

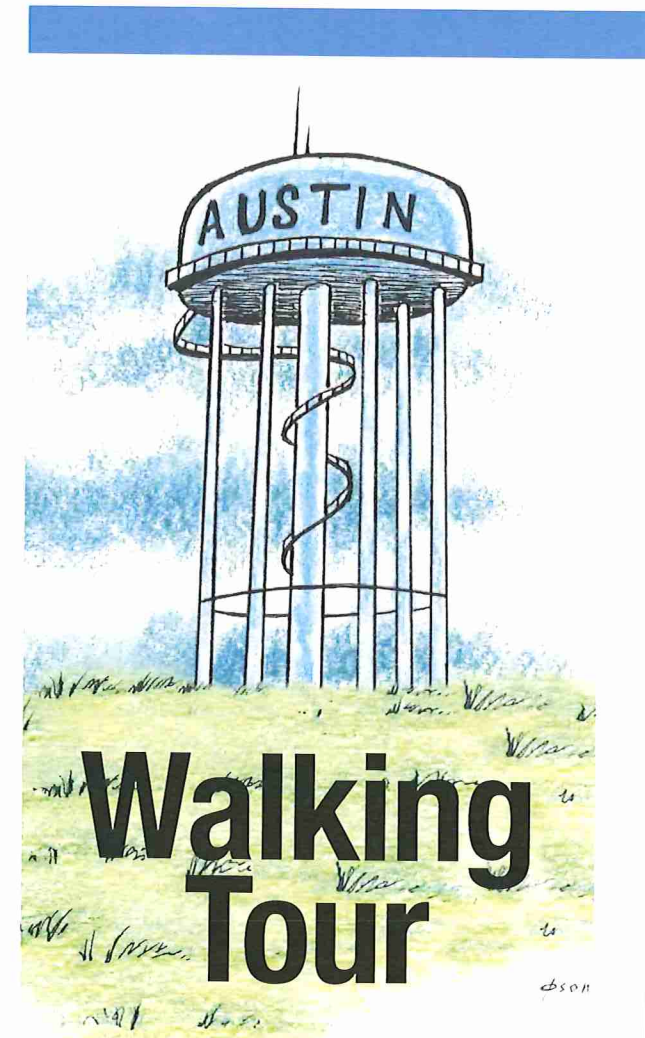
STATUES:

- A** Worlein Park, 1st Ave. NW & 1st Dr. NW, the pieces depict nature and family, Artist Mike Capser
- B** "Once Upon A Time," 323 4th Ave. NE, Artist Dennis Smith
- C** "Fallen Soldier" by Artist Neil Brodin
- D** SPAM® Museum, 1937 Spam Blvd., "Farmer & Pigs," Artist Mike Capser
- E** "Hands of Humanity, Hands of Peace," 1st St. NE & 2nd Ave. NE, Artist Jeff Anderson
- F** "The Protector," Artist Brodin. "George Washington" bronze statue, Artist John K. Daniels. "Mower County Veteran's Memorial," Artists Jeff Anderson and Tom Hunt, 100 block Main St.

MURALS:

- G H** Greg Wimmer
- I** Dan Ulwelling

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Walking Tour

(Greater) Downtown Austin, Minnesota

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1 ST. AUGUSTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH 407 4th St. NW

The parish was established in 1857 and the cornerstone of the present Neo-Gothic building was laid in 1894. The distinctive, beautiful stained glass windows enhance the aerial ceiling arches and the focal point of the tabernacle.

2 DAVIDSON HOUSE (former Cottage Hotel) 408 5th Pl. NW

Originally at 500 N Main St but moved to this location when Hirsh Clothier was built in 1902. It is the oldest apartment building in Austin. The Mansard roof style was popular in 1860 to 1910 eras. Private residences.

3 DECKER HOUSE 600 3rd St. NW

The first part of the house is dated 1859. It was built without a fireplace and had a newfangled furnace to provide central heat! It was built in Victorian era but in the more refined Queen Anne style. Private residence.

4 GEORGE & EVA BILLSTEIN, HIRSH HOUSE 601 2nd St. NW

This 5 bedroom Victorian style house was built in 1894. A tower, large porch, scalloped sidings, and carpentry bric-a-brac were used to demonstrate the decorative possibilities afforded by the new jigsaw (or scroll saw as it was called in the late 19th Century). Private residence.

