



**Mines of Spain State Rec. Area 6K & 11K**  
Dubuque County, Iowa



# Mines of Spain State Preserve 6K

42.459196, -90.664235

8991 Bellevue Heights; Dubuque, IA 52003

## 6K WALK DIRECTIONS

Mines of Spain 6k, rating 2B

Note: EB Lyons Interpretive Center and Nature Center are used interchangeable on park signs.

1. After exiting the EB Lyon Interpretive Center, head back towards the parking lot.
2. Left on the Pine Chapel Trail, down stairs.
3. Continue on the trail through the grass area and past the Habitat of Mines of Spain informational board and benches.
4. Right at the intersection
5. Left at the Pine Chapel Trail sign
6. Right on the trail up the hill to the Chapel.
7. Left between the Otto & His Family sign and bench to exit the Chapel grounds Continue down the stairs.
8. Right at the "Y"
9. Right at the Pine Chapel sign
10. Right at the "Y" and the Nature Center sign.
11. Left at the next intersection (Root Cellar and Wine Cellar sign).
12. Continue straight at the intersection with the Lead Mine Trail.
13. Right onto the Mesquakie Trail.
14. Continue straight following the signs for the Julien Dubuque Monument (about a mile).
15. At Calcite Foot Trail sign continue straight to following monument signs.
16. Carefully cross bridge.
17. Right through the parking lot (optional, follow the road to the monument).
18. Continue up the stairs, at the landing continue straight.
19. After viewing the monument, return to the parking lot.
20. Left on trail to Interpretive Center (3/4 the way through the parking lot)
21. At the landing, continue straight down the stairs. Cross the parking lot.
22. L to cross the bridge, then carefully cross the road
23. Right on the Mesquakie Trail (about a mile).
24. Right at intersection to continue on the Mesquakie Trail up the hill.
25. Cross bridge and following signs to Interpretive Center.
26. At the bench on your left continue straight on the main trail.
27. Right at the intersection, then R in front of the Green House sign.
28. Left at the lead mining monument and bridge (notice mine shaft to the right of the monument.)
29. Left at next intersection down steps and across bridge, following Nature Center signs.
30. Right at intersection up stairs
31. Left around EB Lyon Interpretive Center. Pass under arched trellis.
32. At intersection continue straight through the Bird House Interpretive Trail.
33. Exit to parking lot.

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## 11K WALK DIRECTIONS

Mines of Spain 11k, Rating 3C

This trail contains extended ups and downs, poles may be helpful. No water available. EB Lyons Interpretive Center and Nature Center are used interchangeably on trail signs.

34. After exiting the EB Lyon Interpretive Center, head back towards the parking lot.
35. Left on the Pine Chapel Trail, down stairs.
36. Continue on the trail through the grass area and past the Habitat of Mines of Spain informational board and benches.
37. Right at the intersection
38. Left at the Pine Chapel sign
39. Stay right at the Y up the hill to the Chapel.
40. Left between the Otto & His Family sign and bench to exit the Chapel grounds Continue down the stairs.
41. Right at the Y
42. Right at the intersection with the Pine Chapel sign
43. Right at the Y and the Nature Center/ Farm Site sign.
44. Left at the next intersection (Root Cellar, Wine Cel-lar, Pine Chapel sign). Continue straight on the main trail at the intersection with the Lead Mine Trail.
45. Right at the Y onto the Mesquakie Trail. Continue straight on the main trail, following the signs for the Julien Dubuque Monument (about a mile).
46. Right on Calcite Foot Trail. (long uphill, then down). Note: the 11k does not include the Julien Dubu-que Monument. For an additional k, follow the signs to the monument, returning to this point prior to taking the Calcite Foot Trail.
47. Upon exiting the trees, follow tree line right past large "Dubuque Mines of Spain" sign. Follow trail past picnic tables and foot bridge to sand trail.
48. After exiting trail, carefully cross road to Horse-shoe Bluffs Trailhead. Left through parking lot. Take stairs up closest to the restroom.
49. Left at the top of the stairs, follow trail to Look Out. Enjoy the views of the stone outcroppings and the Mississippi River.
50. Continue down the stairs to Level 2. Stay left on Level 2 Loop Trail. At the bottom of stairs, left on trail. Right at Y. At intersection left to stay on main trail past amphitheater on right and ponds on left. At intersection, stay straight on gravel path to re-turn to parking lot.
51. Left at parking area, carefully crossing road to enter grass trail.
52. Exit trail, cross bridge.
53. Left through parking areas
54. Left at stop sign, follow road to marked cross walk. Cross road and enter Calcite foot trail on right.

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**55.** Right at intersection (no sign)

**56.** Carefully cross road and follow Mesquakie Trail. Catfish Creek is on your right.

**57.** Right at intersection to continue on the Mesquakie Trail up the hill. Continue on trail, following signs to Interpretive Center.

**58.** Cross bridge and follow signs to Interpretive Center. At bench on your left continue straight on the main trail;

**59.** Right at the intersection, then right in front of the Green House sign.

**60.** Left at the lead mining monument (notice mine shaft to the right of the monument.)

**61.** Left at next intersection down steps and across bridge, following Nature Center Signs.

**62.** Right at intersection up stairs.

**63.** Left around EB Lyon Interpretive Center. Pass under arched trellis.

**64.** At intersection, continue straight on the Bird House Interpretive Trail.

**65.** Exit to parking lot.