

# W E L C O M E T O A T C H I S O N



## WALKING MAP

**1. Santa Fe Depot**  
The Depot was built as a freight depot in 1880 as a major shipping and receiving center, linking Eastern U.S. with the Western Frontier.

**2. Jesse Stone Mural**  
A prolific songwriter and arranger, Jesse Stone is best known for writing the song "Shake, Rattle, and Roll". His role in creating the classic rock'n'roll bass line earned him the mantle of "Architect of Rock'n'Roll." Mural by artist Vaughn Schultz. \*Find the hidden number 13.

**3. Strong Body Shop**  
Strong Body Shop: Bonnie & Clyde's death car, a 1934 Ford Four Door Deluxe Sedan, was once displayed in this former dealership, where they were manufactured and sold in the

early 1900's. Find the Ford logo on the façade.

**4. Commercial Street Mall**  
Twin flash floods of 1958 forced the reshaping of Atchison, wiping out the downtown. Urban Renewal funds lead to the construction of the Commercial Street Mall. Pedestrian Malls like this were built in North America during 1959-1984. Only 75 remain in the country.

**5. Royal Theatre**  
Royal Theater, one of Atchison's early single picture theaters opened in early 1900. Stop by and view the original box office.

**6. Exchange Bank**  
Originally the City National Bank: Step up on the marble stairs and peek through the doors of this turn of the century bank. Built in 1919, notice the stained glass on the ceiling

and the original bank vault in the back of the building.

**7. Aunt Pearl's Attic Building**  
Aunt Pearl's Attic Building/Mural: The Mural is a collage of Atchison's History looking out at the world, done by former BC Art student Elizabeth Barrett. The storefront includes the original department store tiles, doors & vintage display windows.

**8. Statue of Amelia Earhart**  
Born in Atchison, Earhart was the first female aviator to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean.

**9. Deafy Boular Statue**  
Born deaf. After he lost his legs in a railroad accident he built up tremendous upper body strength. Boular built many of the brick streets still used in town today.

**10. YMCA**  
Built in 1913, it's one of the few original Y's left in Kansas. It housed classrooms for religious instruction, a gym, rooms for boarders and a restaurant on the main floor. At that time the building contained thirty four living rooms with a capacity for fifty men.

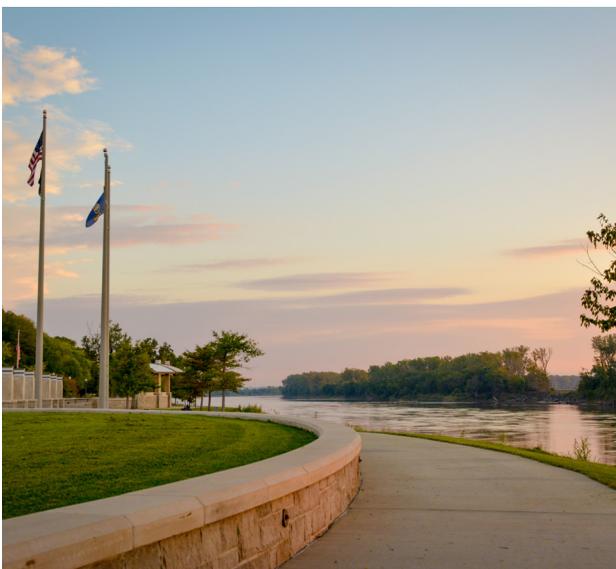
**11. MGP Building**  
In 1941 Cloud L Cray, Sr purchased a local alcohol plant with intentions to dismantle and relocate it to Michigan. Instead, because of his fondness of the community, he decided to revive the plant at its present site on Main Street. The corporate office and technical innovation center complex were built in 2007. From its modest roots, MGP has evolved to become a leading supplier of premium distilled spirits and specialty wheat proteins and starches.

**12. Smokey Hill Trail**  
The Butterfield Overland Dispatch operated coach travel to Denver along the Smokey Hill Trail for \$175 per person one-way. With stations along the trail, passengers could get meals at "home stations" from 50 cents to \$1 per meal.

**13. The Riverhouse**  
Built in 1870 as the headquarters for the Atchison & Nebraska Railroad. In 1887 Miss Donoughe purchased the building and turned it into a hotel for "female boarders" (brothel). Later it was a peanut butter factory.

**14. World War I Factory**  
During WWI the Atchison Leather Products Co. No. 2 manufactured a special grease extracted from leather and mixed with gasoline for the US govt. and England. The grease was needed in munitions production and packing. The foundation was discovered by local hobby archeologist, Bob Thompson.

**15. Lewis & Clark Pavilion**  
The Lewis and Clark Pavilion features information about Lewis & Clark, the Missouri River and the Kanza Indians. It includes the bronze eternal flame. Take a stroll on the Lewis & Clark trail as well as a bicycle path and walkway which leads north from Riverfront Park. It first follows along the bank of the Missouri River, then turns inland and runs 5 miles to the Independence Creek Historic Site. Independence Creek was the second Atchison area Missouri River tributary named by Captain Clark. On July 4, 1804, the Corps of Discovery, led by Lewis & Clark, stopped at this point along the Missouri River that would become the Atchison Riverfront. On that



# Art & Architecture Walking Map

Downtown hosts a commercial district, restaurants, murals and a riverfront. This self-guided 2 mile walking trail is located in the heart of Atchison that is used for exploring or just walking. It is relatively level and an easy and safe walk. Bring a bottle of water.



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day, the explorers celebrated the first Independence Day in the West by firing the cannon off their keelboat and issuing an extra gill of whiskey to the men. They camped near the uninhabited Kanza Indian village, on Independence Creek.

