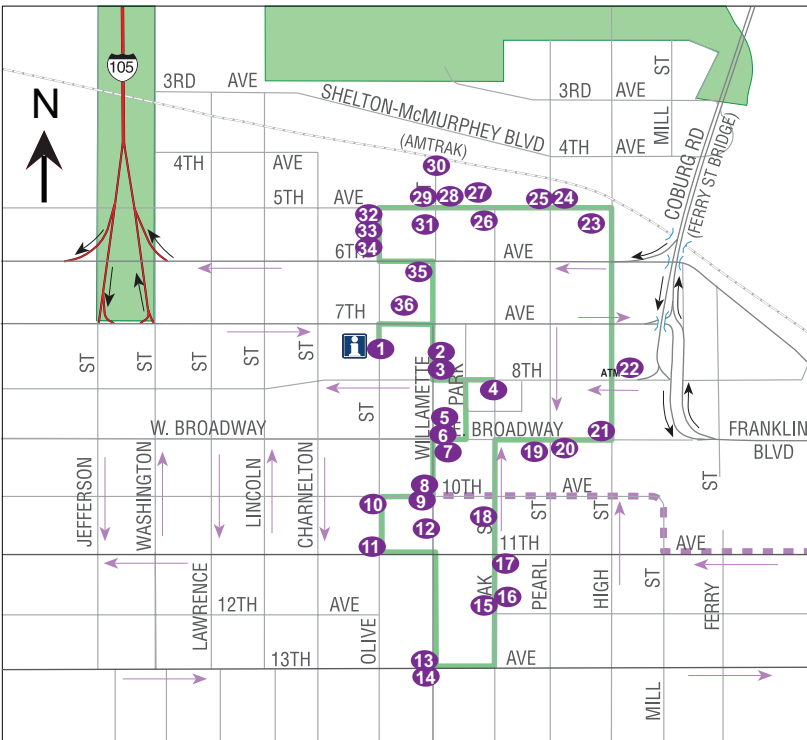






Downtown Eugene Walking Tour



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Long recognized as one of the nation's more nature-friendly and livable cities, Eugene has been called one of the best "green" towns by Sunset magazine, Entrepreneur Magazine and Livability.com. Eugene has also been honored as a very accessible city for its commitment to ensure that everyone has access to public areas.



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- 1 Eugene, Cascades & Coast Downtown Visitor Center** - Since 1980, Travel Lane County has been providing visitors with information on the Eugene, Cascades & Coast region. Stop in to find out how real adventures are real close.
- 2 Smeed Hotel Building** - Built in 1884, it served as a hub of the city's social life. The metal canopy was added several decades later. The original façade was in brick Italianate style, but was replaced by a stucco finish in the early 1900s.
 - 2a. Vintage Sign** - Painted on the north side of the building in the alley.
- 3 Tiffany Building** - A Works Progress Administration (WPA)-era building, in the "Chicago School" style of architecture.
- 4 Park Blocks** - The Park Blocks are at the center of the city and its history. The Incense cedar trees and the round salmon fountain are icons of Eugene's community. Early settlers donated space for the Park Blocks in 1853. The current park design was completed in 1958, and is unique in the Northwest. The Saturday Market and Farmers Market attract thousands of visitors each weekend from mid-April through November.
 - 4a. Wayne L. Morse Free Speech Plaza** - Here you will find a life-sized statue of Oregon's most famous U.S. Senator. He served in the Senate from 1945 to 1969, and was said to be "an electrifying speaker with a brilliant mind." The square includes quotation pavers, and on any given day you can find a diverse gathering of locals here.
 - 4b. Saturday Market** - The oldest weekly, open-air crafts festival in the U.S. offers over 200 craft booths, food and live entertainment every Saturday, rain or shine, mid-April through November.
