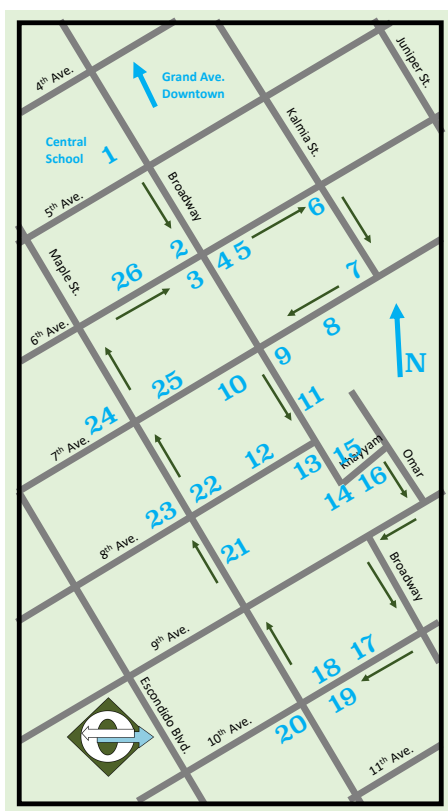


Old Escondido West Walking Tour



This 1.5-mile, 1-hour tour begins and ends on the northwest corner of Broadway 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 will 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 re-stored and now show great strides in pride of ownership.

1. 5th and Broadway, Central School

Built in 1942, it is the oldest school still standing in Escondido.

Proceed south to 6th

2. 102 W. 6th Ave., Carmichael

House A Craftsman-style bungalow, built in 1923. Charles & Mina Carmichael owned a furniture store on Grand in the early 1900s.

Cross 6th

3. 105 W. 6th Ave., Churchill House

Craftsman-style single-story bungalow, built in 1923 for Arthur and Mary Churchill. Second story added and modified to Colonial Revival style in the 1950s.

Cross Broadway

4. 103 E. 6th Ave., Hays House

was built in 1922 by Hiram C. and Sarah Hays. It was designed to accommodate the owners' son, Joseph, who was restricted to a wheelchair.



5. 115 E. 6th Ave, Chubbic House

California Bungalow, built circa 1922 by Benjamin and Ella Chubbic and moved into its current location from 4th Ave. in May of 2006.

Continue east along 6th

6. 161 E. 6th Ave., Kemper House

Craftsman-style bungalow built in 1916 by Francis M. Kemper, a retired Methodist minister who went into the building and real estate business, building many homes in Escondido.

Turn right onto Kalmia and head toward 7th

7. 637 S. Kalmia St., Original horse

rings can still be found in curbs in the historic area. The rings along Kalmia secured horses ridden by parishioners attending St. Mary's Catholic Church, which was located on the slope across 7th Avenue. The attractive Craftsman-style house was built in 1910.

Cross 7th and head west

8. 115 E. 7th Ave., Beers House

Craftsman style, built in 1911 for Herbert W. Beers, president of the Escondido Hardware Company and one term member of the City Board of Trustees.

Head west to the corner of 7th and Broadway



9. 710 S. Broadway, Hick House

Two-story Italianate style Victorian was built in 1887 by R.S. and Emeline Hick. Mr. Hick was a former newspaper editor and attorney who also served as a Senator in Kansas 1885 - 1886.

Cross Broadway and head west on 7th

10. 109 W. 7th Ave., Escher House

Italianate style Victorian built by Leo and Caroline Escher in 1896. Mr. Escher was a barber, who owned a barbershop on Grand.

Return to Broadway to climb the hill or, if the hill on Broadway is too steep, continue along 7th and pick up the tour at the Culp House, 204 W. 8th

11. 730 S. Broadway, Thurlow House

Classic mid-century home in the American International style was built by Leavitt Thurlow, Jr. and his wife, Peggy in 1953. The Thurlows survived the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941 when Leavitt served in the Navy there.

Continue south on Broadway, turn right on 8th



12. 128 W. 8th Ave., Marikle House

Civic leader and real estate investor, John G. Marikle built this Colonial Revival house in early 1907. Marikle also owned a mortuary on Kalmia off Grand and served as a volunteer fireman. In the 1940s, the house was owned by Escondido's first paid fire chief, Karl Peterson

Walk back to Broadway, almost to the corner

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13. 103 W. 8th Ave., Howell House

Built in 1887 with Eastlake and Second Empire details by Henry Martin Voorhees. The house was later purchased by Zora Howell, part of a prominent pioneering family in 1940s.

