

**This Health Walk was created for you by:
The Kansas City Quality Improvement Consortium—KCQIC...**

Our initials have inspired our healthy lifestyles motto “KC Kick it Up a Notch!” Its invitation to active wellness defines the Health Walk Project.

The project is only one part of the multi-year Healthy Lifestyles initiative to promote and support fine health through healthy choices, including: moderate exercise, proper nutrition and freedom from tobacco use.

When you participate in the Health Walk program, you encourage:

**BETTER HEALTH for
YOURSELF, YOUR LOVED ONES and YOUR COMMUNITY.
CONGRATULATIONS!**

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Use this and other Health Walks to support your active lifestyle and maximize your personal physical fitness. “Kick it Up a Notch!” We can all practice better health and health care, together.

For more Health Walks in the Greater Kansas City, bi-state area, go to www.kcqic.org



This KC Kick it Up a Notch Health Walk Offers:

Bring water, cell phone, a walking companion (if possible) and sunscreen (even when cloudy).

Think safety!

POINTS OF INTEREST:

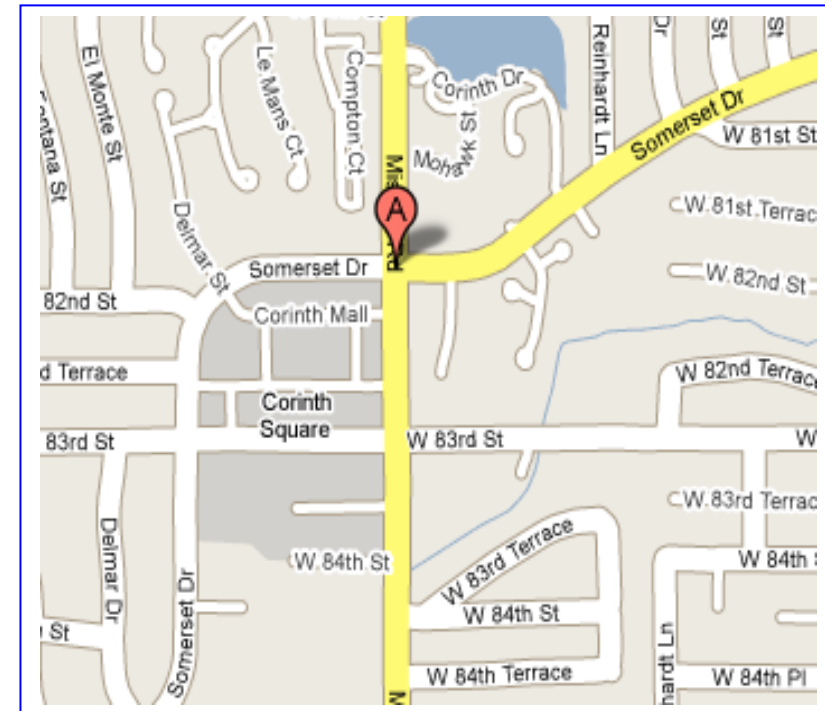
1. Summerset Shops
2. Corinth Elementary School
3. Corinth Cemetery
4. Leawood Presbyterian Church
5. Leawood United Methodist Church
6. Leawood Post Office
7. Linwood Pioneer Cemetery
8. Ranch Mart Shopping Center
9. Cure of Ars Catholic Church and School
10. Lutheran Church of the Resurrection
11. Mission Valley Middle School
12. Corinth Office Building

Historic Leawood

Leawood, Kansas

Length of this Health Walk 1.7 miles
Estimated time to complete: 45 minutes
Walk difficulty:... Level 2

(Walking Difficulty Range: “1” = smooth, simple to “5” = hilly, irregular, poor/no sidewalks, complex, etc.)



GETTING TO THE Historic Leawood Health Walk

WALK START: Start this Health Walk from the Summerset Shops (located at Summerset and Mission Rds.). Start from the parking lot in the southwest corner of the intersection. Note: Summerset is equivalent to 83rd St.

BY CAR: Take State Line Rd south to 75th St. Turn left (west) on 75th. Proceed to Mission Rd. and turn left. Drive to Summerset and park in the Summerset Shopping Center.

Prefer SHORT DIRECTIONS?
Follow the **BOLD TYPE** and
UNDERLINING

Your Leawood Health Walk

The city of Leawood was incorporated in 1948, with approximately 300 homes and a southern boundary of 103rd Street. Platted by Kroh Brothers Realty in 1937, the original housing development (today, Leawood's first local Historic District) of stone, brick and clapboard homes was designed to offer the residents a quiet suburban refuge with large yards and a country setting. Streets were designed without sidewalks to resemble a country lane. Before the enterprising Kroh Brothers, the area was dotted with farms and one-room school houses. Remnants of the early days are scattered throughout the city, especially within its historic district. Leawood's local historic district is bounded by Somerset on the north, 83rd Street on the south, and includes the streets of Meadow, Manor, Lee and High Drive. The 129 homes in the district were constructed by the Kroh Brothers, who are credited with building much of Leawood starting in 1937. One unique element of this part of Leawood is how the area's creeks have been preserved and integrated into the character of these residential areas. This adds to the residential flavor of this picturesque part of Leawood. Please note that this Health Walk follows main corridor streets in Leawood because of the fact that they have sidewalks.

You can choose to meander onto the side street areas of this part of Leawood, but keep in mind that most of these streets are designed without sidewalks.

Start this Health Walk from the Summerset Shops (park in the southwest corner at Summerset and Mission Rd). The Summerset Shops were Leawood's first commercial development and were built by Cliff Brisbois. The first shops included a grocery store, hobby shop, drug store, barber shop, a beauty salon, a cleaners and a liquor store. From there, cross to the other side of Mission Rd. and proceed east along Mission Rd. to Lee Blvd. You will be passing Corinth Elementary School on your right. The Corinth Cemetery will be on your right; beyond the cemetery, you will also be passing the Leawood Presbyterian Church, also on your right. Upon arriving at the cemetery, take some time to visit. This small cemetery on 83rd St. approximately 2 blocks east of Mission Road. This cemetery contains the gravesites of many notable Leawood, including members of the Voights and Kroh Families and John Dyche, an early settler and namesake for the Dyche Branch School, which eventually became Corinth Elementary School.

Turn right on Lee Blvd. From here walk along Lee Blvd. from 83rd to 95th St. Note the way the area waterways have been integrated into this charming residential street. Turn right on 95th St. and walk back over to Mission Rd. You will be passing the Leawood United Methodist Church on your left and the Leawood Post Office on your right. You will also be walking past the Linwood Pioneer Cemetery. This historic cemetery sits next to the Ranch Mart Shopping Center and the post office. The land where the cemetery sits, was originally part of a 640 acre tract of land owned by the Shawnee Indians. In the 1850's, Simean W. Peoples purchased some of their land, and donated two acres for a church and cemetery. The first documented burial took place in 1869.

Beyond that you will be approaching the Ranch Mart Shopping Center which will on your left as you reach Mission Rd. other commercial development is on your right. Built in the early 1960s, the portion of the retail center, located on the southeast corner of Mission Rd. and 95th St. has recently been renovated. Turn right, back onto Mission Rd. and proceed back to Summerset St. and your Walk Start.