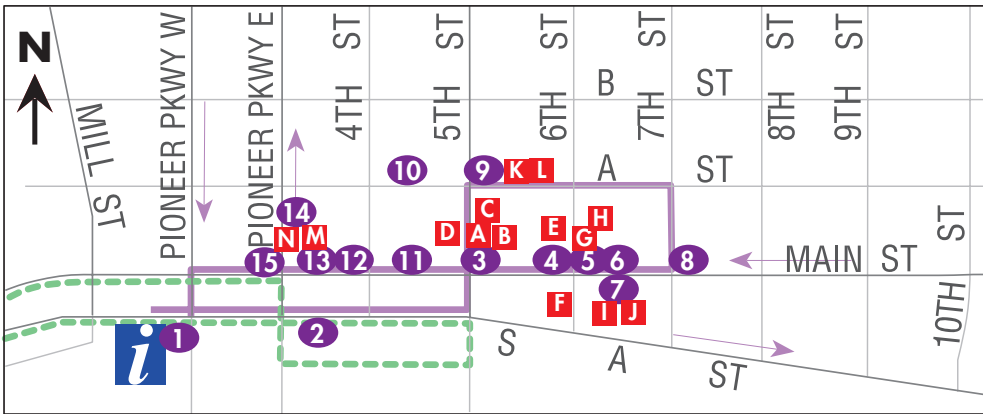


Downtown Springfield Walking Tour



Convention & Visitors Association of
Lane County OREGON

Downtown Springfield

Known for its cozy neighborhoods and family friendly environment, the city of Springfield boasts the charm of a classic American town. Take a walk in Springfield and visit the Main Street Merchants, a group of diverse local shops with friendly owners and plenty of interesting merchandise. The selection includes everything from antiques, collectables, restaurants, jewelry, coins and more. Extend your stay with a walking tour of Springfield's historic district and a visit to the Historic Interpretive Center in the Springfield Museum. Whether you're looking for a gift for a special someone or want to learn more of Lane County's rich history, you'll find it in downtown Springfield.

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1 Springfield Chamber of Commerce in the Southern Pacific Railroad Depot (1891) - The depot is one of the last remaining Queen Anne Stick Chalet Style (or Victorian Stick Style) railroad stations in the Northwest. It is the oldest commercial structure in Springfield, as well as the oldest two-story passenger depot still standing in Oregon. The station and freight house are home of the Springfield Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Information Center.

1a. **White Horse Statue** - this 1930's genre statue represents Oregon pioneers. Created by Charles Forrester, it was dedicated in 1960 to celebrate Oregon 100th birthday.

1b. **Millrace** - Enjoy the scene from the viewing platform over Springfield's Millrace. The importance of the environmental and industrial history of the Millrace can be found on the information panels over this historic heartbeat of Springfield as the water rushes by.

i Springfield Chamber of Commerce **15** Points of Interest **N** Art and Murals

— Downtown Springfield Walking Tour - - - The EmX Bus Route

- 1** **Springfield Chamber of Commerce - Southern Pacific Railroad Depot**
101 S "A" St
1a. White Horse Statue
1b. Millrace
- 2** **Lane Transit District Springfield Station**
5th St & S "A" St
- 3** **Emerald Arts Center**
500 Main St
- A** Mural - **Jesse Bostelle Memorial Mural**
- B** Mural - **The Oregon Trail Mural**
- C** Mural - **It Ain't Why, It Just Is**
- D** Mural - **Bob The Dog Visits The Old Growth**
- 4** **Springfield Museum - Pacific Power and Light Building**
590 Main St
- E** Mural - **Springfield Postcard**
- F** Mural - **The Fisherman**
- 5** **Antique Peddlers**
612 Main St
- G** Mural - **The Moderns**
- H** Mural - **Draft Horse Logging**
- 6** **Richard E. Wildish Community Theater**
630 Main St
- 7** **Pocket Park**
Between 6th St & 7th St on Main St
- I** Mural - **Growing Hops 1882-1937**
- J** Mural - **The Windows of Hope Murals**
- 8** **Pump Cafe'**
710 Main St
8a. Siuslaw Bank - ATM
707 Main St
- 9** **Springfield City Hall / Springfield Public Library**
225 5th St
- K** Sculpture - **The Balancing Act**
- L** Mural - **The Centennial Fountain Tiles**
- 10** **First Christian Church** -
418 "A" St
- 11** **Antique Shops**
Between 3rd St & 5th St on Main St
11a. I.O.O.F. Building
342 Main St
11b. Steven-Perkins Building
330 Main St
11c. Springfield Armory
326 Main St
- 12** **Ruthie B's**
346 Main St
- 13** **Econo Sales**
330 Main St
- 14** **AlethaLou's Merchantile**
145 Pioneer Parkway E (also know as 2nd St)
- M** Mural - **McKenzie River Mural**
- N** Mural - **American Pride**
- 15** **McKenzie Mist**
240 Main St

