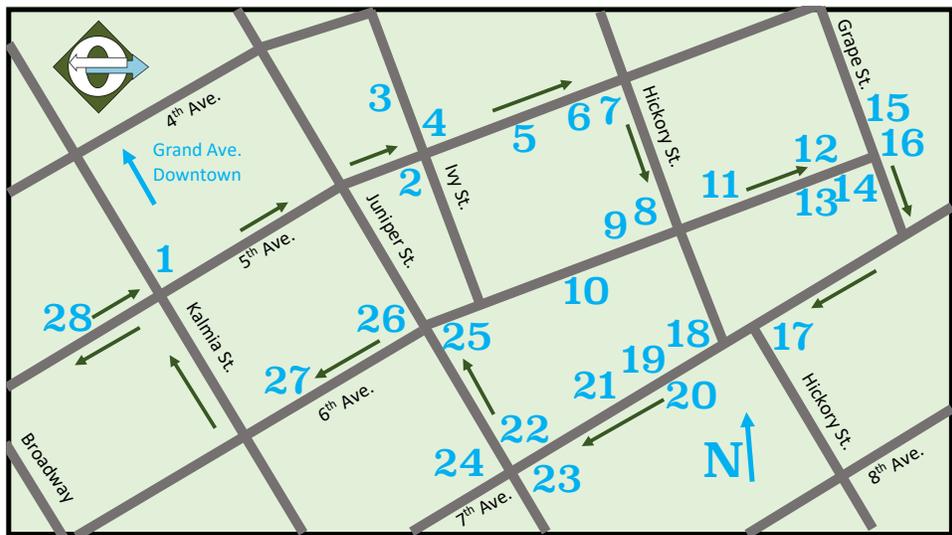


# Old Escondido East Walking Tour

This 1.5-mile, 1-hour tour begins and ends on the northeast corner of Kalmia and 5th. The homes along the way are privately owned; please respect the privacy of the residents and refrain from stepping onto private property unless invited. Photography is allowed from public spaces, but please ask permission before photographing people on private property. There are no public restrooms or drinking fountains on the route.

This map is based on the OE East Walking Tour found on the free Explore Escondido app that can be downloaded onto your mobile phone or tablet. It provides additional, easily accessed information and photos related to each location, and alerts you when you have reached a site.



## Introduction

Escondido began as an agricultural community and the homes you'll see on this tour range from somewhat large and ornate to small and modest; however, all were comfortable residences that housed Escondido's first families; doctors, bankers, homemakers, shop owners, barbers, and blacksmiths.

As in many towns around the country, the old area began to show its age in the second half of the 20th century. When a small group of determined homeowners and historic preservationists got together, they were able to have the area designated as the City's first Historic District in 1992. Since then, one by one, homes have been carefully restored and now show great strides in pride of ownership.



**1. 208 E. 5th Ave., Thomas-Turrentine House** Built in 1887, this is the oldest home still standing, built in the City of Escondido, and the oldest home continuously owned by a single family in the County of San Diego. It was constructed of redwood as a model home for those visiting the area and would become the home of George V. Thomas, one of the five founding Thomas Brothers.

Head east on 5th, cross Juniper St., walk to the end of the block; look across 5th

**2. 455 E. 5th Ave., Perry House** Martin William "Bill" Perry and his wife, Iona, built this Craftsman-style Bungalow in 1924. Mr. Perry taught at Escondido High and became Escondido High School District's first superintendent.

Turn left onto Ivy and head north

**3. 423 S. Ivy St., Turrentine-Carroll House** Bernard G. and Mary A. Carroll built this craftsman-style house c. 1925. Bernard's father was Thomas Carroll, a pioneering San Diegan for whom Carroll Canyon Road is named. Son Bernard Carroll, Jr., was pivotal in the design and implementation of "The Eternal Flame" memorial honoring President John F. Kennedy at Arlington National Cemetery.

Return to the corner of Ivy and 5th; cross Ivy

**4. 408 E 5th Ave. The Jones House** In 1921, Arthur and Sarah Jones custom built this home for their arthritic, wheelchair-bound daughter by installing wider doorways and easy access from the front sidewalk, across the front porch into the front door.

