

EXPLORE Hyde Park!

STROLL DIRECTIONS

- A** Begin at the **Hyde Park Commercial District** near Duval and 43rd St. Head northwest and turn right on Avenue H to the **Elisabet Ney Museum**, also known as *Formosa*, the former studio of the 19th century German sculptor. At *Formosa*, Ney sculpted legendary Texans, such as Stephen F. Austin and Sam Houston.
- B** After checking out the artistic works by Ney, head down E 44th St towards **Shipe Park**. Be sure to also check out “**A Day in the Park**,” an Austin Art in Public Places mosaic that beautifully occupies a once vacant wall of the swimming pool’s pump house.
- C** Proceed left on Avenue F and then right on E 43rd St to visit the historic site of the **Hyde Park Fire Station**, which opened in 1929. If you’re out running errands on foot, know that the local **United States Post Office: North Austin Station** is just across the street.
- D** Head back to Avenue F and continue south to E 41st St. Walk right on 41st St towards Speedway and take a gander at the momentous **Moonlight Tower** soaring overhead. This structure, meant to resemble an oil platform, is one of the original 31 towers erected in 1894-1895 by the Fort Wayne Electric Company to serve as the City’s original means of illumination.

STROLL DETAILS

1.8 mile loop (40 minute walk)

Optional 0.35 mile branch (0.70 mi roundtrip)
(15 min walk)

- E** Stroll back down 41st and turn right on Avenue G. As you walk through the **Hyde Park Historic District**, take notice of the old homes, many bearing historic markers. As you approach 39th St, you’ll notice the **Shipe House** on the corner, the former residence of Monroe Martin Shipe, who founded Hyde Park in 1891 as a suburb of Austin. Critical to Hyde Park’s development was Shipe’s electric streetcar system that connected to downtown Austin.
- F** Turning left, walk along a curved section of 39th as it winds toward Duval St. According to local historians, this section of road conforms to a bend in the horse racetrack that once existed in the area prior to the establishment of Hyde Park.
- G** Cross over Duval and continue on E 39th St to Peck Ave. Turn left to walk along the trail on the edge of the Hancock Golf Course. What is now known as **Hancock Golf Course** was the first location of the Austin Country Club, established in 1899.
- H** Head right on E 41st St then left on Peck Ave. Round the corner at 42nd St and check out or donate a book at the **Little Free Library**. Turn right on Duval St to return to the Hyde Park Commercial District to complete your tour.

OPTIONAL BRANCH:

*At Park Blvd, head right for an optional branch to **Hancock Shopping Center**.*