5 ARTHUR WINFIELD WRIGHT HOUSE (NRHP) 300 4th Ave. NW

Records show the house was built before 1874. It is the earliest, most intact example of Italianate style in Mower County. Note the unusual narrow gables, paired corbels, and heavily corniced window and door moldings. Private residence.

6 HORMEL HISTORIC HOME (NRHP) 208 4th Ave. NW

Built in 1871 by then-mayor John Cook, the residence was the home of George and Lillian Hormel from 1901 to 1927. The home features stained glass windows, imported leaded glass, beautiful decorative woodwork, and the distinctive 4 pillars imported from Italy. It has been restored to early 1900's décor and is open for tours, as well as available for special functions.

7 CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH 301 3rd Ave. NW

Christ Church dedicated its cornerstone on Nov 19, 1951. Architect LeRoy Gaarder from Albert Lea designed the English Gothic building, which is constructed of Lannon stone with a slate roof.

8 ST. OLAF LUTHERAN CHURCH 306 2nd St. NW

From the ruins of a church destroyed in the tornado of 1928 was raised this majestic building, completed in 1930. Embodying the characteristics of a cathedral with the transepts and long narrow chancel, the building also incorporates aspects of the chapel type of architecture through the absence of spires. The Art Nouveau influence is seen in the soft, harmonious hue and pervading simplicity. Note the beautiful wood, the icons, and the choir loft in the sanctuary.

9 AUSTIN HIGH SCHOOL 301 3rd St. NW

The oldest part, the north section, was built in 1921, designed by architect G.L. Lockhart. The center section was completed in 1940 and

at that time making this the largest high school in the state. Restoration of the building took place in 1991, along with the addition of the south gyms. The exterior design is English & Gothic with castellated turrets and parapets, towers, pilaster and narrow windows.

10 FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 204 1st Ave NW

This parish was organized in 1856, and the current church was built in 1909. It is a great example of the Beaux Arts style, with a grand staircase and classical Roman details and arches. The sanctuary's stained glass windows were created and hand-painted by the Ford Bro. Glass Studio in Minneapolis, with the three large oval windows depicting cities in the life of Jesus. The semi-circular seating directs the attention of worshippers to the center of the temple sanctuary.

11 HOME FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK 201 W. Oakland Ave.

Originally opened on Main St in 1937, the present building was built in 1960 and is a typical modern international style of box and glass. The bank also features Austin's largest mosaic and an iconic giant gold-eagle.

12 KNAUER'S 121 1st Ave. NW

The building was erected in 1886. The Knauer family purchased it and opened the market circa 1906, selling only meat for many years before gradually adding other grocery items. This unique market retains its "days gone by" atmosphere and continues to serve many loyal customers.

13 RYDJOR BIKE SHOP 219 N. Main St.

Take a stroll through the building to see the extensive collection of bikes, some over 100 years old, including the 1968 "Bone-shaker". The back of the building features a mural recreated from an oil painting by the late owner, Dan Ulwelling.

14 EL MARIACHI 233 N. Main St.

Formerly the Wold Drug building, built 1885. K.O. Wold established his business on this corner in 1897. It continued operation as Wold Drug until 1965. Note the unique sign on side of this building.

15 MOWER COUNTY COURTHOUSE/LEC 201 1st St. NE

The original courthouse building was built at this site in 1884. An addition was added in 1952, and then the original building was torn down in 1966 due to extensive deterioration. This new building was constructed in pink Kuhota stone with grey Bedford stone. The LEC was added in 1975. A new entrance making a new, more open and inviting space was built in 1999, and a major interior renovation was concluded in 2014.

16 ARTWORKS CENTER 300 N. Main St.

Also known as the Old Bank building. This was original site of the First National Bank, from 1869 to 1931. It has been remodeled several times and used for multiple purposes, including as a restaurant and an exercise facility. In 2014, the building re-opened as the Austin ArtWorks Center, housing a downstairs kiln and studio, main floor retail space for artwork of all kinds, and an upstairs art gallery and open space used for concerts, meetings, and other events.

17 DISCOVER AUSTIN/US BANK 301 N. Main St.

Find a wealth of information and material about Austin and the surrounding area, including attractions, restaurants, maps, tours, resources, scheduled events, and more. Built in 1975, the US Bank building is an example of the International style, with a typical rectangular design. It has light, taut plane surfaces which have been stripped of any ornamentation, open interior spaces and visual weightlessness.

