



Saskatoon, Saskatchewan Permanent Trail #271

Prairies and Northern Director's Walk

10 km Walk

Rating 1A

Trans Canada Trail and Murals Programs

This walk begins at the Delta Bessborough Hotel 601 Spadina Crescent, Saskatoon S7K 3G8. Tel: (866) 430 4982. ***Please Note:*** The hotel is a start point on the map only. There is no "Walk Box" here.

1. Leave the Bessborough by the front door and turn left to path at Kiwanis Memorial Park. Take the first left path to the river. Left and follow the paved path along the river. The river will be on your right.
2. Follow the path as it curves right under the University Bridge – there are no streets to cross on this side of the river. You will pass the back of the Mendel Art Gallery parking lot – washrooms available and interesting to visit if you are an art lover.
3. For a chance to see “surfing pelicans” at the weir turn right onto the boardwalk; otherwise carry on along the path – you end up back on the same path.
4. Climb the stairs onto the MacDonald Bridge (railroad bridge). Alternate stairs across the road if you don't like open stairs. Right onto the bridge and across the river. Great views – and extra excitement if a train comes along!
5. On the other side of the river turn right off the bridge and carry on the paved path along the river. Keep right when you come to a Y.
6. Follow the path with the river on your right and the University of Saskatchewan on your left. There is a lovely sculpture garden by the university that is well worth a detour for.
7. Carry on under the University Bridge and turn left up the stairs immediately after the bridge (alternate curved path right beside it).
Turn right along the sidewalk – a lot of construction has been going on for a long time so it is better to stick to the road/sidewalk. Detours are likely.
8. At the Broadway Bridge turn left onto Broadway Ave. Here you will find a great variety of shops, restaurants and cafes – probably now is a great time to stop and enjoy a beverage. Note the **mural** on the school on your left.
9. At Main St. cross over Broadway Ave and then turn right back down Broadway until you come to the bridge. Cross over the Broadway Bridge and turn left at the end onto the sidewalk. Walk along the sidewalk, Friendship Park on your left – turn into the park at the first path, cross the road and turn right onto the path.
10. Follow this path until you come to the curving path down to the river – you are now in a newly developed area called River Landing. At the bottom turn right on the path by the river. Keep to this path until you come to the Prairie Fare kiosk building. (just before Idylwyld Bridge) Year round washrooms available. Take the stairs up to Spadina Crescent, turn right and walk along the path as it winds its way back past Friendship Park and along the river. Cross under the Broadway Bridge and then past the Vimy Memorial Bandstand in Kiwanis Park. Turn left onto the last path in the park and then right back to the Bessborough.

We hope you enjoyed the walk!

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