 - 4c. Farmers' Market** - Adding color and vibrancy to the Saturday Market as a sustainable and local food system that provides local products to consumers seasonally. Also open on Tuesdays from May through October and Thursdays from June through September. It's a place where visitors can become acquainted with producers, and an opportunity for community involvement.
- 5 Oregon Arts Alliance** - Bringing artists and art lovers together to create a vibrant and living arts culture in Oregon through a variety of programs.
- 6 Oveissi Building** - Built in 1962, the metal screens provide sun protection and added dimension to the modernist steel and glass structure.
- 7 Broadway Plaza** - Here, ceramic artist Betsy Wolfston's "Four Seasons" accent the corners of the plaza and the four directions of Eugene through the depiction of the four seasons. You will also find "The Storyteller," Peter Helzer's bronze statue of the late Ken Kesey and part of his family.
 - 7a. "the Storyteller" - Ken Kesey statue** - This bronze memorial sculpture celebrates Eugene's own Merry Prankster, author Ken Kesey. Sit next to Kesey and his three grandchildren and listen for the storyteller's voice reading to you from his classic, *Sometimes a Great Notion* or *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*.
- 8 Actor's Cabaret & Mural** - On the 10th Avenue (south side of the building, note the painted silhouettes in line for a performance -- a whimsical nod to the lighthearted fare frequently featured at A.C.E. performances. Inside, you will find two theaters under one roof: Cabaret Dinner Theater features musicals and comedies, and the Theater Annex features dramas and comedies.
 - 8a. Anatolia** - Serving exotic flavors of Greek and Indian food in a casual downtown Eugene setting.
- 9 McDonald Theatre Building** - The McDonald Theatre opened in 1925 as the grandest theater in Eugene. A community performing arts theatre currently takes up nearly half of the structure's ground floor space. The building is on the National Register of Historic Places and is a Eugene historic landmark. The McDonald Theatre was once considered the jewel in the crown of downtown Eugene movie houses.
 - 9a. Harlequin Beads** - Located across the street from the McDonald Theatre, Harlequin is the Northwest's premier bead shop, with a selection of over 10,000 different beads, along with tools and classes.
- 10 Eugene Public Library** - The library design features a 164,000-square foot (15,236-square meter), cast-in-place concrete frame structure clad in brick, with underground parking. The building includes four elevators, a glass atrium, terrazzo entry and a 30-foot (9 meter) diameter circular staircase, and conforms to a number of the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy Efficient Design (LEED) guidelines. The structure also features extensive daylight and natural ventilation systems. Construction has made use of numerous recycled and nontoxic materials. The Library supports an informed community, lifelong learning and offers more than 1,000 free programs and events each year.
 - 10a. "Eugene Skinner" statue** - Noteworthy art is incorporated both inside and outside the structure, beginning with artist Jim Carpenter's welcoming bronze statue of the city of Eugene's founding father, Eugene Skinner, at the front doorway. Take a seat on the bronze log next to Eugene Skinner as he gazes up to Skinner Butte, where he built his log cabin in 1846.
- 11 The Kiva Natural Foods Store** - Eugene's downtown locally-owned grocer since 1970, featuring organic, natural and gourmet foods, including items grown and produced in Lane County.
- 12 Lane Transit District Eugene Station (LTD)** - Local glass wizard John Rose created the glass insets of the arches at the Eugene LTD bus station, as well as the glass pyramids set in the clock tower of the Public Service Building. The LTD station covers nearly a city block, and serves as the city's public transportation hub. LTD is a national award-winning public transit system. All LTD buses are wheelchair accessible and equipped with bike racks. The Eugene Station represents a signature public facility that provides a quality architectural and functional complement to its surroundings. The state-of-the-art "EmX," which runs between Eugene and Springfield, is a bus rapid transit concept based on light-rail principles, designed to achieve a similar service at a cost available to smaller communities.
