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## BOB DYLAN'S DULUTH TOUR *Birthplace of Bob Dylan*



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**Historic Duluth Armory**—13<sup>th</sup> Avenue East and London Rd. (Historic US Hwy. 61)

“When I was about 16 or 17 years old, I went to hear Buddy Holly play at the Duluth National Guard Armory, and I was three feet away from him, and he looked at me and, . . . I know he was with us all the time we were making this record in some kind of way.” Bob Dylan accepting the 1998 Grammy for “Time Out of Mind”, Album of the Year

“Buddy was royalty, and I felt like . . . was my connection to it, to the rock-and-roll music that I’d played earlier, to that spirit.” Chronicles vol. 1, pg. 277

“Sometimes on the road Dylan stops by the homes or graves of musicians he admires. . . . He’s made pilgrimages in Texas to search out Buddy Holly and Roy Orbison.” “Bob Dylan’s America” by Douglas Brinkley, “Rolling Stone”, May 14, 2009

**Historic US Highway 61**—London Road, Superior Street

“Highway 61, the main thoroughfare of the country blues, begins about where I came from. . . Duluth to be exact. I always felt like I’d started on it, always had been on it and could go anywhere from it, even down into the deep Delta country.”

Chronicles vol. 1, pg. 240



**Leif Erickson Park and statue**—12<sup>th</sup> Avenue East & London Rd., across from Armory, and down to Lakewalk level.

“One time my parents took me to see Harry Truman speak at a political rally in Duluth’s Leif Erickson Park. Leif Erickson was a Viking who was supposed to have come to this part of country way before the Pilgrims. . . . Chronicles vol. 1, pg. 230

**Former home of Louie Kemp**—3700 London Road

Dylan visited and stayed there many times over the years that his old friend owned the house.

**Dylan’s childhood house**—519 North Third Avenue East

Dylan and his family lived in the second floor flat until they moved to Hibbing when Dylan was six years old. A marker was placed at the birth home on May 24, 2016.

**Nettleton Elementary School**— 108 East 6<sup>th</sup> Street (1<sup>st</sup> Avenue East and Sixth Street)

Dylan attended kindergarten here prior to moving to Hibbing.

**St. Mary’s Hospital**—407 E. Third Street

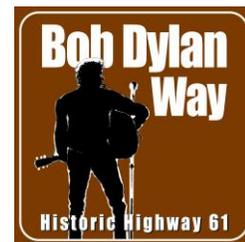
Dylan was born here May 24, 1941 (Robert Zimmerman)

### **Fitger's Brewrey Complex**— 600 East Superior Street

Duluth Dylan Display near the Fitger's Brewhouse Brewery & Grille Restaurant.

### **Bob Dylan Way**—5<sup>th</sup> Avenue West & Michigan Street to 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue East & London Road.

Bob Dylan Way runs through the heart of a downtown Duluth. The pathway traces 1.8 miles of Duluth's downtown and arts district, extending from Michigan Street at 5th Avenue West to 15th Avenue East and London Road. It follows segments of three major arteries: Michigan Street, Superior Street and London Road. Bob Dylan Way connects cultural assets from the Depot to the Armory and helps to create a comprehensive vision of Duluth's vibrant downtown community.



**Bob Dylan Way Manhole Covers**—Three Dylan inspired manhole covers are located along the pathway at the intersection of 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue West and Michigan Street; in front of Fitger's Brewery Complex at 600 East Superior Street; and at the corner of 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue East and London Road.

### **Bayfront Park**—South 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue West

Site of July 3, 1999 Bob Dylan Concert. "You know, I was born up on the hill over there. (applause) I was glad to see that it's still there. (Laughter). You know, my first girlfriend came from here. She was so conceited that I used to call her "Mimi." Bob then threw his head back in fake laughter and Tony did a little rim shot. It was a pretty lame joke, but I think that was the point. Bob is a pretty nutty guy and sometimes I wonder if he isn't the strangest person in rock and roll history. Of course, if he is, that makes him all the more appealing. (Review by Andrew Neuendorf)

### **University of Minnesota Duluth**—102 Ordean Court

Home of KUMD Radio 103.3 which features Highway 61 Revisted, a weekly show by John Bushey focused on Bob Dylan's music streaming on the web [www.kumd.org](http://www.kumd.org) every Saturday @ 5 PM and replayed every Monday @ 5 PM.

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"I'd grown up there in Hibbing but had been born in Duluth, about seventy-five miles away to the east on the edge of Lake Superior, the big lake that the Indians call Gitche Gumee....What I recall mostly about Duluth are the slate gray skies and the mysterious foghorns, violent storms that always seemed to be coming straight at you and merciless howling winds off the big black mysterious lake with treacherous ten-foot waves. People said that having to go out onto the deep water was like a death sentence. Most of Duluth was on a slant. Nothing is level there. The town is built on the side of a steep hill, and you're always either hiking up or down."

Chronicles vol. 1, pgs. 229-30

"I ask Dylan if he minds people visiting Hibbing or Duluth or Minneapolis searching for the root of his talent. 'Not at all,' he surprisingly says....As for Duluth, where his grandparents lived, he thinks it's one of the country's forgotten gems. 'You'll never see another town like Duluth,' he says. 'It's not a tourist destination, but it probably should be. Depends what season you're in there, though. There are only two seasons: damp and cold. I like the way the hills tumble to the waterfront and the way the wind blows around the grain elevators. The train yards go on forever, too. It's old-age industrial, that's what it is. You'll see it from the top of the hill for miles and miles before you get there. You won't believe your eyes. I'll give you a medal if you get out alive.'...Dylan is so down-home that he considers the boondocks of Hibbing-Duluth to be far grander than Paris."

~Bob Dylan's America" by Douglas Brinkley, "Rolling Stone", May 14, 2009