

# 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.
2. U.S. District Court House (1913). Designed by James Gamble Rogers.
3. Exchange Building (1832). New Haven's first multi-story commercial building built by William Jehiel Forbes.
4. Bennett Memorial Fountain (1907). Designed by John Ferguson 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.
6. State Superior Court (1909). Allen and Williams architects designed this Greco-Roman court house.
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.
11. Trinity Church (1914). Built by Ithiel Town. America's first Gothic Revival Church.
12. Phelps Gate (1895). Yale's "front door" that provides entrance to the Old Campus.
13. Connecticut Hall (1750). The oldest building in New Haven is modeled after Harvard's Massachusetts Hall. A statue of Revolutionary war hero Nathan Hale is in front.
14. Dwight Chapel (1842). Designed by Henry Austin as the original Yale library.
15. Skull and Bones (1856). Oldest of Yale's "secret societies."
16. Yale Center for British Art (1974). Louis Kahn's final work.
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.
19. Beinecke Rare Book Library (1963). Designed by Gordon Bunshaft of Skimore, Owens, and Merrill, this translucent marble library boasts a rare Gutenberg Bible.
20. Book and Snake (1901). Designed by R.H. Robinson, this was the first Yale "secret society" to accept women and minorities.
21. Grove Street Cemetery (1795). Egyptian Revival Entrance by Henry Austin. Resting place of Eli Whitney, Noah Webster, Walter Camp, and Roger Sherman.
22. Woolsey Hall (1901). Designed by Carrere & Hastings, it is home to the New Haven Symphony Orchestra.
23. Scroll and Key (1869). Exotic Moorish temple by Richard Morris Hunt that houses a Yale "secret society."
24. Farmington Canal Greenway (1835). Former canal and railway converted into a recreational trail.
25. New Haven Museum and Historical Society (1930). This museum by J. Frederick Kelley houses many New Haven treasures.

## 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

## Directions and Parking:

Depending on your anticipated length of stay in New Haven, on-street metered parking through the City is available for 1 to 2 hour intervals during the day until 8 pm. Ample parking is available at many private or public structures at specified rates per hour. Parking structures are located on Temple Street south of Chapel Street and behind City Hall.

## Permitted/Prohibited Activities:

Dogs are permitted on New Haven's city streets on leash. Please bag and pick up all animal waste.



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**For more information about this location, contact:**

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