

Take a Walk in

ADDISON PARKS

Walk #1: Central Addison

Time: 2-4 hours

1. Blueprints at Addison Circle
2. Beckert Park
3. Bosque Park
4. Conference Center Sculpture Garden
5. Addison Circle Park



The Blueprints (#1)

Start your walk by gazing up at the Blueprints smack dab in the middle of town. The huge blueprints, rolled up and blooming over the traffic circle, contain collaged symbols of historical items and things the Town has built. One petal has gin saws from the original Noell Cotton Gin. Others have a plat for the first subdivision, a bench from Quorum Park, a rail from the bridge behind Town Hall. Read about the giant sculpture and its symbols on panels on the southwest corner of Addison Circle Dr. and Quorum. Dr.



Beckert Park (#2)

From the Blueprints, walk east on Addison Circle Drive. In the midst of high-rise buildings is Beckert Park, a favorite place for office workers to relax during lunch, and for residents to meet in the evenings. During the summer, Beckert Park is a weekend hot-spot for



Salsa lessons, Jazz, Symphony, and, of course, picnic baskets and blankets. Stop at one of the many sidewalk cafes and enjoy some refreshments before continuing your stroll. Be sure to peek into the courtyards of the highrises for hidden gardens and sculptures.

Bosque Park (#3)

From Beckert, walk north on Spectrum Dr. to Morris. Turn west and walk two blocks, crossing over Quorum Drive. Breathe deeply as you step through the entrance to Bosque Park. This dense stand of native Red Cedars has been here since Addison was a rural community and was part of the homestead of African-American



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farmer "Doc" Bryant. His hand dug well is preserved on the west end of the park. Wander through the trees, sit by the fountain, and enjoy the 10 degree cooler temperature in the Town's central forest.



Conference Center Sculpture Garden (#4)

Walk west on Morris past Artist Street and turn south into the Conference Center parking lot. Enter the grounds to the Conference Center from the west side.



Enjoy the colorful flowers, trees and "critter" sculptures made by artist Delbert Beckham from salvaged steel and other found items.



Inside the Conference Centre, there is a rotating photography exhibit worthy of viewing.

Before you leave the Conference Centre and Theatre grounds, notice the small stone cottage, an original house built in 1939 as part of the WPA program. Recently renovated, it is available for small meetings and receptions.



Addison Circle Park (#5)



Just south of the Conference Centre is Addison Circle Park. Bounded by Addison Rd., Addison Circle Dr, Quorum Dr., and Festival Way, this 10 acre open space serves as the special event site for Taste Addison, Kaboom Town, Oktoberfest, and many other special events sponsored by the Town.



Features of the park include interactive fountains and water pools, open green spaces, a pergola, and a walking trail.



Explore the grounds and find the stops of the old Cottonbelt Railroad in plaques on the ground.



You have now completed Walk #1.

This is only one of the many walks in Addison parks!