

# Walking Guide



Healthy, active living is encouraged on campus. A lot of people walk, bike, or take a bus to get to places on campus. The most common way to move around campus is by foot. Not only do you get your steps in by walking, but you also get to enjoy the landscapes and building architecture around campus.

## Tips to Stay Indoors in the 'Gopher Way' Tunnel and Skyway

- Navigate your way from one building to another by using the Gopher Way signs and maps.
- Plan your route with this map.
- Routes can change to different floors within the same building or pass through uncommon areas.
- Allow for a little extra time to get to your destination.
- If you get to a locked door, try your U Card.
- For first-time Gopher Way users, consider a dry run before you need to use the route!
- Most tunnels and skyways are open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Some tunnels/skyways are restricted; this is posted at tunnel/skyway entrances).
- Location of security cameras and disability access can vary.



Note: If you see broken or missing Gopher Way signs, please email the location to [pts@umn.edu](mailto:pts@umn.edu).

## Popular Walking Routes On & Near Campus

Looking for a quick walk during your lunch break?

- Walk along the Washington Avenue Bridge and enjoy the beauty of the Mississippi River.
- On East Bank, check out the Northrop Mall area and the grassy field in front of McNamara Alumni Center.
- The St Paul campus offers beautiful gardens.
- Grand Rounds Trails are a short walk away from campus. Coming from Superblock, you can easily get to the East River Parkway trail.
- Avoid road traffic and enjoy the fresh air by using pedestrian- and bike-only bridges including: Washington Avenue Bridge, 5th Street Bridge (Marcy Holmes) and Northern Pacific Bridge Number 9.



For those walking on the northern side of East Bank campus - please do not take shortcuts across railroad tracks. It is dangerous. That is private property; trespassing is subject to fines.

## 612-624-WALK

- Trained student security monitors are available 24/7 to provide walking or biking escorts for anyone on campus.
- This FREE service is provided through the University of Minnesota Police Department.
- Call 612-624-WALK (4-9255 from any campus phone).
- To view their service boundaries, go to <http://www.umn.edu/police/escort.html>.



## Safety Tips

- Walking with a friend is encouraged. There is safety in numbers, and it's more fun that way!
- Walk confidently but safely. Be aware of your surroundings and follow traffic signs.
- Walking through crowded and well-lit paths is encouraged.
- Trust your instincts. If someone makes you uncomfortable, move away from that person.
- Wear reflective-colored clothing at night to make you more visible.
- Emergency call buttons are located in the stairwells of parking ramps and garages as well as some spots along the Gopher Way.
- Look for blue light phones to report suspicious activity or call 911. Find location at <http://emergencyresponse.umn.edu/campus-safety-and-security-tips>
- Drivers must stop for pedestrians in a crosswalk, but don't rely solely on drivers; protect yourself first.



To report icy sidewalks or streetlights that are out, call the Facilities Management Call Center at 612-624-2900. To report, call with the location and ID number on the pole.

## BE CAREFUL AROUND LIGHT RAIL TRACKS



### Best Practices to Follow

- Obey the "Don't Walk" and other traffic signals.
- Cross within the marked crosswalk. You can get a \$128 ticket on campus for jaywalking.
- Look both ways before crossing!



**Building Security Tip** - If you get to a locked door, try your U Card. Contact your department DFR for door access issues.

## USE INTERACTIVE MAPS

Use a smart phone map app like Google Maps or visit [campusmaps.umn.edu](http://campusmaps.umn.edu) to use the University's interactive map.

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300 Transportation and Safety Building  
511 Washington Avenue SE  
Minneapolis, MN 55455  
612-626-7275  
[parking@umn.edu](mailto:parking@umn.edu)  
<http://www.umn.edu/pts>

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**Below-ground connection**  
**Above-ground connection** (level indicated when other than 1st floor)  
**Elevator - disability access**  
**Stairs - no disability access**  
**Wayfinding location** (QR codes found along Gopher Way to help navigate)

**Carry your U Card at all times! Active U Card is required to access the Gopher Way system and University buildings.**  
More information on building access:  
<https://publicsafety.umn.edu/about-us/security-data-and-access-department>  
Accessibility varies from route to route.  
Free, safe walks available from University Security 24/7. Call 612-624-WALK or visit <https://safewalk.umn.edu/app/>  
Questions? Contact PTS at [parking@umn.edu](mailto:parking@umn.edu) or at 612-626-7275.  
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