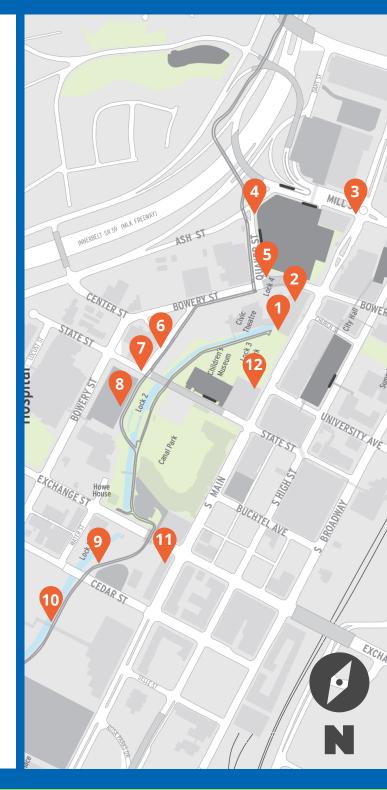
SELF-GUIDED WALKING TOUR





- 1. **Akron Civic Theatre:** The \$8.5 million renovation, completed in summer 2021, included the exterior murals, grand lobby, and arcade restoration, and brand new Knight stage. The mural entitled, "Iris, Aster, Lotus, and Ragwort" facing Lock 3 was painted in 2020 by Ouizi, an artist based out of Detroit. The Main Street Project, complete in 2020, included infrastructure improvements as well as improved streetscape design to enhance accessibility for all users.
- 2. **The Bowery & 159 S Main:** The Bowery, a \$42 million renovation of four buildings to the north of the Akron Civic includes 92 residential units, retail and commercial space that face both Main Street and the canal at Lock 4. The 159 S. Main, a \$30 million renovation, includes 104 apartment, as well as retail and commercial space.
- 3. **Rubber Worker Statue and Stories Project:** Installed in May 2021, the Rubber Worker Statue is part of the Rubber Worker Statues and Stories Project. It was created by Zanesville-based artist Alan Cottrill.
- 4. **The Cascade Mural:** Installed in 2016 and designed by Jessica Loftus and Sharon Spencer, the goal of the mural is to welcome people into Downtown Akron from the Towpath Trail.
- 5. **Lock 4:** The mural entitled "Axis Mundi" by El Mac and Aiseborn of Los Angeles was completed in 2020, as part of the Akron Civic Theatre's renovation.
- 6. **Canal Square Lofts:** A former YMCA Building, Canal Square was built in 1931 by Akron's preeminent architectural firm at a cost of \$1.26M. It features lavish Art Deco details, including the geometric designs on the tin-plated pyramid at the building's apex. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and bouses 77 appulment units









- 7. **State Street Bridge:** State Street is an important connection between downtown and Akron Children's Hospital. A newly constructed bridge opened in 2020 with a large multi-use sidewalk to facilitate bicycle and pedestrian traffic between Akron Children's Hospital, the Towpath Trail, and Main Street.
- 8. Lock 2: Located along the historic Ohio & Erie Canal, Lock 2 is one of 19 locks once used to move canal boats. It is located on the Towpath Trail between Akron Children's Hospital and Canal Park Stadium. Lock 2 is an open and inviting public space that recently underwent enhancements as part of the Akron Civic Commons work.
- 9. Lock 1: Location of the Ohio Canal Interceptor Tunnel (OCIT) 3, the location where Rosie, the tunnel boring machine, completed its journey beneath downtown. The tunnel is 27 feet in diameter and is 6,240 feet long, and is designed to hold 25.6 million gallons of stormwater and sewage to keep it from entering the Cuyahoga River.
- 10. **Canal Place & Bounce Innovation Hub:** Canal Place, formerly BF Goodrich, holds a variety of businesses using retail, commercial and industrial space. Construction began in early 2021 on 139 residential units planned to open in fall 2022. Founded in 2018, Bounce Innovation Hub provides entrepreneurship services and coworking spaces for start-ups and small businesses in Akron.
- 11. **The Standard:** formerly 22 Exchange, is undergoing a renovation to convert the student housing into market-rate apartments. The fully renovated building will have 236 units and will be complete in 2022.
- 12. **Lock 3:** will undergo a renovation starting in the Fall of 2022. The renovations will improve the accessibility and functionality of the space, significantly enhancing its features as a park that invites visitors and boosts economic development. Additionally, nearby, the historic Mayflower Hotel, built in 1931, is undergoing a \$44 million renovation to all 233 units.



Additional points of interest to check out in downtown:

Northside Green (near 106 N. Main St.): This public space, opened in 2018, was inspired by the Downtown Akron Vision + Redevelopment Plan. The space includes a mural designed by Akron artist April Nicholson-Couch, outdoor furniture by Krunchworks Design, and pollinator-friendly plants recommended by Keep Akron Beautiful and Summit Metro Parks.

NIHF STEM Plaza (199 S. Broadway): Installed in 2019, The Roots of Rubber installation by Spanish arts collective Boa Mistura beautified the plaza of the National Inventors Hall of Fame School for STEM Learning. The installation combines a large-scale painting on the surface of the plaza with a series of three-dimensional forms featuring an inspirational excerpt of poetry by Akron native, Rita Dove. The project to enliven this public space with art featuring Dove's poetry was a partnership between DAP, Akron Public Schools, STEM Learners, the city of Akron, and the public, with support from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation. Dove, a former U.S. Poet Laureate and winner of the Pulitzer Prize for poetry, is the only poet awarded both the National Humanities Medal and the National Medal of Arts.

North High Parklet & Akron Art Bomb Mural:

Installed in 2018, The North High Parklet provides more space and amenities for people using the sidewalks and visiting businesses. Grab a coffee or a slice of pizza and enjoy this downtown social space. The Akron Art Bomb Brigade mural, entitled Rhapsody, adds buoyant bursts of color to three sides of the building that houses Crave (57 E. Market St.).

Love the Wall: More than 700 feet long, Love the Wall on S. Broadway was painted in 2015 by Akron artist Nathan Mayfield. In 2021, the mural was repainted by volunteers from Goodyear.