 - 12a. "Rosa Parks" statue** - Located in the center of Eugene at the LTD bus station, now known as Rosa Parks Plaza, the Rosa Parks statue honors the legendary woman who inspired the US Supreme Court case that ruled segregation on public transportation unconstitutional. Created by sculptor Pete Helzer, Eugene is the first US city to honor this civil rights pioneer with a beautiful life size bronze statue.

- 13 Kennell-Ellis Studio Building** - This building was constructed in 1947, and is designed in the Art Moderne Style, as evidenced by the rounded, flowing lines and continuous balcony.
- 14 Eugene Downtown Fire Station** - The Downtown Fire Station 1 site at the corner of 13th Avenue and Willamette Street opened in 2006. This is a 28,000-square foot (2,600 square meter) facility which houses five apparatus bays, fire crew, the District Chief's quarters, and office space for the Fire Marshal and Fire Prevention staff. Behind the walls is a modern building which includes the latest in energy efficient features and takes advantage of natural light and ventilation. The site is landscaped with fire resistant plants, most of which are natives. This serves as a model in the education of the public in selecting plants that help reduce fire risk around vulnerable homes.
- 15 First Christian Church** - An example of the Classical Revival Period, this church was built in 1911. The bell tower was added in 1926. Care was taken to match the dome in style. The two locust trees in front were planted in the mid 1800s.
- 16 Alpha Tau Omega house** - Originally a University of Oregon fraternity house. This concrete and wood Craftsman bungalow was built in 1910 and is listed on the National Historic Register in 1983.
- 17 Aurora Building** - This project demonstrates the successful use of sustainable design and green building techniques in a downtown setting. The Aurora Building is a mixed-use building with 54 total residential units, 11 of which are assisted by HUD's "HOME" Program. The project has a geothermal heating, cooling and water heating system that runs 320 feet (97.5 meters) below ground level. The building incorporates local artwork, including glass tiles from the Aurora Glass Foundry.
- 18 Native Flowering Dogwood** - Between 10th and 11th Avenues, on the west side of Oak Street by the Overpark. In May, the limbs are filled with delicate cream-colored blossoms. The dogwood is one of many mature, urban trees of which Eugene is justly proud.
- 19 Broadway & Pearl District** - This tree-lined area offers a variety of fashion, shoes, jewelry, books, antiques, flowers, and fine dining.
- 19a. Pewter Rabbit Antiques** - Browse through carefully chosen, quality antiques. Estate jewelry, furniture, textiles, silver, toys and as always ... the unusual. Customers often say it's one of the best shops on the West Coast. Open Monday - Saturday in downtown Eugene.
- 19b. Café Zenon** - Downtown's landmark destination bistro since 1982, located in the heart of Eugene's entertainment district. An eclectic, international menu featuring creative preparation of the freshest local ingredients. Open every day for lunch, dinner, late night desserts and weekend brunch.
- 19c. Freudian Slip Lingerie & Gifts** - Featuring an extensive selection of gorgeous lingerie including bras, bustiers, camisoles, sleepwear and slips in sizes XS-XL.
- 19d. Full City Coffee Roasters** - Creating finely crafted coffees that are unparalleled in flavor and style, with over 30 years of roasting and brewing experience.
- 19e. Home Federal Bank & ATM** - Located at 899 Pearl Street, convenient for all your banking needs.
- 19c. Sweet Basil Thai Cuisine** - Traditional Thai cuisine with the occasional splash of modern innovation in an elegant yet cosmopolitan setting.
- 20 Eugene Hotel** - The Eugene Hotel opened its doors with dinner, dancing and much fanfare on June 15, 1925. The Americanized-Spanish architectural style, with cream-colored stucco finish, caused it to be recognized as one of the most handsome hotels in the Northwest. The stylish building is on the National Registry of Historic Places, and houses apartments for active adults, age 58 and over.
