

WALK



RAYNOLDS

NEIGHBORHOOD TOUR

1.2-1.5 MILES



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ALBUQUERQUE NEIGHBORHOOD
WALKING TOUR SERIES

ABOUT RAYNOLDS ADDITION

The Raynolds Addition, just west of downtown, has long been a favorite walking destination for both residents and nearby downtown workers. You will find both recent and historic house, garden, and apartment building details to interest you. Parks, cafes, and other neighborhood-scale businesses attract walkers. One new development on long-vacant land is a four-story live/work building complementing the remodeled historic Southern Union Gas Company of New Mexico building, recent home of the Flying Star Café.

The following two tours give you a taste of the neighborhood, but there is much more to see. Keep your eyes peeled for details and enjoy your walk!

WALKABILITY

Many sidewalks are narrow and slope steeply across driveways. Missing curb ramps add to the challenges for those in wheel chairs or pushing baby strollers. Walking in the street may be easier at these locations, but watch for traffic! In some locations, wide setback sidewalks make walking much easier. Front porches encourage interactions between walkers and residents.



HISTORY

Resources: Albuquerque's Environmental Story: Toward a Sustainable Community
Historic Albuquerque Tour Map and Guide , City of Albuquerque Planning Department.

The Raynolds Addition, between 8th Street and 17th Street, was platted in 1912. The area filled in slowly with garden apartments, bungalows, southwest style houses, and some of Albuquerque's earliest apartment buildings.

Raynolds contains the Aldo Leopold Neighborhood Historic District. Leopold (1886-1948), the U.S. father of wildlife ecology, lived in Albuquerque between 1914 and 1924. In 1918, as Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, he led an effort to create what would later become the Rio Grande Valley State Park.

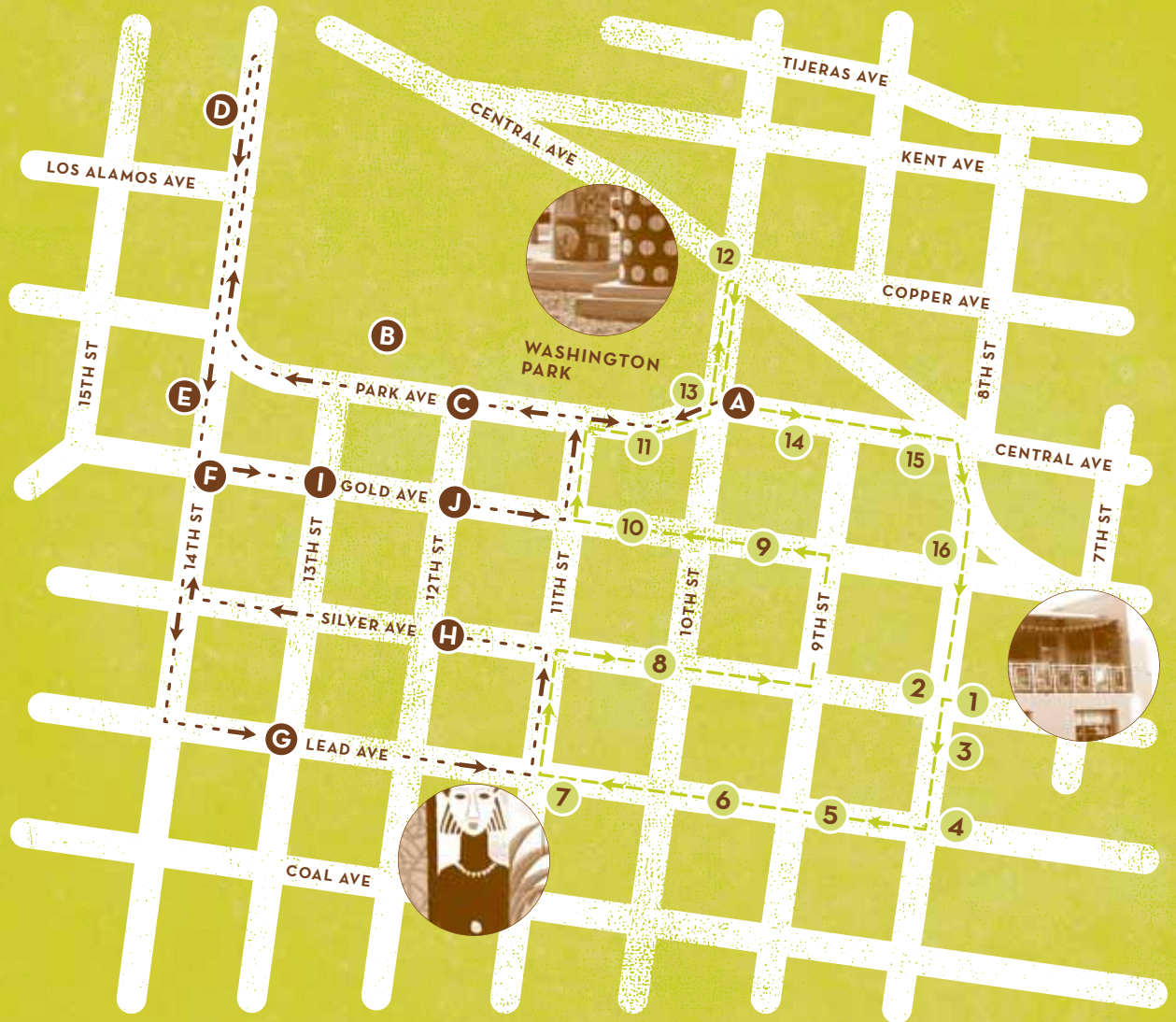
Some of the neighborhood's original housing stock was demolished in the "urban renewal" of the 1960s. Much of that land remained vacant until recently.

