

## EXPLORE

# Rosedale!

### STROLL DIRECTIONS

- A** Start your journey at the W 43rd St intersection of Rosedale Ave at **Ramsey Park**, a park that was dedicated by the city in 1934. This park was named for Frank Taylor Ramsey, who purchased what was dairy farmland and started the largest tree and plant nursery in Texas.
- B** Head northeast on Rosedale Ave and turn right on W 44th St. Alongside the park once lived **Kenneth Threadgill**, “The Father of Country Music in Austin.” He owned and operated Threadgill’s Tavern on N Lamar Blvd, an old service station that sold gas and food and was frequented by Janis Joplin.
- C** Head left on **Burnet Rd**. In the 1800s, Burnet Rd was called Upper Georgetown Rd and was the main route north connecting Austin to Georgetown.

#### OPTIONAL BRANCH:

*As you approach W 45th St, consider strolling north on Burnet Rd or right towards N Lamar Blvd where you’ll find a wide variety of eateries and shops. Along the way down W 45th St, you’ll pass the **Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired**. Originally established in 1857 as the Blind Institute, the school had two other Austin locations before settling on this 73-acre site in 1916. In its early days of operation, students were expected to work while attending the Institute. Brooms were a popular product made by the students.*

### STROLL DETAILS

**1.1 miles (2.2 mi roundtrip) (45 min roundtrip walk)**

*OPTIONAL BRANCH: 0.27 miles (0.54 mi roundtrip) (15 min roundtrip walk)*

- D** Head left on W 45th St and turn right on Rosedale Ave. Notice the walnut trees that line the street, remnants of the old Ramsey Nursery.
- E** Remain on the path around the **Rosedale School** and turn right on Ramsey Ave. Begin heading left on W 49th St and pass the **Moore-Hancock Farmstead** to the south. Built in the mid-19th century, the original log house, agricultural outbuilding, well and stone kitchen with a root cellar remain intact on the property. Originally, these structures were part of a 521-acre farm.
- F** Continue along the way to the **pedestrian bridge** and turn to proceed right on Crestmont Dr. Turn right on Hancock and approach the **Yarborough Library**. Formerly the Americana Theatre, the City purchased the single-screen auditorium in the 1990s and converted the building to what it is today. Take the opportunity to peak into the building and check out “**Flights of Fancy**,” an Austin Art in Public Spaces mixed-media piece.
- G** To complete your tour, walk down Hancock Dr to **Austin Fire Station No. 12** and meet your local firefighters. This station began serving the area back in 1949.