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- 2 Lane Transit District Springfield Station (LTD)** - Newly built to be the hub of public transportation in Springfield. LTD is a nationally award-winning public transit system. All LTD buses are wheelchair accessible and equipped with bike racks. The state-of-the-art "EmX" which runs between Eugene and Springfield is a bus rapid transit concept based on light-rail principles, and is designed to achieve a similar service at a cost available to smaller communities. A Green Area has a native plant garden and the Water Tube collects rain water to irrigate the garden. Two cafes and restrooms are inside next to the customer service desk. Along the west wall, a beautiful mosaic mural, *McKenzie River*, depicts the natural beauty of western Oregon forests and streams by Mary Beth Llorens.
- 3 Emerald Arts Center (1909)** - This renovated old building's roots reach back to 1909, when it was the Sutton Block which became the Gerlach Drug Store. Now, the Emerald Arts Center, it hosts an arts gallery, gift shop, classrooms for teaching and upscale office space.
- A Mural - Jesse Bostelle Memorial Mural (2001)** - By Alison McNair. McNair worked with Springfield teens on this project (faces 5th Street).
- B Mural - The Oregon Trail Mural (1993)** - By Anne Woodruff Murray. The largest and most renowned of all the murals is on the east side of the building. It tells the story of both Indians and pioneers along the Oregon Trail from St. Louis to Oregon. A brochure about this mural is available at City Hall or the Emerald Art Center.
- C Mural - It Ain't Why, It Just Is (1989)** - By Alan B. Cox. Features abstracted shapes of a pool game, and is the oldest of the Art Alley murals.
- D Mural - Bob The Dog Visits The Old Growth (1990)** - By John R. Swenson. Captures a whimsical and expressive design.
- 4 Springfield Museum - Pacific Power and Light (1908)** - This design prototype for Oregon Power Company electrical substations is associated with the advent of electrical power in Springfield. Now used as a museum, the building is notable for its carefully crafted detailing in brick and cast stone.
- E Mural - Springfield Postcard (1993)** - Thurston High School students designed and painted this depiction of Springfield landmarks.
- F Mural - The Fisherman (1997)** - By Kristi Rebeiz. Shows the fly fisherman enjoying a popular Northwest activity.
- 5 Antique Peddlers** - A great 6,000 square foot (557 square meters) mall. Glass, pottery, tins, linens, collectibles, furniture, paper goods, dolls, jewelry and more.
- G Mural - The Moderns (1992)** - By Patrick Curtis. This half-block painting depicts a café scene from the early 1900s. It is a study of famous artists and authors including from the left: Mary Cassatt, D.H. Lawrence, the artist's self portrait, F. Scott Fitzgerald, Van Gogh, Gauguin, Aristide Bruant, Toulouse-Lautrec, Isadora Duncan, Man Ray and Victor Hugo on the west wall.
- H Mural - Draft Horse Logging (2000)** - By D. Brent Burkett. This dynamic mural makes a brilliant splash while depicting the curiosity of a boy and his dog, dominated by the strength of the draft horses on the north side of building.
- 6 Richard E. Wildish Community Theater** - Formerly the McKenzie Theater, this beautifully renovated space hosts performances and events of all kinds in a state-of-the-art 284-seat auditorium. In addition, it is also an integral part of the Springfield School District's Academy of Arts and Academics.
- 7 Pocket Park** - The park includes sturdy play equipment, a basketball court, open sand area and covered bus shelter.
- I Mural - Growing Hops 1882-1937 (1988)** - By Carolyn Orem with the help of high school art students. It reminds us that hops were once an important economic force in this area.
- J Mural - The Windows of Hope Murals (2000)** - By Alison McNair and Springfield High School students to honor the "Year 2000 Youth Day of Caring."
- 8 Pump Cafe'** - Enjoy a relaxing breakfast or lunch with good food in a fun environment with great memorabilia. A nice choice of good old American cooking with daily specials.
- 8a. Siuslaw Bank** - ATM
- 9 Springfield City Hall / Springfield Public Library** - Houses a wealth of art in the public offices.
- K Sculpture - The Balancing Act (1994)** - By Jerry Williams. This sculpture features a rhino balancing a gymnast holding a bird of prey.
- L Mural - The Centennial Fountain Tiles (1988)** - Commemorates Springfield's first 100 years and represents the spring that gave the city its name.
- 10 First Christian Church** - This church is over 100 years old and has burned three times, most recently rebuilt in 1947.
- 11 Antique Shops - I.O.O.F. Building (1907); Steven-Perkins Building (1911); Springfield Armory (1921)** - Trio of adjoining, commercial, two-story masonry structures contains only one unchanging use among them; that of the second floor of the I.O.O.F. Building which has been used continuously by the Oddfellows Lodge since the building's construction.
- 12 Ruthie B's** - Ruthie B's is a fabulous antique store and tea house café, offering an excellent variety of tea blends. The servers have embellished the tea ritual with a spritz of dried lavender blooms on the table and a burst of blown bubbles for an odd, whimsical touch. The tables are set in the antique store's cozy nooks, with vintage goods everywhere.
- 13 Econo Sales** - Local, family owned business since 1966, with Lane County's largest selection of upholstery and drapery fabrics.
- 14 AlethaLou's Mercantile** - Located in the historic "Old Springfield Creamery" building. AlethaLou's Mercantile houses 6,600 square feet (613 square meters) of collectibles. This mini-mall has more than 30 local vendors under one roof.
- M Mural - McKenzie River Mural (1991)** - By Anne Woodruff Murray. The beautiful McKenzie is presented as it flows west from the Cascade Mountains past Springfield.
- N Mural - American Pride (2002)** - A patriotic trompe l'oeil by Patrick Curtis.
- 15 McKenzie Mist** - Free from chemical treatment and carbonation, McKenzie Mist is naturally pure water, locally bottled in its natural state. Stop in for a sip, a glass or a bottle.