18 SPAM® MUSEUM 101 3rd Ave. NE

Fun, free, interactive and educational! This museum tells the amazing story of the Hormel Foods Corporation, the only Minnesota Fortune 500 company outside of the metro area, featuring the famous versatile and historic SPAM®. Enjoy audio, video, traditional and interactive displays. The on-site SPAM® Gift Shop offers all varieties of SPAM® and over 400 SPAM® themed items.

19 SWEET READS BOOK AND CANDY STORY 407 N. Main St.

Experience an old-fashioned candy store that also offers books, crafts, souvenirs, and the world's largest collection of Berenstain Bears memorabilia! Special events and activities offered throughout the year.

20 DUSTY'S BAR & LOUNGE 422 N. Main St.

Features an authentic 1930's Art Deco bar from Quincy, IL.

21 WELLS FARGO BANK 501 N. Main St.

Architect Kane used the popular Prairie School style with futuristic ornamentation when constructing this building in 1961 on a difficult triangular lot. The interior has been remodeled but is largely intact. Note the ceiling lighting.

22 BRICK FURNITURE 500 N. Main St.

Home to the former George Hirsch Clothier and then Keenan's, this building has a distinctive 1902 cornerstone. The Gothic style building was originally twice this size but half was destroyed by fire in 1928. Western Union was located in the SW corner on main floor. Inside store are fascinating historic photos.

23 SOUTH CENTRAL ATHLETE 100 block 4th Ave. NE and B&J'S BAR & GRILL

Remodeled in 2007 & store front fashioned after the California Modern Style.

24 HISTORIC PARAMOUNT THEATRE 125 4th Ave. NE

Built in 1929 for stage theatre and first-run movies, it is one of just 4 atmospheric theatres left in Minnesota. It's colorful, highly detailed Spanish motif, starlit ceiling, and marquee are distinctive characteristics. It has been carefully restored to its original grandeur and is again used for live performances, films, and special events.

25 TENDERMAID SANDWICH SHOP 217 4th Ave. NE

Stop by for a delicious loose-meat sandwich and one of their amazing milkshakes at this distinctive Austin eatery. If you are really hungry, go after the TenderMaid Challenge – 30 sandwiches, a bag of chips, a malt, and drink 84 oz. of water in 26 minutes (as of 6/24/2017).

26 AUSTIN PUBLIC LIBRARY 323 4th Ave. NE

Built in 1996 overlooking the Mill Pond, it is a fine example of modern Prairie School architecture. There are beautiful sculptures and landscaping outside and many pieces of art displayed inside. Views from the windows show the flood protection wall, prairie restoration projects, walking and biking trails, and the Hormel plant. Thanks to the generous donation from the Hodapp family, the Austin Public Library is also the only public library with a copy of the Heritage Edition of the St. John's Bible. One of seven volumes is on display at all times, and special viewing of the whole set can be arranged.

27 MUNICIPAL BUILDING 500 4th Ave. NE

This building was constructed in 1961 by architect Kane in the Prairie School style. The "form follows function" of this style incorporates materials which suggest a solid base for the formality and function of a town hall.

28 THE BRICK HOUSE 412 3rd Ave. NE

This house was built in 1858, the same year Minnesota became a state, and is one of the oldest houses in Austin. It was owned by the Bassett family from 1868 until 1980. A 1930's addition was done carefully to duplicate the original style. Privately owned.

Off-Map Sites:

29 ROOSEVELT BRIDGE 4th St. NE

across the Cedar River: Designed by Mower County engineer Alan C. White and constructed with funds provided by the Civil Works Administration. The CWA had a very short life, and the Roosevelt Bridge is significant as an extant, intact representative of this Depression-era program. It is comprised of reinforced-concrete arches on stone foundations with stone masonry headwalls, abutments, and pier. The Roosevelt Bridge is significant for this unusual combination of concrete arches with a masonry substructure, and for the stone masonry workmanship reflecting the craftsmanship of multiple tradesmen involved with the project. The bridge was rehabilitated in 2011-2014.

30 JAY C. HORMEL NATURE CENTER 1304 21st St. NE

518 acres of hardwoods, pine forest, restored prairie, creeks and ponds, with a three-story observation tower, ten miles of hiking/cross-country ski/snowshoe trails, and a 1/3 mile paved trail that is handicap accessible. The Interpretive Center offers interactive displays and exhibits, a dedicated children's exploration room, and classroom space for programs on wildflowers, maple syrup making, monarch butterfly tagging, apple cider pressing, hawk and owl talks, bird banding, bee keeping and honey making, and more.