This walking route was created to encourage walking and exploring throughout the beautiful area of Osakis, MN. This 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.
1 Park Osagi – Park Osagi has three shelter houses along with picnic tables and restrooms. A large playground area and basketball court is located in the park for many hours of entertainment.

2 Idlewilde Resort – The resort was built in 1885, and originally named Fairhaven- Hotel Idlewilde. In 1902, E. R. Ruggles purchased the Fairhaven property and renamed it Hotel Idlewilde, adding additional cottages and outbuildings, along with installing electricity and running hot and cold water. In 1908, a large cabin was built for the exclusive use of the Ancient and Honorable Order of the Blue Goose. In 1910, a dining room for 150 guests was built. In 1979, new owners, Gary and Judy Stellick took over, and Hotel Idlewilde became Idlewilde Resort.

3 Lakeside Cemetery – The town’s first cemetery, overlooking Lake Osakis, was chosen by the earliest settlers. These settlers paid $100, and named it Lakeside. The exact date is unknown as the records were destroyed in a 1940’s fire, but was likely about 1865, the date of what is believed to be the earliest burial. The cemetery consists of six sections, for a total of 417 lots. The cemetery association was organized May 26th, 1950. In 1973 the hillside was reinforced with rocks.

4 Public Beach – This road began as an Indian Trail, located on County Road 55. It was used by Ezra Platt in July of 1869 when he left his North Gordon farm to go to Osakis to buy window glass. In the 1900’s, resort employees would drive a wagon to town every summer to meet the daily passenger trains, and pick up tourists who came to fish and enjoy the cool county air.

5 Osakis Country Club – The Club was started in 1962 by a group of local business leaders and towns people. Wally Mund designed the 9-hole course. Most of the work was done by local residents and members. It has developed into a scenic and challenging experience. The course has 18 holes, a practice chipping green, putting green, and a sand bunker.

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