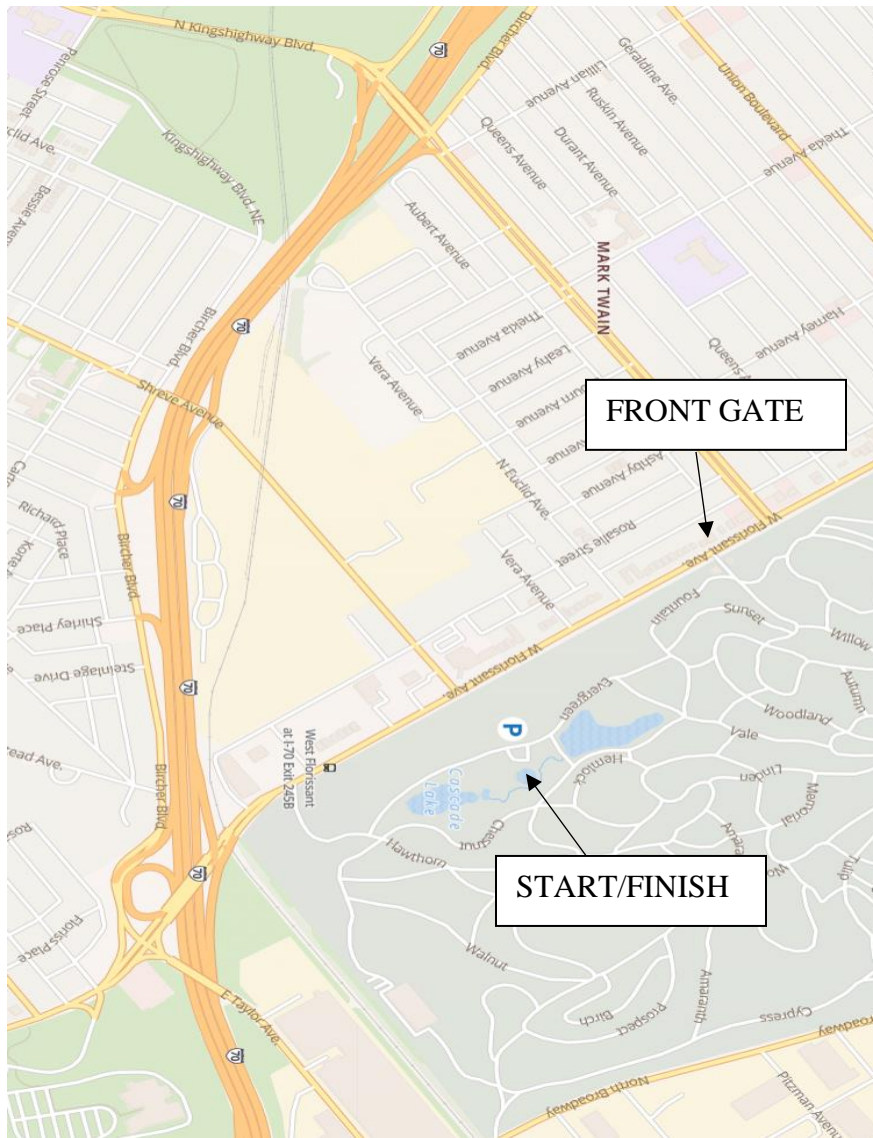


Bellefontaine Cemetery Walk

Sunday, October 31, 2021

St. Louis, Missouri

County = St. Louis City



Rating: 1A, 5K/10K/20K

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5K Outer Loop

This loop has a lot of history and points of interest with some areas without headstones. You will walk past a grove of plants being grown especially for our wonderful STL Zoo animals. Then you will walk past the original entrance gate which is missing the welcome center building but has other interesting points. The road leading into the cemetery had to be only 5 degrees so a two-hitch buggy could go up the grade. Remember this cemetery was established in 1850. Another lane to the left is 8 degrees so it needed a four-hitch team of horses. Further along you will see areas that appear to not have any or very few graves but take time to check out the tombstones and you will find that area was used during a depression, so a lot of people did not have money for headstones. These areas are completely full.

5K Inner Loop

This loop has a multitude of interesting headstone and crypts. Some of the columns look like they are broken off, but no, they were designed that way to indicate the person had died while in the middle of a project. It might be while raising her children or he was building a building or designing a park.

The cemetery is planning on having two crypts open with volunteers to tell the story behind each one. So, plan to have time to enjoy this wonderful opportunity.

The cemetery has their own 5K trail with a map and information brochure. You will see their numbered markers as you walk our trail. Plan to come back and enjoy it if you do not have time or energy to do both today.

START LOCATION: The walk will start at the Wildwood Valley Gardens inside the cemetery. Turn right at first right after entering the main gate and follow road to start.

Address is: 4947 W. Florissant Ave, St. Louis, MO 63115.

Start Location: 38.68696 N -90.23037 W

TIME: Register from 10am to 1pm, Finish by 4pm. Bring a picnic lunch and drinks because places to eat are fairly far away.

DIRECTIONS: From I-70 East or West, take Exit 245B for West Florissant Avenue. Proceed northwest on West Florissant for 0.7 miles to the cemetery's main entrance, which will be on the right, just after Shreve Avenue and before Kingshighway.

PARKING: If it is not raining, we will park on a grass field near the start point. Although wise we will park on the roadside near the start point.

PROCEDURE: To register, pay \$3 per person and fill out a start card. You will keep one copy with you while walking. When finished please hand in your copy so the club knows you are safely off the trail. If you have logbooks, we will stamp them at this time.

PETS: Pets are welcome. They must be on a leash at all times and please pick up after them.

RESTROOMS: A porta-potty will be provided at the start/finish.

POC: Leonard and Dee Wojtysiak lpw466@gmail.com 618-530-3211 (please leave a message).

WEBSITE: <https://ava.org> America's Walking Club
<https://saintlouiswalkers.com> Saint Louis Walkers
<https://bellefontainecemetery.org> Bellefontaine Cemetery

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