

## Walk West

9.9 miles

- Many restaurants & cafés
- 4 parks
- Visit: Rijksmuseum, Stedelijk, Van Gogh Museum

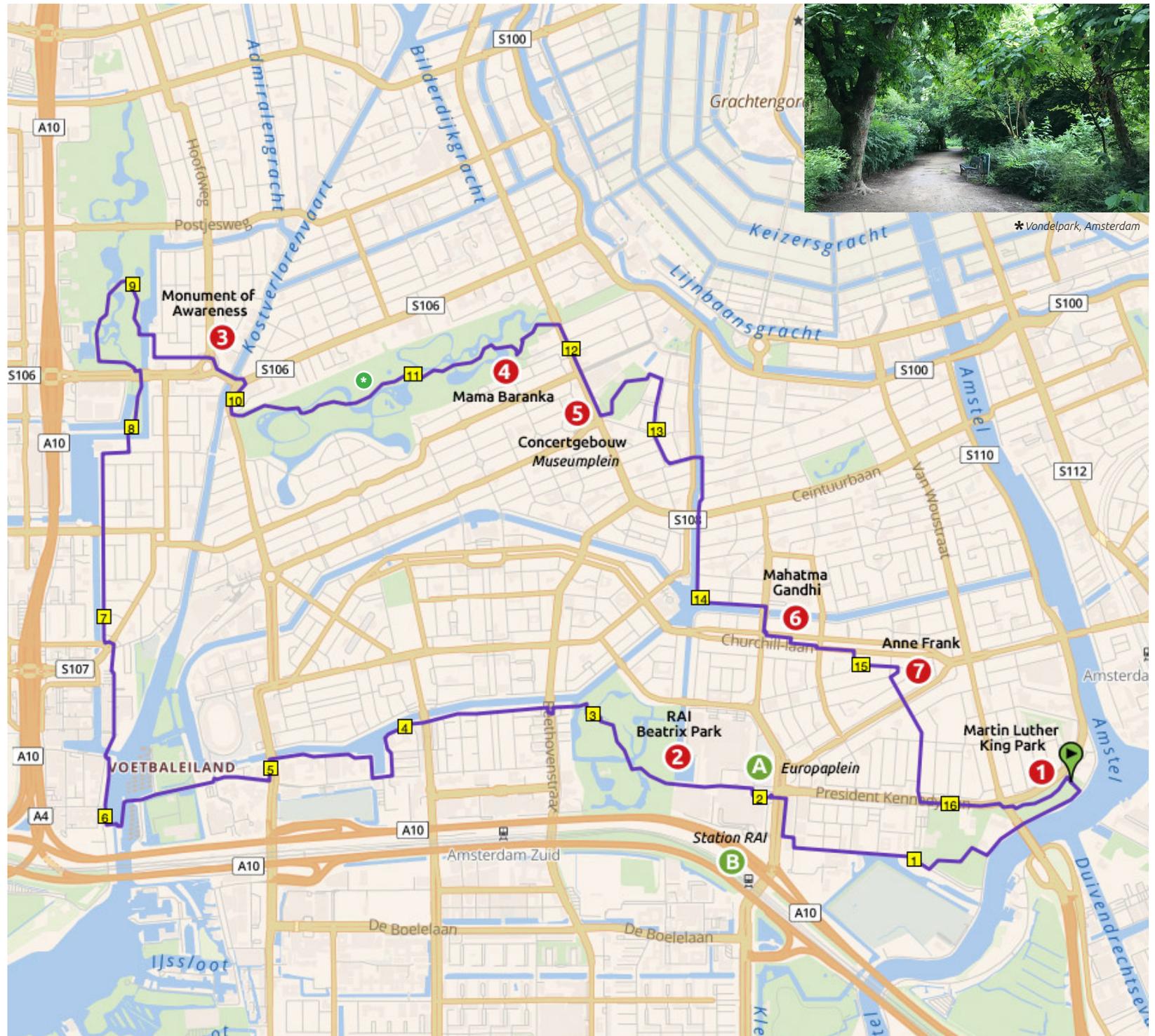
Alternative starting point:

A - Europaplein - Subway 52

B - Station RAI

5 - Museumplein - Tram 2, 5, 12

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- Martin Luther Kingpark >
  - Amstedijk >
  - Zuidelijke Wandelweg >
  - (A) Europaplein, Metro 52/(B) Station RAI >
  - RAI - lecture Dr. King in 1964 >
  - Beatrixpark >
  - Zuider Amstelkanaal >
  - IJsbaanpad >
  - Jaagpad >
  - Generaal Vetterstraat >
  - Westlandgracht >
  - Theophile de Bockstraat >
  - Rembrandtpark >
  - Surinameplein - Monument of Awareness >
  - Surinamestraat >
  - Amstelveenseweg >
  - Vondelpark - Mama Baranka, monument for Kerwin Lucas Duinmeijer >
  - Van Baerlestraat >
  - Concertgebouw - Honorary Doctorate Dr. King >
  - (5) Museumplein - Tram 2, 5, 12 >
  - Rijksmuseum, Stedelijk, Van Goghmuseum >
  - Johannes Vermeerstraat >
  - Ruysdaelkade, Boerenwetering >
  - Joseph Israëlskade, Amstelkanaal >
  - Scheldestraat >
  - Churchilllaan - statue Mahatma Gandhi >
  - Jekerstraat >
  - Merwedeplein - statue Anne Frank, Stolpersteine familie Frank at number 37-II >
  - Waalstraat >
  - President Kennedylaan >
  - Martin Luther Kingpark



## SELMA REMEMBRANCE WALK Martin Luther King Five Days

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Martin Luther King Park, Amsterdam

#### 1. Martin Luther King Park

The park was named after Martin Luther King, Jr. to honor him after his assassination on April 4, 1968. Walk west though (A) Europaplein/(B) Station RAI and along RAI Convention Center to the Beatrix Park.