Turn right on Broadway and continue up the hill

14. 831 S. Broadway, Haver House

Behind the more recently installed wrought iron gate stands the mid-century modern house built by architect Ralph in the early 1970s for his retirement. Haver was a prolific architect in Arizona from 1945 until the early 1980s.

Look across Broadway



15. 828 S. Broadway, Stammer House

This Colonial Revival home was built by Carl and Adeline Stammer in 1909. The Stammers owned a local dairy. The house later purchased by City Council member William Kirk in 1946 and former Mayor Alan Skuba in 1974.

Look back across the street

16. 101 Khayyam, Johnson House

This Mid-century Ranch-style house was built in 1976 by local contractor Wallace S. Johnson.

Head east and turn right onto Omar. Turn right onto 9th Avenue and head west to the intersection. CAREFULLY cross 9th and proceed south on Broadway to 10th and head west.

17. 118 E. 10th Ave., Morris Brown House

This California Bungalow was built in the late Craftsman style in 1920. C.O. Morris is known to have lived here in 1923. In 1934, Thelma and George F. Schniepp lived here and George was a foreman at the Escondido Lemon Association. After the lemon packing house closed in 1960, Schniepp purchased the Hi-Fi Lounge at 905 Valley Blvd.

Continue west on 10th to the second house from the end of the block

18. 146 W. 10th Ave., Hall House

This Craftsman-style house, with Tudor-style elements, one of the largest houses in the Historic District, was built in 1910 for Fred Hall, vice president of the First National Bank, and his wife Helen. Sadly, Hall was murdered at his ranch east of town in 1923 by a disgruntled customer who mistook him for another employee of the bank.

Look across 5th

19. 155 W. 10th Ave., Agnew House

This Mediterranean Revival style home was built in 1928 by 32-year-old Carl Agnew and his wife Frieda, owners of ALA Lumber Co. In 1977, it was purchased by 19-year-old Michael Crews, later to become a major developer in the Escondido area; he and his wife Julie resided there for four years.

Proceed west to the corner and look diagonally across the intersection

20. 203 W. 10th Ave., Peterson House

All exterior walls of this 1920s California bungalow are composed of blocks of Escondido granite, measuring up to 17" thick. An early owner was Karl Peterson, who served as Escondido's first paid Fire Chief. Another distinguished owner was Dr. Charles Schroeder, the father of the San Diego Wild Animal Park (now the Safari Park).

Turn right onto Maple St. and head north past 9th to mid-block

21. 820 S. Maple St., Morris House

This one-level Prairie-style bungalow was built in 1925 by contractors Charles and Ed Morris for the father, James, who bought the land.

Continue north on Maple, cross 8th and stop

22. 158 W. 8th Ave., Boudinot

This Colonial Revival home, built c. 1905, may have been built by F.E. Boudinot. In 1924, the house was sold to Theodore S. Higley, who owned it for only two years - just enough time for his daughter Ruth to meet her future husband; handsome young Martin Luther Culp Jr., who lived across Maple St.

Look across Maple



23. 204 W. 8th Ave., Culp House

This Queen Anne-style house was built circa 1890 by Martin Luther Culp, known as "Luther," from Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Culp also served the City of Escondido as City Marshal from 1910 - 1916.

Head north to 7th and look across the street

24. 221 W. 7th Ave., Former Emmanuel Faith Church

One of the largest churches in Escondido, Emmanuel Faith Community Church built the large sanctuary visible at mid-block in 1941. In 1973, the congregation moved to a larger location where the church stands today, on 17th at Encino.

Head east on 7th

25. 144 W. 7th Ave., Houghton House

A Mediterranean-style bungalow. Willard and Venus Houghton purchased this newly built house in 1934. Willard owned and operated a feed business at 124 S. Broadway for many years.

Return to Maple, head north to 6th, and head east to mid-block



26. 134 W. 6th Ave., Jones-Schmeltz House

Built c. 1927 by William E. Jones, caretaker for the Mutual Water Company on land once owned by William and Mary Schmeltz, to be later owned again by Schmeltz family members.

Continue east to Broadway and turn left to return to starting point at 5th and Broadway

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