**. (**D** is just before S. 58th St.)
28. **LEFT** (n) on S. 57th St. 2 ½ blocks to Mayberry St.
29. **RIGHT** (e) on Mayberry (**E**), passing Washington School (and the Little Free Pantry across the street!) to S. 55th Street.
30. **LEFT** (n) on S. 55th St. to Leavenworth.
31. **CROSS** Leavenworth, then S. 55th St., so you are on the NE corner.
32. **LEFT** (n) on S. 55th for 3 blocks to Jackson St & **CROSS**.
33. **CONTINUE** (n) for 3 houses to (**F**), then **TURN AROUND** (s) to return to the corner of S. 55th St. and Jackson.
34. **LEFT** (e) on Jackson to S. 52nd Street.
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