In the 1990s, the Raynolds Neighborhood Association began painting murals, planting xeric gardens, and sculpting dead elm trees on residential properties. The association helped redesign Washington Park and designed and built a neighborhood entrance at Park and 10th streets. Projects were done in collaboration with Washington Middle School students, the City, and Rowlands nursery.



Refrigerators along 10th at the Washington Apartments, 1940. #78.151.19, Photographer, Brooks Studio, Brooks Collection, Donor, Charmell Graham. Albuquerque Museum.

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interesting details and
[unexpected]
surprises



1.2 MILE LOOP

START AT 8TH AND SILVER.

1. **723 SILVER SW (8TH AND SILVER) FLYING STAR CAFÉ.**
This Southern Union Gas Company of New Mexico building was designed in the 1950s by architect John Gaw Meem. Gaw Meem developed and refined the “Sante Fe style”, derived from Pueblo and Spanish Colonial architecture combined with modernism. In 2005 this vacant building was adapted for the café by owner Jay Rembe and architect Chris Calott.
2. **NORTHWEST CORNER OF 8TH AND SILVER.**
Chris Calott and Tom Gifford designed this live-work building in 2005. Each four-story unit accommodates retail or office space on the first floor and living space above.
3. **SOUTHEAST CORNER OF 8TH AND SILVER, FIRE STATION.**
Mural “More than a Firefighter” by local artist, PAZ, (1999), on 8thStreet.

CONTINUE SOUTH TO LEAD AND TURN RIGHT (WEST).

4. **600 AND 700 BLOCKS OF LEAD SW.**
The Alvarado Apartments were built in the 1980s, the first downtown apartments built on lands cleared for urban renewal in the 1960s.
5. **THE 800 BLOCK OF LEAD SW - XERIC GARDENS, FENCES AND WALLS.**
Note fence at 806 Lead, intricate brickwork at the courtyard apartment at 809 Lead, 1937 Spanish Pueblo Revival duplex at 815-17 Lead, and bear carved from a tree trunk at 824 Lead.
6. **THE 900 BLOCK OF LEAD SW IS EASY TO WALK WITH ITS FLAT SIDEWALKS AND CURB RAMPS.**
Note interesting low porch roof at 912 Lead SW and 1940s Spanish Pueblo Revival apartment complex with interior courtyard at 920 Lead.
7. **1024 LEAD SW APARTMENTS.**
See fence pilasters with tile work and mural about Africa on the 10th Street side of the vacant Casa Maria Rest Home.

WALK NORTH (RIGHT) ON 11TH TO SILVER AND TURN RIGHT (EAST).

8. **1000 AND 900 BLOCKS OF SILVER - VARIETY OF HOUSES FROM THE TEENS, 1920S AND 1930S.**

918 Silver SW is a 1915 Craftsman Bungalow. In the 1930s, 916 Silver SW won “Best Brick House Award” from the Contractors’ Association. 900 Silver is a 1924 Spanish Pueblo Revival house with an undulating parapet.

WALK NORTH (LEFT) ON 9TH TO GOLD AND TURN LEFT (WEST).

9. **902 GOLD SW, BUILT IN 1915.**
10. **PRESBYTERIAN NURSES’ HOMES, 1001 GOLD SW AND 1018 GOLD SW (1922).**

WALK NORTH (RIGHT) ON 11TH TO PARK AND TURN RIGHT (EAST).

11. **1000 BLOCK OF PARK SW.**
Note inviting Arcadia Court at 1020 Park SW.
12. **WALK NORTH (LEFT) ON 10TH TO CENTRAL TO SEE THE WASHINGTON APARTMENTS (1916) AT 1002-1008 CENTRAL SW.**

RETRACE YOUR STEPS SOUTH ON 10TH AND TURN LEFT (EAST) TO CONTINUE VIEWING PARK AVE.

