

Upcoming Events in the Kansas City Area

Saturday, April 25, 2015 - The Clay-Platte Trackers are hosting a traditional event at the Deaf Cultural Center & Museum in Downtown Olathe.

Saturday, May 16, 2015 – The Clay-Platte Trackers are hosting a traditional event out at the Shoal Creek Living History and Nature walk in Kansas City.

Saturday, September 19, 2015 The Clay-Platte Trackers are visiting Smithville Lake and the Smoken' Davey trail. Hope to see you there.

Saturday, October 31, 2015 – The Clay-Platte Trackers and the Kansas Jaywalkers are hosting 2 haunted traditional events, check our website for additional information.

Other walks in the Greater Des Moines area.

Check out AVA for additional information on these walks.

Winterset, IA – The home of John Wayne and the Bridges of Madison County

West Des Moines, IA – The walk is on city sidewalks in residential areas and through historic Valley Junction which has many eclectic shops and eateries. Other sights include a historic ballroom, Sikh Temple, a train caboose and Vietnam War Memorial.

Des Moines, IA - The trail goes through the Capitol Gardens, around the State Capitol and several war memorials on the Capitol grounds. It tours the East Village featuring unique shops and eateries and crosses the river to go through downtown Des Moines and the Pappajohn sculpture park and recrosses the Des Moines River on the Principal Riverwalk pedestrian bridge

Prairie City, IA – Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge. This walk is on trails of blacktop, gravel road, woodchips, and tall grass firebreak with small hills and tall grass natural prairie. Be aware the grass may be wet. Visit the Learning Center (free admission) to learn about the restoration of Iowa's natural prairies. Herds of Buffalo and Elk may be seen from the trails as they roam their vast fenced prairies. Closed major holidays. Pets are NOT allowed on the refuge (ok, this one's a little off the beaten path, but I've seen pictures it looks like an awesome place to visit.)

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The Greater Des Moines Volkssport Association is celebrating their 30th Anniversary!

Let's take a trip and Celebrate with them 4/18 & 4/19.



Saturday, April 18, 2015

30th Anniversary Pot Luck Lunch

Start time: Noon

Trail Rating: Fun times with old and new friends

Start Point: Mickie Center

1620 Pleasant St, Des Moines, IA 50314

The cost of the Pot Luck lunch is \$5.00. Please give the money to Carmelite Stone by 4/5, so that she can let the Des Moines club know how many of us will be attending. The \$5 will cover our food contribution to the event. We will also be providing table service for our group.

Walk #1

Start time: After the Lunch

Start Point: Mickie Center

1620 Pleasant St, Des Moines, IA 50314

Directions: From Kansas City, take I-35 North to I-235, then take the ML King Exit (airport) south to Woodland Avenue light, turn left (east) to 17th St. Mickle Center on south side. Park on the street.

Walk Description: The 5K trail visits the historic Sherman Hill and Woodland Cemetery. The 10K includes the Terrace Hill (Governor's Mansion), Salisbury House and DM University. There are some gently hills, but the trail is suitable for strollers.

Special Programs: Cities in Song, Doin' The Louisiana Purchase, Honoring Our Flag, National Register of Historic Places, Walking the USA A - Z

Walk #2

Start time: 7:30pm

Start Point: Git N' Go Convenience Store

501 E 2nd Street, Madrid, IA.

Directions: From Days Inn Hotel -North on Merle Hay Road. Take 1st left to stay on Merle Hay Road. Turn right to stay on Merle Hay Road. Merge onto I-80W/I-35 S via the ramp on the left. Take IA-141 W, Exit 127, toward Urbandale/Grimes. Right onto IA-141SE Grimes Blvd. Continue to follow IA-141. Merge onto IA-17 via Exit 146, towards Madrid/Boone. Right onto E. 2nd St. 501 on Left.

Walk Description: This walk is an out and back on hard surface Heart of Iowa Nature Trail. Converted rail trail crosses the Des Moines River on the beautiful 13 story High Trestle Bridge. Lighted bridge is spectacular at night. Because of heavy bike traffic a flashlight and/or reflective clothing is a MUST at night. Please note this walk is only offered as a 10k, if you choose to walk a shorter distance, you will not see the high trestle bridge.

Special Programs: Doin' The Louisiana Purchase, Murals, Walking the USA A - Z

Sunday, April 19, 2015

Walk #3 – 30th Anniversary Snusville Walk

Start: 10am

Trail Rating: 1A

Start Point: Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden

909 Robert D Ray Drive, Des Moines, IA

Walk Description: Walk along a multi-use trail; through Union Park and take a ride on the carousel or down the Rocket slide. Walk takes you through Grandview Campus and Snusville an area of unique homes and gardens and stop at the oldest Tavern in Des Moines.

Special Programs: Cities in Song, Doin' The Louisiana Purchase, Honoring Our Flag, National Register of Historic Places, Walking the USA A - Z

Walk #4 – 30th Anniversary Drake University Campus Walk

Start: 10am

Trail Rating: 1A

Start Point: Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden

909 Robert D Ray Drive, Des Moines, IA

Walk Description: Remote start. Walk goes through Drake University Campus, stops at iconic Waveland Cafe, meanders through tree lined neighborhoods and past the newly renovated Des Moines Community Playhouse. Walk is 1 of 3 seasonal walks celebrating GDMVA's 30 years in Volkssporting.

Remote start location: Drake Dinner 1111 25th St, Park in the north parking lot to start walk. Driving directions provided at the start point.

Special Programs: Celebrating Golden Cinemas, Cities in Song, Diners, Doin' The Louisiana Purchase, Fraternal Organization, Honoring Our Flag, National Register of Historic Places, Walking the USA A - Z, WPA Works Projects Administration, You'll Never Walk Alone

Hotel Information: We have reserved a block of 10 rooms until April 11. The cost is \$90.72 per room including tax. A continental breakfast is included. To get this rate we must book the 10 rooms, otherwise the cost is \$111 per night. To get the discounted rate let them know you are with the Clay-Platte Trackers.

Days Inn

4845 Merle Hay Road

Des Moines, IA

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