Historic City Walk

1. City Hall (1861) and Amistad Memorial (1992). High Victorian Gothic building by Henry Austin which has been incorporated into a larger government building designed by Herbert S. Newman. On the site of the old jail (in front of City Hall) stands the three-sided Amistad Memorial sculpted by Ed Hamilton. The sculpture chronicles the Amistad trial from 1839-1842.
4. Bennett Memorial Fountain (1907). Designed by John Fergusson Weir, this functional monument provided water to both people and horses before the advent of the automobile.
5. WWI Memorial (1929). This flagpole designed by Douglas Orr features carved silhouettes and the names of New Haven soldiers killed in action.
7. Public Library (1911). Cass Gilbert designed this brick and marble building.
8. Yale Visitor Center (1767). The oldest private residence in New Haven was built by John Pierpont, grandson of a Yale founder.
9. United Church (1815). Built by David Hoadley, this English-style church united former congregants of the Center Church.
10. Center Church (1815) and New Haven Crypt (1640-1812). The church, designed by Asher Benjamin and built by Ithiel Town, is the site of the original meeting house. It sits atop the old burial ground and features a basement crypt. 20,000+ New Haveners are buried here.
12. Phelps Gate (1895). Yale’s “front door” that provides entrance to the Old Campus.
14. Dwight Chapel (1842). Designed by Henry Austin as the original Yale library.
15. Skull and Bones (1856). Oldest of Yale’s “secret societies.”
17. Women’s Table (1993). Designed by Maya Lin to honor female Yale graduates.
18. Sterling Library (1930). Yale’s main library designed by James Gamble Rogers.
20. Book and Snake (1901). Designed by R.H. Robinson, this was the first Yale “secret society” to accept women and minorities.
22. Woolsey Hall (1901). Designed by Carrere & Hastings, it is home to the New Haven Symphony Orchestra.
24. Farmington Canal Greenway (1835). Former canal and railway converted into a recreational trail.

Trail Description:

Easy Walk
The Historic Walking Tour centers around the 18-acre Green, historically the center of nine squares of the original New Haven boundary. The Green continues to be a tranquil heart of the City and a location for many cultural events.

Total trails distance is approx. 0.93 miles

For more information about this location, contact:
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