RAI conference center, Rev. King delivered his speech in the Europahal.

#### 2. RAI - Beatrixpark

On August 16, 1964, reverend Martin Luther King preached during the Baptist World Conference in the RAI. The speech was broadcasted in the Netherlands, Germany, Sweden and Denmark. Watch the video on Andere Tijden. The Beatrix Park was partly designed by the first female urban Planner in the Netherlands, Jakoba 'Ko' Mulder and opened in 1938. She also designed the Amsterdams Bos (Walk Southwest) Continue west along Zuider Amstelkanaal, IJsbaanpad, then north along Westlandgracht, a short walk through the Rembrandt Park and then eastbound to the Surinameplein.



Surinameplein, Monument of Awareness by Henry Renfurm (2003)

#### 3. Monument of Awareness

On Surinameplein you see the monument Bon Fu Gron Prakseri, Tree of Life, to remember the shared history of Surinam, the Netherlands and the Dutch Antilles on behalf of the Committee June 30/Jul 1. Every year the abolition of slavery in the Netherlands, on July 1st 1863/1873 is commemorated during the Ceremony of Awareness. Walk further to the Vondelpark.



Vondelpark, statue Mama Baranka by Nelson Carrilloho (1985), to remember Kerwin Lucas Duinmeijer

#### 4. Vondelpark

The statue Mama Baranka (Mother Rock) in the famous Vondelpark, commemorates Kerwin Lucas Duinmeijer, a 15-years-old schoolboy of Antillian descent who was stabbed on Dam Square (Walk Center) on August 20, 1983, by a 16-year-old skinhead with a '100% white' tattoo. Every year a commemoration is held so that we never forget where racism and intolerance can lead to. Walk further through Van Baerlestraat to the (5) Museumplein



Museumplein, Concertgebouw by architect Adolf Leonard van Gendt (opened on april 11, 1888)

#### 5. Concertgebouw

In the Concertgebouw Martin Luther King was awarded with an honorary doctorate in Social Sciences, by Free University Amsterdam (VU, Walk Southwest). View the Polygon News (Dutch, 1965) and read more on the 1965 page. Visit the Rijks Museum, Stedelijk or Van Gogh Museum, or continue south along Boerenwetering and Amstelkanaal to the Churchillaan.



Churchillaan, Gandhi monument by Karel Gomes (1990)

#### 6. Mahatma Gandhi

The assassinated Indian activist Mahatma Gandhi (1869-1948) was a great source of inspiration to Martin Luther King, Jr. He said: "Jesus gave us the goals and Gandhi gave us the tactics". Gandhi led the non-violent resistance to fight for the independence of India, what was realized on August 15, 1947. Every year on this location a commemoration takes place on October 2, Gandhi's birthday and the International Day of Non-Violence. Continue eastbound to the Merwedeplein.



Churchillaan/Waalstraat. Statue for Wilhelmina Drucker by Gerrit-Jan van der Veen (1939)

#### 7. Wilhelmina Drucker

On Churchillaan stands the statue "The woman as a free man", in honor of Wilhelmina Drucker (1847-1925), 'Iron Mina', Dutch politician, feminist, writer and peace activist. Together with Aletta Jacobs she founded the association for women's suffrage. The artist who made the statue, Gerrit-Jan van der Veen, was a very active resistance fighter during WWII, who was shot to death in 1944.

In 1970 a korset was burnt at this statue by the second wave feminist activist group Dolle Mina's (named after Wilhelmina Drucker). Walk right, to the Waalstraat up to Merwedeplein.



Merwedeplein, Anne Frank statue by Jet Scheep (2005). In the background Amsterdam's first skyscraper by J.F Staal (1932)



Merwedeplein 37-II: Stolpersteine to remember Anne Frank's family, by Gunter Demnig (2015)

#### 7. Anne Frank

The Frank family with their two daughters Margot and Anne lived at Merwedeplein 37-II until they had to hide from the nazi's in 1942 in the Anne Frank House (Walk Center). Anne bought her world famous red checkered diary around the corner on Rooseveltlaan 62, in a still existing book shop, Jimmink. In the pavement in front of Merwedeplein 37 are four Stolpersteine to remember the Frank family, by German artist Gunter Demnig, memorials in front of the homes of those who were persecuted and deported in WWII. In Amsterdam are 600 Stolpersteine, in Europe 75,000. Walk through Waalstraat and Kennedylaan the last stretch to the Martin Luther King Park. ●

On [www.mlk50.nl](http://www.mlk50.nl) find more info and the other four walks that together have exactly the same distance as the March from Selma to Montgomery: 54 miles.

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To remember the March from Selma to Montgomery 55 years ago.  
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