This walking route was created to encourage walking and exploring throughout the beautiful area of Brandon, MN. The map was designed by Active Living Douglas County as part of a series in hopes that each walker may discover more about our great city.

**MAP 1  St. Ann’s Catholic Church**

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1.1 miles
Brandon Lions Park – The shelter in the park is 30 by 60 feet. The new shelter is Phase 1 of an $80,000 park improvement project that will also include upgraded playground equipment in the Lions Park and also a new playground located in Deere Run Estates. The project is being financed by money raised from the Lions through various fundraising projects as well as grants and donations from local businesses.

St. Ann’s Catholic Church – St. Ann’s was built in 1902 to serve the 23 Catholic families in the area. Before that time, Catholics in the area attended services in Millerville. The original church was located across the street from the current structure, where a bell memorial is now located. In 2000, the parish adopted the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Barbacoas, Venezuela, as their sister parish. Since then, members of St. Ann’s have traveled to Venezuela a number of times, sharing gifts of faith, hope and charity. While there, they stay with families and have established long-term relationships. Members from Barbacoas have visited here and enjoyed the many attractions of Minnesota.

Douglas County Repair – Douglas County Repair was founded in 1981 when Roger and Darlene Roers bought the Korkowski Implement property from John Korkowski. John had run the business for more than 50 years, selling and repairing International Harvester farm equipment. Roger and Darlene carried on the tradition of repairing I-H farm tractors. Over the past 25 years, I-H was sold and became Case –IH. Douglas County Repair adapted to these changes by updating tools and service manuals as needed.

Brandon City Hall – The Brandon Auditorium and City Hall was designed by F. Boes Pfeifer, built by the Works Progress Administration (W.P.A.), and was completed in 1963. It is architecturally and historically significant as a building whose unusual design represents some of the most creative W.P.A. era architecture found in Minnesota. Furthermore, the building illustrates the success of programs like the W.P.A. which provided both useful employment for the country’s jobless and innovative new buildings for public use.