Cross 5th and continue west along 5th

**5. 425 E. 5th Ave, Hendershot House** Originally a Victorian cottage built around 1887, this house closely resembled the one next door to the west with pyramid roof and tall narrow windows. The Craftsman look came about in the 1920s when the owner, builder Hugh Hendershot, liked the style of the newer Craftsman houses across the street and remodeled the exterior of his own to match.

Continue east along 5th Ave.

**6. 439 E. 5th Ave., Stewart House** This is Escondido's oldest standing house, built in Nova Scotia in the 1860s. It was the family home of Alexander Stewart, a blacksmith, who shipped his Eastlake style home in pieces around Cape Horn and reassembled it on this lot in 1894.

**7. 455 E. 5th Ave., Wood House** John Lloyd Wright, second son of Frank Lloyd designed this Prairie-style four-square home at the age of 19, for Stephen and Mary Wood. It was Wright's first residential project and was finished in 1913. John Lloyd also invented Lincoln Logs.

Turn right onto Hickory, proceed south to 6th; turn right

**8. 460 E. 6th Ave., Parkhurst House** is believed to have been built in 1895 and designed by architect J. A. Pomeroy for Oscar and Cora Parkhurst. Mr. Parkhurst owned the New York Store, selling clothing and gents furnishings, one of the first stores in Escondido.

**9. 450 E. 6th, California Bungalow** This rectangular single-story house, built circa 1915, has the classic lines of the California Bungalow. In 2006, this home was moved here from 6th Avenue to make way for new housing.

Continue west on 6th to mid-block and look across 6th



**10. 429 E. 6th Ave., Blackburn House** Built in 1904, this Colonial Revival house was actually moved to its current location from W. 2nd Ave (then Indiana Ave.) in 1934. According to early directories, the earliest known owner was a widow, Lottie Blackburn.

Return to and cross Hickory; continue west on 6th

**11. 514 E. 6th Ave., Webb House** Built c. 1910, this Colonial Revival house was purchased by Elmer Webb in 1925; he lived here until he died in 1984 at age 91. Webb owned a trucking company, Escondido Truck Line, co-owned Webb Pump and Supply Company for 50 years.

Continue up the hill on 6th. If too steep, return to Hickory and turn left, heading south to #18 at 7th.

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**12. 546 E. 6th Ave., Klement House** Built in 1903, this house was originally a simple Greek Revival/Victorian farm style, with a front-facing gable and a recessed porch to the left. Frank H. Klement, a computer systems design engineer for NCR Corporation, and his wife bought the house in 1975 and in 1976 remodeled it to nearly double the size and changed the roof to a cross between Dutch-Colonial gambrel and Mansard style.

Look across 6th

**13. 547 E. 6th Ave., Welty House** This two-story Craftsman-style bungalow was built in 1908 by David and Rowena Welty. Welty helped build the Hotel del Coronado while he built this house on weekends. It is believed that there is a connection between the large Dragon Tree, leaning over the driveway, and the famous old Dragon Tree that was planted at the Hotel Del in 1888.

**14. Former Boulder Park** David Welty, who built the house next door in 1908, donated the area surrounding the boulders to the City of Escondido to use as a City Park. Unfortunately, liability concerns meant that the City would deed the "playground" back to the property at 625 S. Grape years later.

Proceed to the corner; look diagonally across Grape St.

**15. 536 S. Grape St., Heard House** Doris and Clarence Heard built this home in 1950 and, according to Doris, it was a Frank Lloyd Wright design. She also claimed that the local building code would not allow for the front of the house to be built as designed - with a greater overhang and a waterfall. As a result, the final design was greatly simplified. Doris Heard was a cherished member of the community who lived in the house until she passed away in 2012 at the age of 107.

**16. 602 S. Grape St., Williams House** This first house on "Reservoir Hill, an Italianate Cottage, most likely dates back to the late 1880s or early 1890s. The first person linked to the property was Nina Williams.

