

Waterloo Loop – Market Area (prepared 2024JAN14)

The description below is a print friendly version (PDF) of the 6.5 km loop walk in northwest Waterloo, Ontario that starts and finishes in the Walmart parking lot located at 335 Farmers Market Rd, Waterloo. It is recommended that you park at approximately 43.509551, -80.549641 near the Mennonite horse shed. For more detailed information such as maps and free GPS files (kml or gpx) for this walk, check the website www.hember.ca.

1. Walk from the Walmart parking lot past the Mennonite horse shed out to Farmers Market Road.
2. Left (west) along Farmers Market Road a *short* distance to railroad tracks.
3. Left (south) on asphalt Market Trail for ~185 m.
4. Right (west), leaving Market Trail, over tracks onto Benjamin Road Trail (asphalt).
5. Follow Benjamin Road Trail for ~380 m out to Benjamin Road sidewalk.
6. Left along Benjamin Road sidewalk for ~375 m to traffic lights at Weber Street.
7. Cross to the other side of Weber Street using traffic lights.
8. Left (south) along Weber Street sidewalk for ~98 m.
[You are passing from Woolwich Township to the City of Waterloo.]
9. Right (west) onto Benjamin Park Trail (Trans Canada Trail), a wide dirt/stone dust path.
[Note that this path parallels a shallow creek. Maps label it as a branch of Forwell Creek. Water in it flows eastward towards Blue Spring Drive & the Forwell Trail. Water collecting in Forwell Creek flows into Laurel Creek (a bit east of Dearborn Plaza) and the water in Laurel Creek flows into the Grand River in Bridgeport.]
10. Follow Benjamin Park Trail for ~1.3 km to Burning Bush Road.
11. Left (south) along Burning Bush Road & right (south) along Northlake Drive (~225 m total) to Northlake Woods Public School.
12. Left at house 478 Northlake Drive [[43.496453, -80.566670](#)] passing school on north side and follow path for ~300 m and continuing eastward into Lakeshore Park (past Lakeshore Community Garden) another 180 m to Sprucehurst Crescent.
13. Right (east) along Springhurst Crescent sidewalk for ~180 m and straight across Fern Road to Fern *Crescent*.
14. Straight (east) up Fern *Crescent* ~200 m to & past house 227 Fern Crescent.
15. Right (east) between houses 227 & 229 Fern Crescent.
16. About 40 m veer left on narrower path into Lakeshore Optimist Park and proceed ~180 to Northlake Drive.
17. Cross Northfield Drive & follow Northfield Drive sidewalk ~90 m (passing Coghill Place) to Golden Eagle Road.
18. Left (east) along Golden Eagle Road sidewalk ~145 m to Weber Street North.
19. Left (north) along Weber Street North sidewalk a *very short distance* & right across Weber Street North to other side using *designated crossing island* at about 43.498876, -80.551486.
20. Right (south) along Weber Street North sidewalk for ~125 m toward Parkside Drive.

[Starbucks for snack & washrooms at 590 Weber St N, Waterloo. Note: The satellite image in Google Maps for Starbucks building was not updated at time this summary was prepared.]

21. Left (east) along Parkside Drive sidewalk (past Starbucks, see note above) for ~300 m.

22. Right (south) Parkside Drive sidewalk for ~ 200 m to Northfield Drive West. [That is, Parkside Drive curves 90° right.]

23. Left (east) along Northfield Drive West sidewalk for ~215 m past Fire Station 3 & across railroad tracks.

[Before continuing be sure to look south across Northfield Drive West and locate the relatively new ION/LRT tracks and the ION/LRT Northfield Station.]

24. Left (north) on asphalt Market Trail for about 1.4 km to Farmers Market Road.

[NOTES: You will immediately bypass the Waterloo (Northfield) Train Station. It is the train associated with the Waterloo Central Railway or <https://waterloocentralrailway.com/>
See train route map at <https://waterloocentralrailway.com/train-rides/#route>]

25. About 400 m (at 43.501146, -80.545752) north of Northfield Drive while on Market Trail note a staircase/ramp that can act as an alternative route westward & over to Weber Street North. At approximately 43.508010, -80.549910 note (on left) the Benjamin Road Trail and Storm Water Pond. It has a short trail around it.]

26. Right (east) on Farmers Market Road & back to car(s) at Walmart parking lot.