

**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!

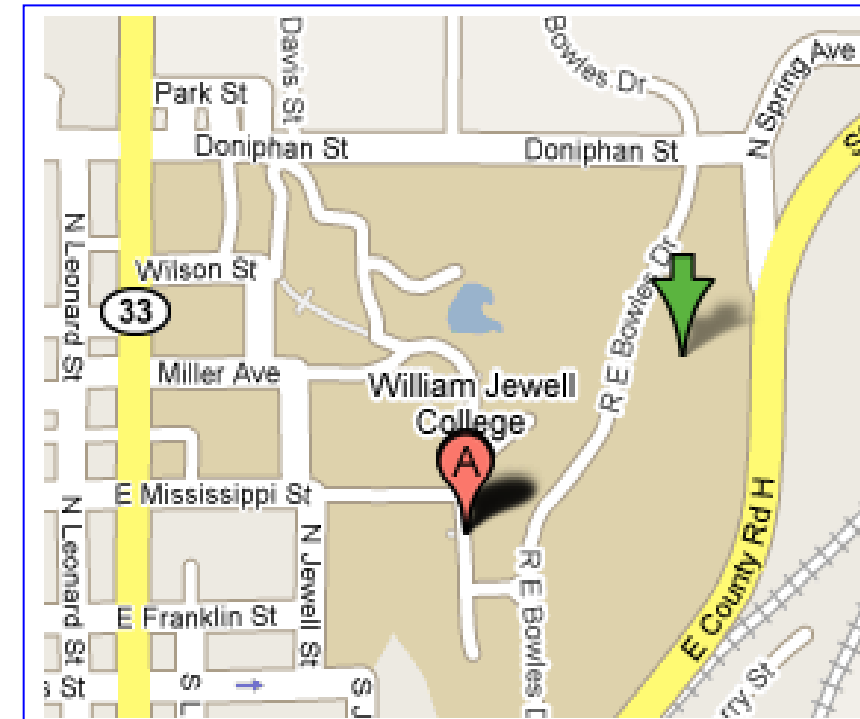
**POINTS OF INTEREST:**

1. Liberty City Hall
2. Liberty Area Chamber of Commerce
3. Historic Area Residences
4. William Jewell College  
Jewell Hall  
Curry Library  
Gano Hall
5. Second Baptist Church
6. Colonial Hotel
7. Liberty Jail
8. First Presbyterian Church
9. Masonic Temple
10. Odd Fellows Hall

# William Jewell Liberty, Missouri

Length of this Health Walk 1.4 miles  
Estimated time to complete: 35 minutes  
Walk difficulty:... Level 4

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



GETTING TO THE  
**William Jewell**  
Health Walk

WALK START: Start your walk at the Liberty City Hall

**BY BUS:**

**Walk** to Walnut at 10th Northbound.  
Depart On Walnut at 10th Northbound.  
Arrive On Prairie at Mississippi  
Southbound. **Walk** to S Missouri St & E  
Kansas St. (Head south on N Prairie St  
toward W Franklin St. Turn left at W  
Kansas Ave/MO-152.)

**BY CAR:** Take I-35 N to 152 East  
which turns into Kansas. Follow  
across the Liberty Square and City  
Hall will be on your right and the  
parking lot after that.

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

**Your William Jewell Health  
Walk**

This Health Walk include the part of Liberty where William Jewell College is located and the adjacent Lightburne Historic District. **Walk from the parking lot to 9 South Leonard.**

This small stucco building, which housed the first Methodist Church in the area, was constructed in 1842 of bricks shipped from Philadelphia. Most recently, it houses the Liberty Area Chamber of Commerce. **Walk east on Kansas Street.** On the north side of the street, note a series of neat cottage-style homes from the turn of the century era. Then, on the south side, see the Christian Church, noted for its stained-glass windows. Next-door is the former Lambda Chi fraternity house, now a private home. Circa 1900, the house was completely rebuilt after a fire several years ago destroyed it. Note the Victorian architecture of the Geilker house at 471 East Kansas. Completed in 1890 in was the home of Dr. E.F. Miller, for whom the Liberty Junior High School building was named.

**Turn north (left) onto Jewell Street and climb the steps at the center of the block for a visit to the William Jewell College campus and Jewell Hall,** the building of neo-classical architecture crowning the hill.

Completed in 1858, it is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The stone steps from the home of the first benefactor of the college, Dr. William Jewell, have been set into the front steps of the classroom building. **Cross the walk and to Curry Library and Gano Hall,** the college chapel. It was named for the chaplain of George Washington's army. Look across the drive toward the north, at the old Liberty cemetery, dating to the 1820s. Next to it, on the west, is the home of the college president (circa 1904).

From there, retrace your steps, going down the main steps to Franklin Street. Note on the southwest corner a gray Queen Ann style house at 459 East Franklin. It was built in the 1880s by physician, Dr. John H. Rothwell,. Continue walking west on the north side of the street to 450 East Franklin. The home was built in the 1860s by Colonel Henry Routt, who led a Confederate raid on Liberty Landing in 1861. At 449 is the Judge Sandusky house. He was a prominent banker, lawyer, and jurist. Constructed about 1885, it features graceful turned spindles as part of the archway woodwork. The Liberty Female College, #438 was built in 1855 and was later a boarding house for college men. The three story brick under stucco building is now awaiting rehab as three condos. The house next door at #430 is a registered Clay County historic landmark built in 1853 and featuring a circular staircase. It served for a time as the dining hall and dormitory for the Female College next door. The red brick house at 316 East Franklin was built in 1859. Occupying the block across the street is the Second Baptist Church, dedicated in 1925, after fire destroyed the *previous building* on that site. The Colonial Hotel at the corner of Franklin and Missouri Streets is now largely residential, but at one time, it housed many important Liberty visitors and gala social events. As you turn north (right) on Water Street, you will pass by the shops, many of which are located in turn-of-the-century residences.

When you reach Mississippi St, **turn west (right onto Mississippi St.)**. The historic Liberty Jail is at the corner of Mississippi and Main Streets. **Turn south on Main Street** past the gracious First Presbyterian Church and the mini-park across the street **104 North Main** is the home of the Liberty Tribune. The paper has been located at sites on all four sides of the Square since its founding in 1846. AS you stand at the northeast entrance to the Square, note the facades of the different buildings, showing a fascinating variety of periods and styles. The Art Deco county courthouse occupies the center of the Square, with its main entrance on the south side. Across the north side of the Square, one finds a newer building, the Masonic Temple at 10 East Franklin. It was built in 1956 after fire destroyed the previous hall there. At the northeast corner is the lodge hall of the Odd Fellows. From this point, return to your Walk Start at the Liberty City Hall.