

Public Art in Anchorage

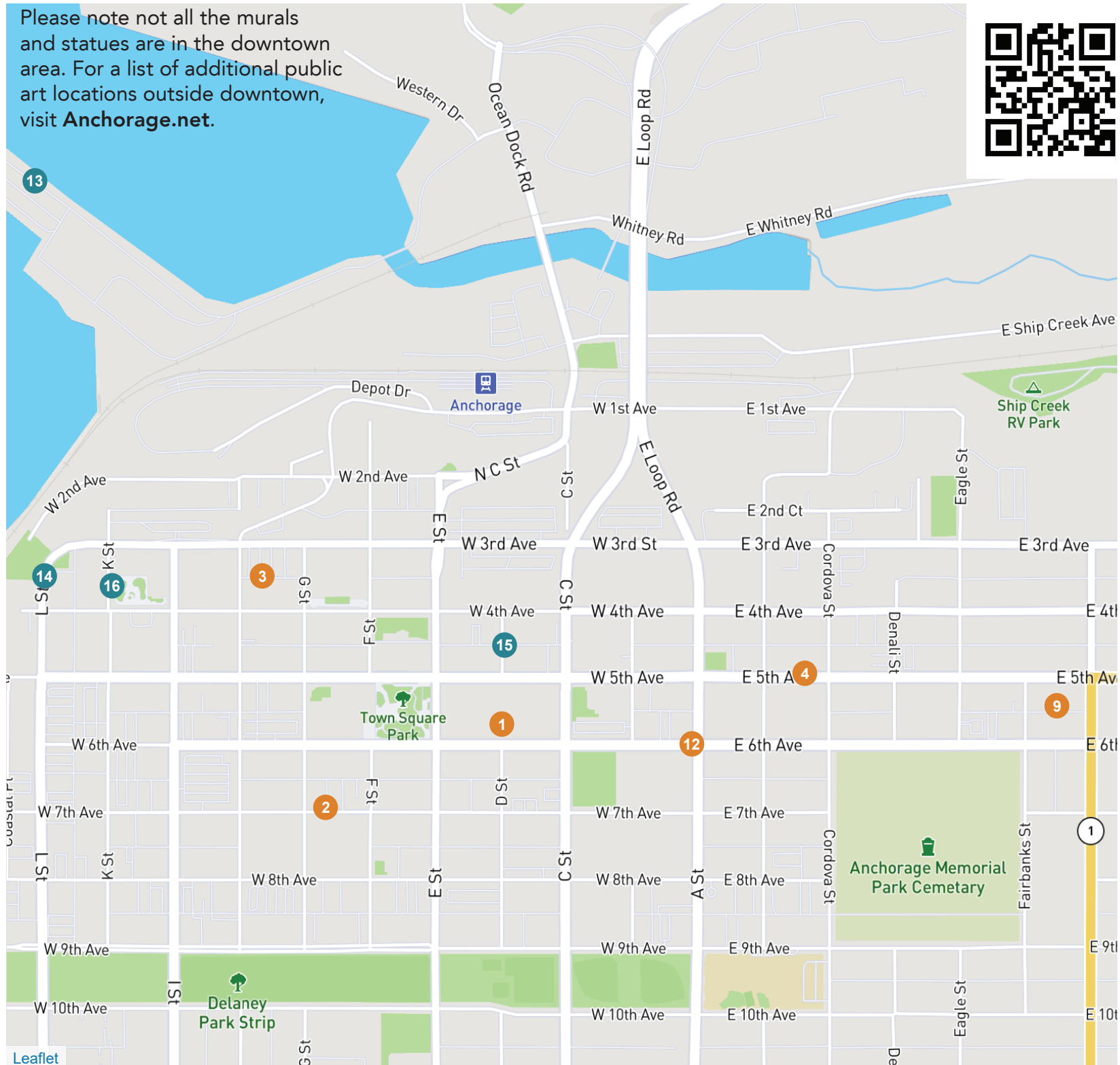
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ANCHORAGE TOUR: THE ART TOUR

A SELF-GUIDED PUBLIC ART TOUR OF ANCHORAGE



Discover these amazing Anchorage murals, sculptures, and statues with this free, self-guided walking tour.