## 16. Veterans Memorial

The Veterans' Memorial Plaza and its monuments include a piece of the battleship U.S.S. Arizona. The Arizona sank during the Pearl Harbor attack on December 7, 1941.

## 17. BC&Q Freight Depot (South of Mueller's)

Originally, the Burlington & Missouri River RR Depot built in 1872, later became the Chicago Burlington & Quincy (CB&Q) freight Depot.

## 18. RR Bridge

The Railroad Bridge was built in 1875 & rebuilt in 1898. The pivotal bridge opened to allow tall boats and barges to pass. Once used as a toll bridge, the first motorcars that traveled between Missouri & Kansas paid with a coin token to cross. This site serviced trains, wagons and pedestrians.

## 19. Wherrettt-Mize Drug Company

Built in 1911, the 56,000 square-foot building was constructed of reinforced concrete with red brick walls and features classical detailing, which was common in the early 20th century. Now it is used as loft apartments.

## 20. Pony Express

In 1859, presidential candidate, Abraham Lincoln came to Kansas to get a feel for the West. He found people much like himself, people traveling to an uncertain future as he spoke in a church, played pool at the Massasoit Hotel and then spent the morning swapping stories with Pony Express riders. In the last 6-7 weeks of the Pony Express, most of the Pony Express Mail passed through the Atchison Post Office via the Overland Stage line.

## 21. Paolucci & Begley's

This four generation business, established in 1894, includes a restaurant, deli and lounge. They still sell 2 cent candy and vintage pictures of Atchison hang on the walls.

## 22. TABS Building Mural

On South side of building. Artist Vaughn Schultz's interpretation of the 811 engine clearing the Railroad Bridge.

## 23. Farmers' Market/Mosaic Art

At the Farmer's Market view the public art exhibit *To Share Food is To Share Life* which marks the place in our community where local food brings people together in celebration of our shared farming culture. Vibrant glass tiles reflect the

movement and diversity of the community as waves of river rock symbolize a unification principle that ties us all together.

Farmers' Market is open May - Oct on Wed and Sat.

## 24. Jerry's Again (Masonic Temple)

The third floor is used exclusively for Masonic purposes, including a mezzanine floor; a lodge room embellished with an ornamental plaster cornice and Seagliola columns. On the second floor, host your special event in a vintage, unique, romantic venue. On the first floor, a family friendly restaurant known for Virginia's famous pies.

## 25. Methodist Church

Methodism was introduced into Atchison by the Rev. James Shaw, who preached his first sermon in May, 1857, and this was the first sermon from the lips of a preacher of any denomination that was delivered in Atchison. In 1870 the basement of the present building was erected. In 1915 \$42,000 was raised for the erection of a new church... which was completed in 1917. Note the beautiful stained glass windows.

## 26. Community Mural/Projet Concern

Building a Community 2010 Benedictine College Art Project.

## 27. Old Fire Station

Old Fire station as built in 1903. The department owned two steamers, one hose and chemical wagon, one 65 foot aerial truck, one hose reel and seven head of horses. It was the largest Fire Dept. in the State of Kansas.

## 28. Post Office

A beautiful Romanesque style building built with coarsed ashlar limestone and completed in 1894. Through the efforts of Senator Ingalls a contract was awarded for the erection of the post office June 24, 1892, at a cost of \$61,703.17.

## 29. Pedistrian Alley/ Wall Sconces

Pedestrian Alley (left side middle of block) the wall sconces are what's left of the Orpheum Theatre built in 1919. Most theatres only had a pianist with the silent film era, but the Orpheum had a five piece orchestra.

## 30. Caudle Bulding (East side 8th street)

Built in 1890 as a Wholesale Grocery, it is done in Eclectic style under the canopy of American Victorian architecture. The upstairs was used as a boarding house - 10 rooms with a communal bathroom. Two atriums were located on the rooftop, from which the enclosed rooms led off, to increase airflow. Note the unique brick pattern, archway frieze pattern and cast iron, diamond pattern steps in doorways.

## 31. Selfie Mural "Adventure is worthwhile in itself." - Amelia Earhart

Stop and take a selfie! Artwork created by Benedictine College 2016-2017 sophomores, Tori Sanders and Lauren Hart.

## 32. Memorial Hall

Built in 1922, in a two-story buff brick Neoclassical-style. A full-height porch supported by classical columns adorns the front facade as well as symmetrically balanced windows and entrance doors that reflect that architectural style. A variety of traveling theater companies performed in the facility during the 1920s & 1930s & celebrity appearances continued through the decades. Meeting spaces for both the white and black American Legion posts were also located in the building.

## 33. Studebaker Dealer

Gillen & Son Studebaker Dealership, 909 Commercial was originally the Individual Mausoleum Company of Atchison - which sold air sealed burial vaults. In 1938 it became the Gillen & Son Studebaker Dealership. Note the Studebaker design centered on the upper portion of the building and the metal trim details.

## 34. Flintstone's House

1000 Commercial (Charmingly referred to as Fred Flintstone's home) was built in 1936 as the Central States Oil Company. This was the style used for many gas stations during that period. 10 years after it was built there were 18 gas stations in Atchison.

## 35. Blair Milling

In 1876 Atchison's first flour milling operation was started by E.K. Blair, which today is the oldest family business in Atchison. At the age of 12 E.K. left home and joined an Ohio River packet. He gambled and saved his wages to buy a freighter. He had no intention of starting a business in Atchison, but when his ship started to sink and passengers abandoned the ship he took money left behind on the ship and waded ashore. Atchison rapidly developed as one of the West's great milling centers. By the early 1880's, Atchison's grain trade averaged about 4 million bushels per year.

## 36. Gandy Dancer Statue

A slang term used for early railroad workers who laid and maintained railroad tracks in the years before the work was done by machines.