- 21 John G. Shedd Institute for the Arts** - A former Baptist Church, the 65,000 square foot (6,038 square meter) building boasts two formal concert halls, a multi-purpose 250-seat Great Hall, two dance studios, a library, and over 30 other community meeting rooms, classrooms and rehearsal spaces. The Shedd Institute offers concerts year-round, including the Oregon Festival of American Music each August. Music lessons, classes and camps are available for all ages.
- 22 Wayne Morse Federal Courthouse Building (view point)** - This building is part of the General Services Administration's Design in Excellence program. The structure was designed by Pritzker Prize winning architect Thom Mayne. The building's first three floors are cast-in-place concrete sections, while the upper part is comprised of brushed stainless steel and glass. Green and sustainable elements such as natural lighting, displacement ventilation and radiant cooling and heating are featured prominently in the courthouse's design. The building is likely to achieve a silver rating through the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED rating system.
- 23 5th Street Public Market** - The Fifth Street Market District was originally a group of warehouses (some of which specialized in chicken processing) built shortly after 1900. The area is still popularly known by its original name, although "avenues" replaced numbered "streets" long ago. The Market is home to some of the Pacific Northwest's finest cafés and restaurants, fashion, home furnishing and gift stores. It offers wireless Internet and ample parking.
- 23a. Marché** - A full-service restaurant and bar featuring the finest Northwest seasonal ingredients prepared French bistro-style and an extensive wine list with the emphasis on Oregon and France. Open daily, with room for meetings and parties.
- 23b. Marché Provisions** - Specialty food store and bakery offering the best of the season and region. Pizza, salad bar, deli, espresso, ice cream and wine shop. Catering available.
- 23c. LaVelle Club Room** - Open 7 days a week. Light fare including bistro plates, soup, salad and specials. Summer Music on the Patio series Thursday nights June - September..
- 23d. Noli Italian Café** - Original Italian food based on Ligurian cuisine. Homemade meatballs, lasagna, sauces, dressings and pasta. Vegetarian entrees. Family-oriented restaurant serving lunch and dinner.

- 24. Bag Building/Granary** - The Granary building was built around 1905, and was converted into office and restaurant space in the 1971. The original grain bins have been made into seating areas inside Jo Federigo's restaurant. The adjacent Bag building was built around the same time, and was the second step (bagging) in readying grain for market.
- 24a. **Granary Pizza and Nightclub** - They're not just Pizza! Enjoy their House Ribs and Herb Roasted Chicken.
- 24b. **Café Lucky Noodle** - Global noodle house featuring both traditional Italian and Southeast Asian cuisine. House made pasta and gelato, dynamic Thai noodle stir-fries, daily continental breakfast, lunch, weekend brunch, organic espresso, mimosas, wine, northwest microbrews and specialty cocktails. Open late, full dinner menu until close.
- 24c. **Cornucopia Bar & Burgers** - Located in the 5th and Pearl building, Cornucopia's newest location puts an emphasis on all natural hormone free burgers. Providing a fun, comfortable atmosphere and serving up the best in American casual fare. The new location also features a full bar with great daily specials. "Best Burger in Eugene" Register-Guard 2007 and 2009.
- 25. Station Square** - Featuring a variety of shops and restaurants, including:
- 25a. **Steelhead Brewing Co.** - Fresh beer brewed on the premises. Tours available. Appetizers, sandwiches, burgers and salads offered all day. Satellite television sports.
- 26. Willamette Stationers** - Locally owned since 1951, this building is considered to be a classic example of art deco architecture. Stationery, greeting cards, scrap booking supplies and classes, gifts, office supplies and Monster Cookies.
- 27. Shelton-McMurphey-Johnson House (view point)** - This home was built in 1888 on a hill overlooking the city, and now stands as a classic example of a late 19th century Queen Anne-style Victorian mansion. The house is owned by the City and administered by the non-profit Shelton-McMurphey-Johnson Associates. The area's only Victorian House Museum, the house is also available for private events and group tours.