Turn right on Grape, turn right onto 7th; head west



**17. 706 S. Hickory St., Bradbury House** This Dutch Colonial style house was built by Judge William N. Bradbury and his wife, Sarah. Bradbury was an insurance and real estate agent and also served as president of the City Board of Trustees. George Scovill purchased the property from the Bradbury estate in 1949 for \$12,500 and it has remained in the family ever since.

Continue south across Hickory St.

**18. 440 E. 7th Ave., Draper House** The Draper house was built in 1906 by John and Laura Draper. Mr. Draper was a wealthy, retired liveryman, but a very troubled man and in 1906, he was committed to a Sanitarium in Los Angeles by a local doctor. Draper repeatedly escaped from the facility in 1907 and 1908, but was always captured and returned. Mr. Draper ultimately was declared competent to look after his own affairs in 1908.

Continue west on 7th

**19. 410-430 E. 7th Ave., Henderson Houses** Hartley Henderson, a former rancher, carpenter, contractor, and mail carrier, built the small bungalow at 430 E. 7th Ave. as his home in 1923. In 1927, he built a small California Craftsman to the rear of the lot to the west for his father. In 1931, he built the house addressed 420 and in 1947, the next house, at 410, both to be rentals.

Continue west on 7th

**20. 425 E. 7th Ave., Sayre House** For seven years, the Sayre family rented the house across the street at 420, while Okley "Bud" Sayre thought about buying the empty lot across the street. He finally bought it in 1944. Never having worked with stone before, Sayre hauled free granite to the lot and built the house himself. The walls are 14 inches thick.

Continue west on 7th

**21. 336 E. 7th Ave., Hutchins House** Built between 1900 and 1905 this 1-1/2 story Colonial Revival style house shows the changes from the ornate styles of the Victorian period toward more simpler lines. The first owners were J.F. and Polly Hutchins. Mr. Hutchins had been the president of the Hennepin Barrel company before moving from Minnesota.

Continue west on 7th

**22. 638 S. Juniper St., Bandy House** This Victorian period home with Italianate (south side) and Queen Anne features (front) was built in 1891 for Julius H. Anderson, founding member and cashier for the Bank of Escondido. Later owners included former Iowa State Senator, Abraham O. Garlock and Escondido blacksmith, Tom Bandy, who lived here for more than 50 years, beginning in 1908.

Look across 7th Ave.

**23. 700 S. Juniper St., Beach House** Built by Albert and Annie Beach in 1896. In 1909 it would be purchased by roller bearing magnate, Henry Timken, as a gift to his daughter and son-in-law, Amelia and Hamilton Bridges.

Look across Juniper St.

**24. 637 S. Juniper St., Dailey House** Built c. 1890 from the Escondido brickyard for Philip Dailey, a rancher and mail carrier.

Head north on Juniper St, almost to the first corner

**25. 604 S. Juniper St., Helen Hall House** Built in 1927 by Helen Hall after her husband, Fred, had been murdered in a case of mistaken identity. In order to make room to build this house, a small Victorian cottage had to be moved around the corner to 307 E. 6th, where it stands in line with two other houses in similar styles, together they are now known as the "Three Sisters."

At 6th, cross Juniper and then cross 6th

**26. 637 S. Juniper St., Crise House** One of Escondido's earliest physicians, Dr. David Crise, and his wife, Lucetta, built this Craftsman bungalow in 1913. Dr. Crise saw patients and delivered babies here.

Continue west on 6th, nearly to the next corner

**27. 210 E. 6th Ave., Witte House** This Craftsman Bungalow was built in 1922, by Charles Witte, but sold shortly thereafter to Dr. Ray Larzalere and his wife, Collette. Dr. Larzalere and several other doctors converted the upstairs of a two-story building on Grand into an early hospital.

Continue west, turn right on Kalmia and head north, then left at 5th, crossing Kalmia and then crossing 5th.

**28. 128 E. 5th Ave., Roberts-Hatch House** This Victorian period Italianate was built in 1892, by Kay Roberts at a price of \$1,884. The architect, J.A. Pomeroy, also built two other houses on 6th Avenue as well as the Hoffman Victorian house, part of the Escondido History Center.

Double back on 5th to return to the start of the tour

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