

1. Exit the library through the front doors and TURN RIGHT (east) on Detroit Ave.

Lakewood Public Library (a Carnegie Library) - Built in 1916, the Lakewood Public Library has consistently been ranked in the top ten nationally among 523 libraries in its population category by Hennen's American Public Library Ratings. Lakewood Masonic Temple - Detroit and Andrews Ave. - Also built in 1916, the Masonic lodge has been host to many events and organizations over the years. The winding staircase was white marble with marble wainscoting; the ballroom was of French renaissance design, with gilt furniture, ivory pilasters touched in gold, and a foyer paved with marble. The lower banquet room's kitchen was "as well equipped as that of a modern hotel." The United Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church - was formed in 1963 when two congregations of Latvian descent merged. Their services of worship are held in the Latvian language, except for occasional baptisms, marriage services, and funerals, at which English is used. The church building was purchased in 1963 from the First New Jerusalem Church of Lakewood, a Swedenborgian congregation. The building dates from 1906. Detroit-Warren Building at Detroit and Cook: was built around 1900. In 1923, it was renovated and boasted the first elevator in Lakewood. It was renovated again in 1984 and placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1986.

2. Continue ahead on Detroit.

Lakewood Hospital - on the southeast corner of Detroit and Belle Ave, began in a small house with 15 beds in 1907 by Dr. C. Lee Graber. Ten years later, a four-story brick building with 85 beds was built. In 1931, the city bought it and began the first of many expansions over the years. Lakewood Presbyterian Church - 14502 Detroit built in 1916. It is a "daughter" congregation to the Old Stone Church in downtown Cleveland.

3. TURN LEFT at Bunts Rd (you will have passed "Winking Lizard" and "Giant Eagle" on the left).

This road was named for Harry C. Bunts, one of four investors who planned a road to run north from Lorain Ave to Lake Erie. The men cast lots for the distinction of having the road named for him -- it could have been Cook, Goulder or Beavis Road. Ironically, Bunts, an attorney, never did live in Lakewood.

4. Cross RR tracks.

5. At Clifton Blvd, cross and TURN LEFT.

6. Very quickly, TURN RIGHT onto Chase Lane, a sidewalk between the houses at 13890 & 13898. The sidewalk emerges on Lake Ave; a Marathon gas station will be across the street.

7. TURN LEFT on Lake Ave. Continue to Belle (at park), TURN RIGHT to cross Lake. TURN LEFT to continue on Lake Ave, going past park.

Lakewood Park - was formerly the Robert R. Rhodes estate, "The Hickories." He built a large home here around 1880, which the City of Lakewood used as City Hall when it purchased the property in 1918. Lake Erie - is just beyond the park.

CHECKPOINT: Near the end of Lakewood Park is The Oldest Stone House

In what year was it built? Write the answer on your start card.

Oldest Stone House - John Honam, a Scottish weaver, built this house near Detroit and St. Charles Ave. Later, the house served as a doctor's office, post office, grocery store, barbershop, and an upholstery company. In 1952, it was moved here and became the home of the Lakewood Historical Society and Museum. St. Augustine's Academy - In April 1888, the Sisters of Charity moved here, beginning construction of a brick convent. As skilled nurses, the Sisters treated patients with pneumonia, diphtheria and industrial accidents, as well as those with no family to care for them. They lived in a cottage for six years while the new convent was built. The convent was dedicated in 1892, and four years later the Sisters opened their old cottage to summer boarders. In 1921, they opened a novitiate high school for girls, later adding kindergarten through sixth grade for boys and girls, then seventh through ninth grades. The academy was eventually closed and the buildings are now leased to Lakewood Catholic Academy, an elementary school.

