Bellefontaine Cemetery on the Ten Toe Express

TOTAL WALK DISTANCE: 1 - 4 miles

Bellefontaine Cemetery offers St. Louis history through graves, monuments, sculptures and architecture in a magnificently landscaped setting. Founded in 1849 as a non-sectarian burial site, it contains thousands of famous St. Louisans (and many more thousands not so famous). It is still being used and developed, so visitors are asked to please maintain a respectful presence. There are 14 miles of roadways, four miles of which are marked with a white stripe leading you past 47 markers designating persons of special interest. Please pick up a detailed map at the cemetery office (restrooms also available). The roads are narrow and winding, and the terrain is hilly - it is very easy to get lost here, so please use the stripe or the fences along the perimeter to keep your bearings!

Directions:

• Take MetroLink to Central West End Station, then transfer to MetroBus #95 Kingshighway or #13 Union northbound.
• Exit the bus at West Florissant Avenue and turn right. (Alternate route: take #74 Florissant from downtown or Flo Valley CC.)
• Enter the gate at the Cemetery Office on West Florissant.
• The Office is on Willow Ave. Turn right past the Office on Fountain Ave. following the stripe as it becomes Lake Ave. approaching Cypress Lake.
• Keep Cypress Lake on your right - you will be leaving the stripe.
• Turn right on Evergreen to finish circling the lake.
• Cross the stripe on Lake Ave. to continue on Sunset Ave.
• Follow Sunset to Willow. Turn left on Willow to return to the gate.

Mileage one-way from main gate to frequently-visited markers in numerical order:

#10 Adolphus Busch - .75 mile
#13 William Clark - 1.1 mile
#26 Wainwright Tomb designed by Louis Sullivan - 2 miles
#27 Lemp Family - 2 miles

The map here presents an easy walk of about a mile circling Cypress Lake without steep hills. The course is a crooked figure-8.