- 1. Wyland Whaling Wall** (*W 5th Avenue*): Spanning a 400-foot wall overlooking Town Square Park, the mural depicts swimming bowhead and beluga whales and other Alaska marine life. It's the work of famed muralists Robert Wyland – one of 100 such Whyland Whaling Walls located around the world.
- 2. Anchorage History Mural** (*7th Avenue between F and G Street*): This mural by Anchorage artist Bob Patterson is a 120-foot stroll through local history – notable figures, military milestones, and iconic architecture.
- 3. Sleeping Lady** (*3rd Avenue between G and H Street*): The work of Anchorage artist Justin Parsons, this brilliant mural of Mount Susitna brightens up a pay-to-park lot off 3rd Avenue in downtown Anchorage. Enjoy the artistic rendering of one of Anchorage's most memorable landscapes, then stroll two blocks to Resolution Park for a clear view of the real thing.
- 4. Hunter S. Thompson** (*5th Avenue between Barrow and Cordova Street*): In this colorful full-scale mural by Anchorage artist Rejoy Armamento, author and journalist Hunter S. Thompson keeps watch over a downtown Anchorage alley.
- 5. Common Ground** (*Hollywood Drive and E Harvard Avenue*): Adjacent to a community orchard at the Government Hill Commons, this botanical scene – entitled Common Ground – is the work of renowned Alaskan artist Linda Infante Lyons.
- 6. Schodde Street** (*Commercial Drive and Schodde Street*): At the western edge of Mountain View, a block from the Ship Creek Trailhead at the northwest corner of Commercial Drive and Schodde Street, this mural by Anchorage artist Arielo Taylor decorates the side of an unassuming neighborhood office building.
- 7. Rufous Hummingbirds** (*Mountain View Drive and N Hoyt Street*): A two-story mural depicting rainbow-hued Rufous hummingbirds adorns the side of the Hispanic Cultural Center on Mountain View Drive. It's also the work of local artist Linda Infante Lyons, who maintains a studio in the neighborhood with her husband, Anchorage artist Graham Dane.
- 8. Point Woronzof** (*Point Woronzof Road*): Over the years, the water tower on the beach at Point Woronzof has become a magnet for unauthorized muralists. Now the structure is a colorful symbol of Anchorage, with the city skyline visible behind it.
- 9. Greetings from Alaska** (*5th Avenue and Fairbanks Street*): Created by muralist Victor Ving and photographer Lisa Beggs, the eye-catching mural welcomes all to Alaska's largest city.
- 10. Eyes of Spenard** (*Spenard Road and W 32nd Avenue*): A wheat paste mural by James Temte, based on a photograph by local photographer Michael Conti, this 50-foot visage keeps an eye on Spenard Road from the side of a commercial building just south of Benson Boulevard.
- 11. John the Flower Guy** (*Spenard Road and W 31st Avenue*): Jean Jilwan, affectionately known as "John the Flower Guy," was an icon of Anchorage's bar scene, roaming the city and selling \$5 stems from a bucket brimming with roses. When he passed away in September 2020, Anchorage artists Garrett Perkins, Reed Leslie, Justin Parsons, Rejoy Armamento, and Shara Kay Diamond collaborated to honor his memory with a detailed, gorgeous mural on the side of Pancho's Villa on Spenard Road.
- 12. SEED Lab** (*6th Avenue and A Street*): On the walls of downtown Anchorage's SEED Lab, several murals by multiple local artists bring awareness to climate change and Alaska's Indigenous histories. Look for a series of paintings in the style of stained glass windows, and a striking portrait of an Unangan woman carrying a skinning knife and salted bag.
- 13. Grandma Olga** (*Small Boat Launch Road*): This bronze likeness of Dena'ina Athabascan matriarch Grandma Olga Ezi stands at the mouth of Ship Creek. The work of Alaskan artist Joel Isaak, the statue pays homage to the region's history and heritage. "What I was trying to do was represent living people and our life way that even though it's been heavily interrupted, has not stopped," Isaak told local public radio station KNBA.
- 14. Captain Cook** (*L Street and 3rd Avenue*): The centerpiece of downtown Anchorage's Resolution Park, this statue of 18th century British explorer Captain James Cook looks out over Cook Inlet, with a panoramic view of Sleeping Lady. The work of artists Derek Freeborn, the piece was donated by The British Petroleum Company and erected as part of the American Bicentennial Celebration.
- 15. Balto** (*4th Avenue and D Street*): Balto – the Alaska sled dog famous for his role in the 1925 serum run to Nome – is depicted frozen in mid-stride in this monument by artists Jacque and Mary Regat. From his pedestal, he has a front-row seat for all of Anchorage's major mushing events: the World Championship Sled Dog Races, and the ceremonial start of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race.
- 16. The Last Blue Whale** (*K Street between 3rd and 4th Avenue*): Within blocks from the Cook Inlet coast, this dramatic, diving whale sculpture by Joseph Princiotti sits across the street from the Boney Courthouse in the heart of downtown Anchorage.