8. Continue on Lake Ave.

9. At Abbieshire Ave, TURN RIGHT, heading north.

10. At Edgewater Dr, TURN LEFT, heading west.

11. Edgewater ends at Summit Ave; TURN LEFT, heading south.

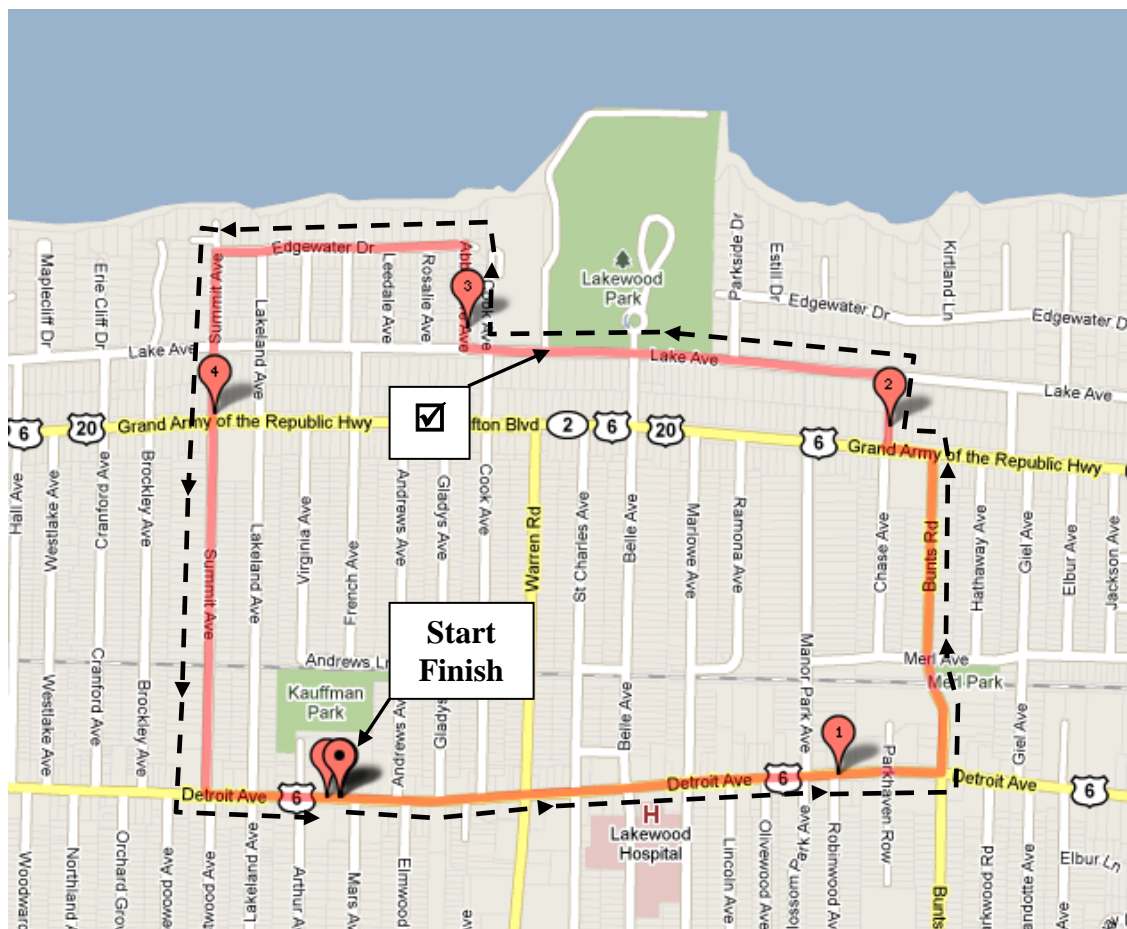
12. Continue on Summit Ave. crossing Lake, Clifton and eventually the railroad tracks.

Norfolk and Southern railroad tracks - Lakewood's first taste of railroading came on Sept. 1, 1868, when the Rocky River Railroad began operating between Cleveland and the Cliff House (an Inn and Tavern), which overlooked the Rocky River. Clevelanders could reach the W. 59th St Station via horse car, then travel by rail 5.33 miles through orchards, vineyards, and strawberry, blackberry and raspberry patches. The Dummy Railroad (so called because of the quieter type of steam engine used) roughly followed the same route as the current Norfolk & Southern Railroad.

13. At Detroit Ave., TURN LEFT, heading east (no sign-Max Tan is across the street). Cross to the other side of Detroit at any signal.

Detroit Ave - is the oldest street in Lakewood. It originated from an old Indian path connecting Buffalo, NY, with Detroit, MI. It sits high on the first ridge above Lake Erie. "The Rockport Plank Road Co". constructed a toll road in 1850 that began in Cleveland and went 5 miles west of the Rocky River, with three toll stations along the way. Tolls were charged until 1901, when it became a free road.

14. Return to the Start Point at the Lakewood Public Library (15425 Detroit) on the right.



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