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### Delmar Loop Planet Walk Is Now Open

The Delmar Loop Planet Walk, a scale model of the solar system, opened on Sunday, Nov. 8. The walk is designed to impart an appreciation of how distant the planets are, and to stimulate an appreciation of space and science. At its 1:5 billion scale, the sun is about 10 inches in diameter, and the Earth is a small speck just 95 feet away. The walk stretches 2,880 feet, beginning with the Sun at the Moonrise Hotel and ending with Neptune at Cicero's Restaurant. A signpost with interesting facts marks the location of each planet.

The model was designed by St. Louis artist and graphic designer Stephen Walker, who spent three years developing the walk and scouting locations. "When I heard about the Moonrise Hotel, and its space-themed décor, I knew that was the perfect place for the Planet Walk to start," he recalls. Walker then proposed the idea to Joe Edwards, owner of the Moonrise and other Loop businesses, who immediately embraced the project. The Delmar Loop Planet Walk will be a permanent, 24-hour, free attraction in The Loop. For more info, visit [www.loopplanetwalk.com](http://www.loopplanetwalk.com).