

Main/Downtown Walk 0.8 miles

- 1 **1640 Main Street** This 1877 Italianate house has a delicately spindled Queen Anne front porch and upper balcony. Its first owner came from Pennsylvania, opened a general store and sold lumber.
- 2 **Kentucky Coffee tree** (*opposite 1517 Main, in island*) The pioneers made an inferior coffee from the dark reddish-brown pods, which can grow to 10 inches long.
- 3 **1501 Main** This thoroughly restored 1903 Queen Anne house boasts a grand 3-story tower and wide front veranda. The original owner came here in 1865 and owned a meat market.
- 4 **1417 Main** The wide, overhanging eaves, horizontal windows, and canopies over the doorways are representative of Prairie Style in this 1915-16 house. A local young woman bought it for her parents after she wed a multi-millionaire Cleveland steel mill owner.
- 5 **1416 Main** ("*The Castle*") This 1886 house has 3 full stories and 24 rooms and is an example of Second Empire architecture. The mansard roof extends over the walls, providing an attic with plenty of headroom.
- 6 **1300 Main** (*Frame Memorial Presbyterian Church*) Built in 1892, Frame Memorial has always been a prominent feature of our downtown, featuring high gothic windows and attractive stone trim.
- 7 **1249 Clark** (*old house number "541" above door*) Beautifully preserved, with its intricate iron fence and original glasswork, this Italianate home is the westernmost house on Clark Street, which was once lined with glorious homes all the way to the river. The first owner also built the Opera House.
- 8 **American Elm trees** (*south side of Clark*) The American Elm has a characteristic vase-shaped form, impressive in large trees like these.
- 9 **1421 Strongs** (*Hardware Mutual Insurance building*) Constructed in 1922 for Hardware Mutual Insurance and expanded in 1930, it is now part of Sentry Insurance. Notice the ornate ironwork decorating the door.
- 10 **1408 Strongs** (*The Whiting Hotel*) A 1923 five-story grand hotel which bridged the gap between the traditional boarding house and modern travel accommodations. With 120 guest rooms, the Whiting drew guests to its famous Mural Bar. "Whiting Place" now houses executive apartments and offices.

- 11 **1116-24-28 Main** (*The Opera House/Fox Theater*) The Fox Theater was originally known as the Stevens Point Grand Opera House. Built in 1893-94, it served as the city's cultural focal point for 90 years, closing in 1984.
- 12 **Green Ash** (*along both sides of Main Street downtown*) A favorite for urban areas because of its charm and toughness, resisting salt, drought, and root compaction.
- 13 **1001 Main** (*Charles M. White Public Library*) Here you may learn more about local history, architecture, and trees.
- 14 **916-24 Main** (*Ossowski-Glinski Building*) Built in 1890 by a saloonkeeper and a tailor, this Queen Anne style building by a Polish architect features majestic domes and a large corner turret.
- 15 **Mathias Mitchell Public Square** Laid out in 1847 like a New England common, the public square became the center of trading for farmers and craftsmen. In the small section that is still intact, vendors sell fresh produce throughout the summer.
- 16 **Walkway to the Wisconsin River** – bordered by Honey Locust trees. These thornless Honey Locusts have long seedpods that are eaten by birds and deer and have been used to make beer!

