

**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](http://www.kcqic.org)



This KC Kick it Up a Notch Health Walk Offers:

No facilities within the Health Walk area.

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

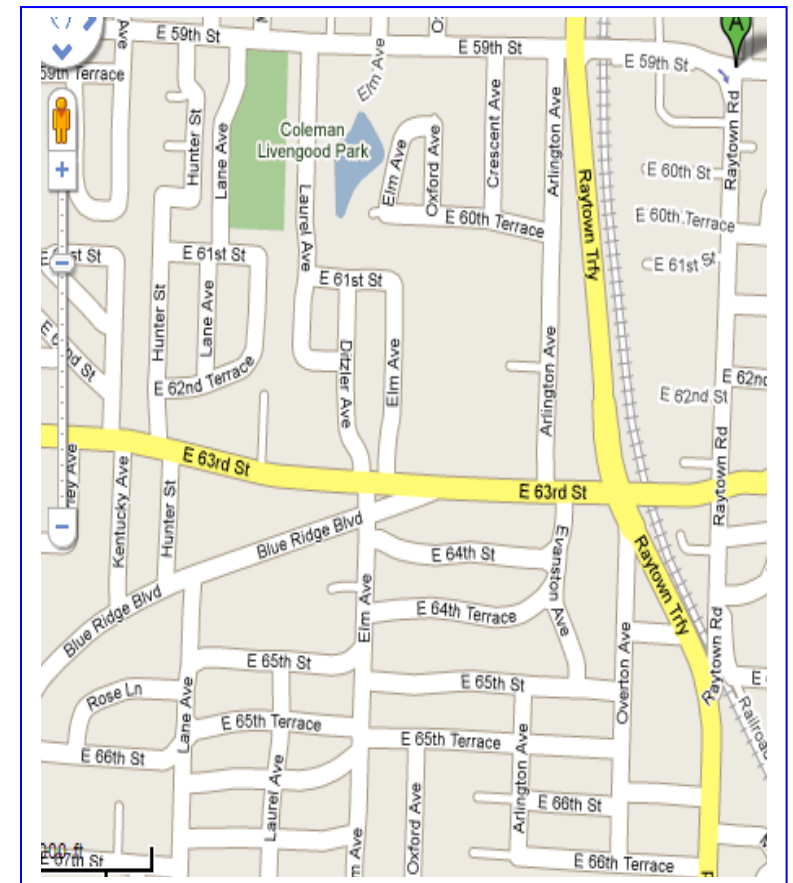
Think safety!

**POINTS OF INTEREST:**

1. Raytown C-2 School District offices
2. Raytown High School
3. Raytown Church of Christ
4. Raytown Christian Church
5. Raytown Historical Society & Museum
6. Rice-Tremonti Home

# Raytown

**Kansas City, Missouri**



## GETTING TO THE

# Raytown Health Walk

**WALK START:** Raytown High School  
(10000 East 59<sup>th</sup> St.)

**BY CAR:** From downtown Kansas City, proceed east on I-70 E. to the Blue Ridge Cutoff exit, (Exit 9), toward Sports Complex. Take the ramp toward Raytown/Sports Complex. Turn slight right onto Blue Ridge Cut-Off. Turn slight left onto Raytown Rd. Turn left onto 59<sup>th</sup> St. and proceed to 10000 East 59<sup>th</sup> St.

**Length Health Walk** 1.3 miles  
**Estimated time to complete:** 30  
**min.**

**Walk difficulty:...** Level 2

(Walking Difficulty Range: "1" = smooth, simple)

**BY BUS:** Depart On Main at 10th North of 10th Southbound. **Bus** - 28 - Blue Ridge - Direction: 28 - Blue Ridge/Holi & BR/via Linwood. Arrive On Blue Ridge Cut Off at 59th Southbound. **Walk** to 10000 E 59th St. (Head east on E 59th St toward Blue Ridge Cut Off. Slight left at Raytown Rd. Destination will be on the left )

## Your Raytown Health Walk

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

The state of Missouri was admitted to the Union in 1821; however, at that time Jackson County was not part of the state. A treaty of 1826 added the land that would become Jackson County. Townships were surveyed in 1826 and in 1827 the county was formed and named for our seventh president, Andrew Jackson. The land in township 49 was accidentally not put up for sale and became known as "The Lost Township". Families who lived there were known as "squatters" since they did not own "the land." After a survey in 1843, the land was sold and the "squatters" became landowners. The opening of the Santa Fe Trail increased the number of people coming into the township, as this area was the final "jumping off" point for settlers and adventurers heading west. Cattle, oxen, fruits and vegetables were purchased from the farmers already in the area. Soon others began coming from the east to add their much-needed skills to the growing number of wagon trains.

William Ray was a blacksmith who moved to Jackson County around 1848 and established his shop on the Santa Fe Trail. By 1860, William Ray's blacksmith shop was well established on what is now the intersection of 63rd & Raytown Road. Around this time, the citizens of the area began clamoring for more and better roads to Kansas City and Independence where the major markets for their goods existed. Commissioners were appointed and consequently laid out and approved what is now Raytown Road. William Ray's blacksmith shop appeared to have been something of a local landmark. Many travelers heading west, noted Ray's Blacksmith shop and the nearby "Rice Plantation" in their diaries during their travels west. By 1858 his neighbors were referring to the town as "Ray's Town" and, eventually, "Raytown". Today, Raytown, with a population of over 30,000 is the twentieth largest city in Missouri.

To begin this Heath Walk you will be passing on your left, both the administrative offices of the Raytown School District and Raytown High School. The 2003-2004 school year marked the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for the Raytown C-2 School District (in 1903, eight independent elementary schools consolidated in order to provide the best education for their community). Raytown High School, established in 1914, serves students in grades 9-12 with high-expectations and vigorous coursework. It boasts a diverse student population with a wide range of activities to satisfy and stimulate student interests. You also will be passing the Raytown Church of Christ and the Raytown Christian Church, both located on your right. When you reach 63<sup>rd</sup> St. take a moment to stroll over to the Raytown Historical Society & Museum, located at 9705 E. 63rd Street. Their building was originally Raytown's Fire Station #1. Built in 1944, this building now contains Raytown's history as told in stories, pictures and artifacts.

The Historic Rice-Tremonti Home, located at 8801 E. 66th Street (at Blue Ridge), was built in 1844 by Archibald Rice. Many of the travelers down the Santa Fe, California and Oregon Trails stopped at the well of this plantation located 8 miles (or one day's wagon journey) from Independence. The home and grounds were placed on the National Register of Historical Places in 1978.