

ABOUT ADVENTURES IN STOCKTON

Adventures in Stockton is a self-guided interactive tour using informational signage and QR codes to introduce you to our many historical places, people and curiosities. As you're traveling around our town visiting these sites, check out our marvelous murals, grab a bite or drink at one of our wonderful restaurants, cafes or bars, and pick up something special at one of our unique shops.

A QUAINT VILLAGE WITH QUITE A PAST

WELCOME HOME TO THE ORIGINAL KRAFT CHEESE PLANT, PIONEERING WOMEN, MAGNIFICENT MURALS AND MUCH MORE.

Originally a quiet farming community, the Village of Stockton was incorporated in 1890 due in large part to the Chicago Great Western Railroad Company establishing a stop here. The rails brought trailblazers whose ideas, businesses and beautiful Queen Anne architecture can still be experienced today, reminding us of the glamor and ingenuity of the Gilded Age. As part of the Driftless Area, Stockton is also home to beautiful rolling hills, scenic farmland and vistas that stretch far and wide. Plan your getaway and let the adventures begin.







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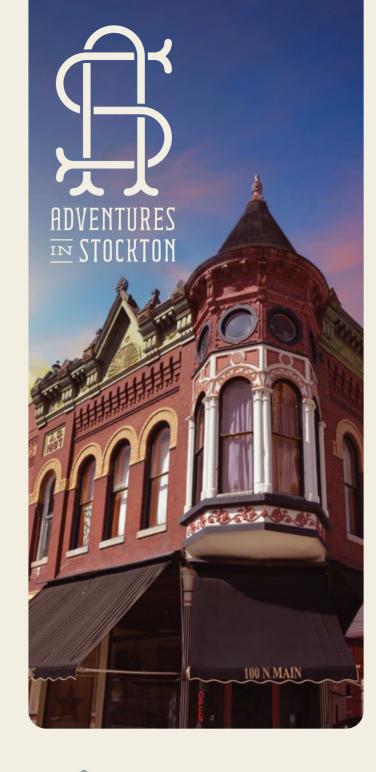








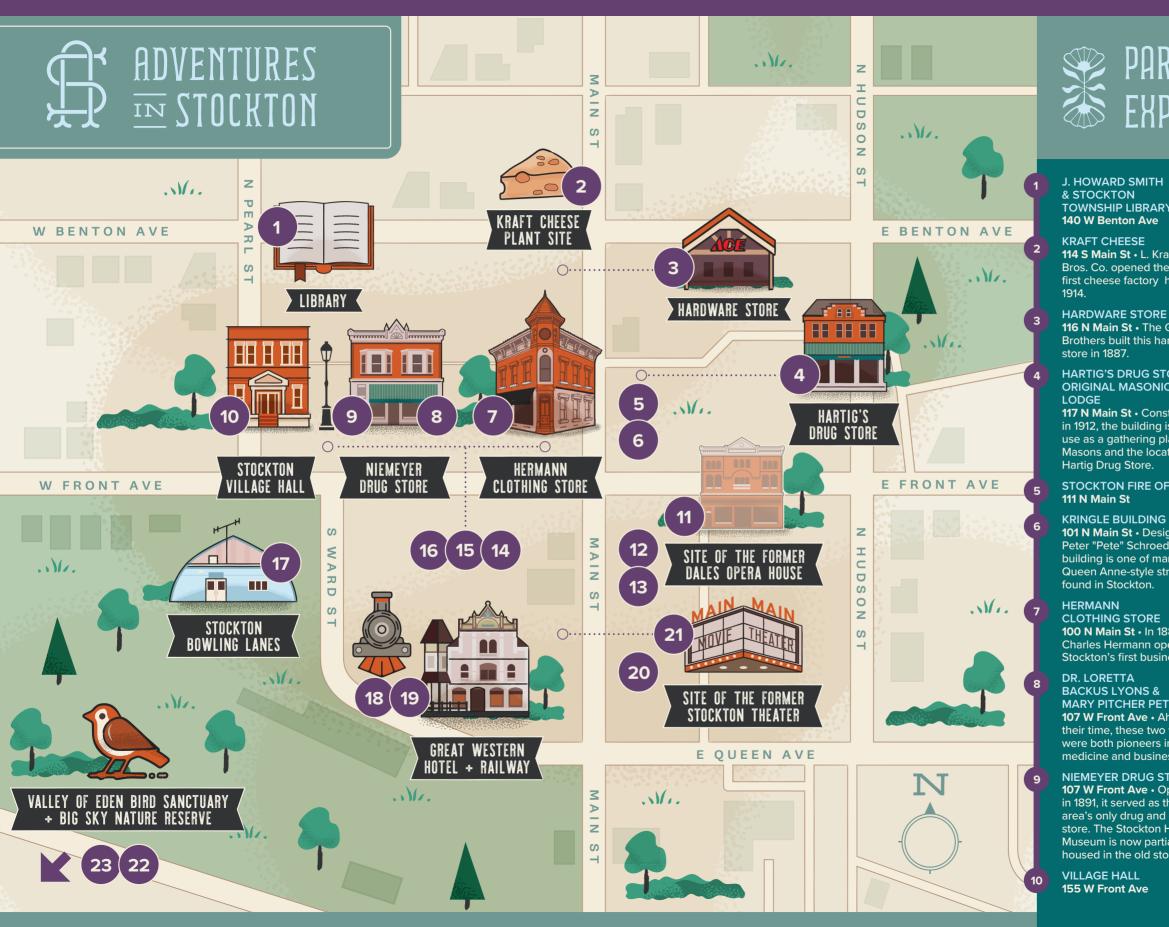
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KRAFT CHEESE 114 S Main St • L. Kraft & Bros. Co. opened their very first cheese factory here in

