

Walk & Explore

EVANSVILLE
MINNESOTA

MAPS

This walking route was created to encourage walking and exploring throughout the beautiful area of Evansville, 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.



MAP 5 *Historical Foundation*

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1 Evansville Historical Foundation – In 1984, Alf Thompson, an independent oil producer and philanthropist, founded the Evansville Historical Foundation located on the original Thompson homestead at 304 South Gran Street in Evansville. In 1987, it was remodeled, redecorated, and dedicated in July 1988. The site consists of seven buildings. The Thompson House serves as an office and research center for the Historical Foundation. The Evansville Historical Foundation Pioneer Village, in addition to the Thompson House, features an exhibit hall, Eagle Lake Town Hall and annex, a country school, a log cabin built in 1892, a root cellar & dugout, the former P.G. Johnson home, and an authentic replica of a pioneer church.

2 Dugout of Sod Home – The dugout sod house is a replica of a traditional sod house that demonstrates the first typical dwelling of area pioneers. This sod house was built on a hillside covered with wild flowers and grasses.

3 Log Cabin Home – This log cabin home was built near Lake Ida in 1892, and then moved to the Selmer Holte farm near Brandon before being relocated to its current site at Evansville Historical Foundation. The home was constructed by pioneers, and is furnished with antiques to represent a typical home of the period.

4 The Root Cellar – The root cellar represents the typical means pioneer families used as their only means of cold storage for a variety of foods, including produce, canned goods, and dairy products.

5 Nelson's Store – This original store was built by Cook and Dahling in 1880, until a huge fire broke out on July 5th, 1883. The store was sold to Wilbur and Florence Nelson in 1955. The building was rebuilt on the original site and stood there until 1966, when another fire partially burned out the store. Wilbur and Florence built the building once more. They owned and operated the store until 1981. In 1987, Scott and Ginny Nelson purchased the store, with Wilbur and Florence staying on. They added a larger warehouse in the early 1980's which provided storage space.

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