13. **10TH AND PARK SW.**
Note mural and sculptures “Pillars of the Community” in the park on the northwest corner, and neighborhood commercial center with Neighborhood Association welcome sign and benches on the southwest corner.
14. **900 BLOCK OF PARK SW.**
The building on the southeast corner of 10th and Park SW was converted to office and apartments in the 1990s. 906 Park SW, Java Joe’s (SIPPACUPPAJOE!), provides coffee, food, and NM music on Sunday mornings.
15. **800 BLOCK OF PARK SW.**
808 Park SW, Off Center Community Arts studio and gallery. 804 Park SW was at one time 900 Park Place, educator John Milne’s simplified prairie style single-family home built in 1917. Milne was the superintendent of Albuquerque public schools from 1911 - 1956 when he died. The Southwest Network for Environmental Justice now occupies the house.

TURN SOUTH (RIGHT) ON 8TH TO RETURN TO BEGINNING POINT.

16. **113-127 8TH SW.**
The Eller Apartments were designed and built by Henry Trost for Dr. Charles Eller (1922).



WEST RAYNOLDS TOUR

1.5 MILE LOOP

START AT 10TH AND PARK AND HEAD WEST ON PARK.

- A. 10TH AND PARK SW, WASHINGTON PARK.
- B. WASHINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL WAS BUILT IN THE 1970S TO REPLACE THE ORIGINAL WASHINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL BUILT IN 1922 - 24 BY TROST, TROST, AND GLADDING.
- C. 1100 AND 1200 BLOCKS OF PARK SW, SOUTH SIDE, AN ECLECTIC MIXTURE OF DUPLEXES WITH WELL-USED FRONT PORCHES, HOUSES WITH XERIC GARDENS AND LIVE/WORK SPACES.

TURN NORTH (RIGHT) ON 14TH STREET.

- D. 100 BLOCK OF 14TH STREET, THE ALDO LEOPOLD NEIGHBORHOOD HISTORIC DISTRICT, CONTAINS EIGHT BUNGALOWS BUILT BETWEEN 1913-1920.
135 14th St. SW - 1915 adobe bungalow built for the Leopolds is listed in the NM Register of Cultural Properties; 131 14th St. SW - 1915 Period Revival Style, H.C. Roehl House; 129 14th SW, c. 1919 bungalow, E.L. Moulton House; 117 14th SW, c. 1919 bungalow, R.D. Strome House; 113 14th SW bungalow; 111 14th SW, c. 1919 bungalow, Julia Keleher House; and 109 14th SW, 1913.

RETRACE YOUR STEPS SOUTH ON 14TH STREET AND CONTINUE TO LEAD.

- E. THE 300 BLOCK OF 14TH SW.
Painted metal flowers on gate and detail around front door enhance 324 14th SW. Henry C. Trost, architect/designer of Albuquerque High School, reportedly built the 1925-30 SW Pueblo Revival house at 300 14th for himself.

F. 1406 GOLD/401 14TH SW.

Four single-story hipped cottage apartment buildings containing 14 units were built by contractor H.W. Balay in 1939

TURN EAST (LEFT) ON LEAD SW.

- G. NOTE SEVERAL XERIC GARDENS, INCLUDING ORNAMENTAL GRASS GARDEN AT 1208 LEAD.

CONTINUE NORTH (LEFT) ON 11TH STREET AND WEST (LEFT) ON SILVER.

- H. THE 1100, 1200 AND 1300 BLOCKS OF SILVER HAVE SEVERAL XERIC GARDENS.

Note garden on the northwest corner of 12th and Silver, and xeric garden with painted birds sculpted from a tree trunk at 1310 and 1312 Silver SW.

TURN NORTH (RIGHT) ON 14TH STREET AND EAST (RIGHT) ON GOLD STREET, A GOLD MINE OF INTERESTING BUILDINGS AND GARDENS.

- I. 1300 BLOCK.

Look for dog prints and marbles pressed into the sidewalk at 1307 Gold SW and narrow front yard landscaped with potted plants at 1315 Gold SW.

- J. 1200 BLOCK.

Note apartment complex at 1216 Gold SW; ornamental grass garden at 1209 and 1209 1/2 Gold SW; garden, fence and flagstone path at 1203 Gold SW; and duplex with xeric garden at 1202 and 1204 Gold SW.

TURN NORTH (LEFT) ON 11TH STREET TO RETURN TO PARK AVE. AND THE TOUR BEGINNING POINT.





A R E A H I G H L I G H T S

- >> interesting mixture of historic and modern architecture
- >> ornamental gardens
- >> tile mural and other creative surprises

Pedestrian advocates, neighborhood residents, and planning and design professionals collaborated on this series of neighborhood walking guides. These walks highlight the architecture, art, history, and gardens, the hidden gems and quirky details of Albuquerque neighborhoods. The walking guide project is one of several initiated by WALK Albuquerque and the Albuquerque Alliance for Active Living to improve community health through increased daily activity. WALK Albuquerque is dedicated to creating and preserving safe, attractive, and accessible walking environments throughout the Albuquerque area. For information about our activities and projects and to download other walking guides, please visit our website or call us.

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