HARDWARE STORE 116 N Main St • The Glanville Brothers built this hardware store in 1887.

HARTIG'S DRUG STORE & **ORIGINAL MASONIC**

117 N Main St · Constructed in 1912, the building is still in use as a gathering place for Masons and the location of a Hartig Drug Store.

STOCKTON FIRE OF 1896 111 N Main St

101 N Main St · Designed by Peter "Pete" Schroeder, this building is one of many Queen Anne-style structures found in Stockton.

CLOTHING STORE 100 N Main St • In 1887. Charles Hermann opened Stockton's first business.

BACKUS LYONS & MARY PITCHER PETERS 107 W Front Ave · Ahead of their time, these two women were both pioneers in medicine and business.

NIEMEYER DRUG STORE 107 W Front Ave · Opened in 1891, it served as the area's only drug and general store. The Stockton Heritage Museum is now partially housed in the old storefront.

VILLAGE HALL 155 W Front Ave SITE OF THE FORMER DALES OPERA HOUSE 116 E Front Ave

THE STOCKYARDS 122 E Front Ave • The stockyards were completed in November 1887, a month after the rail depot was opened.

RAY'S HOTEL 105 S Main St

EADES BUILDING 102 S Main St

LYNCH'S CONFECTIONERY 118 W Front Ave

BLAIR LUNCHROOM & ICE CREAM PARLOR 117 W Front Ave

STOCKTON BOWLING LANES 102 S Ward St • Built in 1949. the lanes are now Stockton's oldest continually operated business.

GREAT WESTERN HOTEL 132 S Main St · Named after the Chicago Great Western Railroad, it opened its doors in 1899 with 40 rooms.

CHICAGO GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY E Queen Ave • Stockton was essentially created because of the railroad, for which the first depot was built here in 1887.

THE STOCKTON HERALD 119 S Main St • Vol. 1, No. 1 was published here by J. N. Klock on May 11, 1888.

SITE OF THE FORMER STOCKTON THEATER 124 S Main St

BIG SKY NATURE RESERVE 22 5557 S Massbach Rd

VALLEY OF EDEN BIRD SANCTUARY 5559 E Rush Creek Rd