- 28. Oregon Electric Station Restaurant** - A national historic landmark featuring antique railroad cars for dining. The depot was built for an interurban electric railway which ran from 1912 – 1933. The building style is Classical and Georgian Revival; note the carved stone detailing and arched windows. The restaurant is a city favorite, and prime rib is a specialty.
- 29. Lane Building** - Shops and restaurants. The Lane Building at 488 Willamette Street, served as a hotel from 1903 until 1978 and now houses a variety of businesses.
- 30. Eugene Amtrak Train Station** - The current building is the third passenger depot built at this location (the first having been constructed on the site in 1908). The historic depot received a 4.5 million dollar rehabilitation in 2004.
- 31. Main Post Office - Eugene** - The post office at 5th and Willamette was built in 1938 as part of the WPA Building program to support local economies and workers during the Depression. The murals were created by noted artist Carl Morris. Notice the matched marble wainscoting in the lobby, the art deco motifs carried through from the façade, and the blue terra cotta on the east front. The building was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1986. The inside murals are solid examples of the Social Realism depicted across the country, and demonstrate the artist's unique use of color and design.
- 32. Farmers' Union Building** - The Farmers' Union Marketplace is a collection of two buildings located at 5th & Olive Street in Eugene. The building began its life back in 1923 as the Lane County Farmers' Union Cooperative, and now houses a bicycle shop, coffee houses, and other businesses.
- 32a. **Paul's Bicycle Way of Life** - At Paul's they live and breathe bicycling as a lifestyle. The staff of expert mechanics and experienced cyclists take great pride in offering the best service around. Whether your bicycle needs a complete overhaul or you need help finding the right bicycle for you, they are more than happy to help. Rent hybrids and comfort bikes at the 5th Avenue location; and road bikes at the 6th Avenue shop. Call for availability. Helmets and bike locks are included with each rental.
- 33. Crown Feed Co.** - This building has been used to process grain and sell farm supplies for over 65 years and it retains much of its early character. Notice the solid wood wall construction in the interior. At the tallest portion of the building in the middle, look for the overhead grain bins that form the ceiling of the room. Around the room are a series of wooden chutes used to empty grain into bags. The old grain cleaning machine still remains by the exterior wall. The trademark of the building is the old Purina checkered logo painted atop the tallest tower of the building.
- 33a. **Down to Earth Home, Garden & Gift** - Located in the historic Farmers Union Market Place, offering a unique blend of practical garden and household goods. Locally owned since 1977.
- 34. Heron Building** - The Heron Building is conceived as a mixed-use modern urban building, as well as a re-creation of early 20th century historic urbanism in Eugene. The building offers commercial space on the ground floor, along with two floors of office space above. The ground floor has areas for outdoor café seating on both the sidewalk edge and the rear court of the building. Though the building is primarily influenced by American urban traditions, important European influences are found in its dramatic entry tower on Olive Street and the crafted detailing throughout. The colors are inspired by the sun-baked earths, reds and ochres found in the hill towns of Tuscany. The Heron Building is designed to appear as a series of smaller buildings, built over time as neighbors.
- 35. Japanese American Memorial** - Sited at the location where area Japanese-Americans were called to report in 1942 for internment camp relocation, this beautiful artistic memorial gains lasting power by drawing attention not just to an injustice but to the struggle to overcome it. It teaches more than history - it's a timeless lesson in civics. Crafted by artists Kenge Kobayashi and David Clemons.
- 36. Hult Center for the Performing Arts** - Note the extent to which a variety of visual arts were architecturally integrated into this structure. Ranging from hand-painted tiles in the restrooms to the house curtain in the Silva Concert Hall, works by 30 artists and crafts-people were planned and executed in concert with the building construction. More than 600 clay tiles extend in a straight line around the Silva Concert Hall on the 6th Avenue side and continue into the lobby. Impressive theaters (500 and 2,500 seats) host world-class performances and conference sessions. The award-winning Jacob's Gallery and studio offer truly unique spaces for receptions and meetings.