This walk is intended to highlight the history, restoration and renovation of downtown Walla Walla. In 2002 the City of Walla Walla was awarded the Association of Washington Cities Municipal Achievement Award for the revitalization of downtown and Walla Walla was named by Sunset Magazine as having the Best Main Street in the West.

**Distance: Approximately 1.5 miles**

**Begin at the 1928 Marcus Whitman Hotel** 1. At Second Ave. and Rose St. Spend some time wandering through the refurbished public areas of the hotel before exiting through the north entrance, by the Explorer Ballroom. Walk north (toward Second Ave.) and turn left on Cherry St. The Whitewater-Crawford Restaurant is at the corner on Third Ave., next to the Seven Hills Winery. These two attractive businesses are located in what was once the 1904 Whitehouse Crawford Planing Mill 2. Turn left on Third Ave... past the Walla Walla District Army Corps of Engineers Headquarters and on the corner of third and Rose, installed in 2005 to commemorate the Treaty Council of 1855, is an 1899 building of the Walla Walla Great Chief Peo Mox Mox entiled “Yellow Bird Returns.” 3. Cross Rose St. and cross Third Ave. to the front of Walla Walla’s 1908 City Hall 4. Continue south to Main Street. Take a right on Main St. past the Farmers Market Pavilion 5. Turn right on 1st Street. Continue to see some of the oldest buildings on Main St.; the 1891 Walla Walla Bank 6. is still standing adjacent to a pawn shop at Fourth Ave. and Alder St. 7. Continue south on Main St. to Third Ave. On your right is the 1889 Washington Bank Building 8. into law offices at 129 W. Main.

Continue along Main St. to Third Ave. On your right is Ian and Jennifer Boyden’s 2004 “Convergences.” 9. Across Third Street is a pocket park. Note the fountain and statue titled “The Thinker” by artist Ralph Trehweth 10. Look across Main at the building which was a department store from 1861-1880 (Schwabacher’s from 1861 to 1909 and Gardiner and Co. from 1911 to 1980). Banner Bank 11. has renovated the building. On your right is the handsomely renovated Baumingster Building 12. turned to the 1898 Buckley Brothers building. Continue on foot past the 1921 First National Bank Building*, with its ornate Cornerstone columns, now Banner Bank, to the corner of Second and Alder. Return to the corner of Second and Main to the 1879 Paine Building. 13. On the northwest corner of Second and Main is Squire Broel’s bronze “Lights of the Valley.”

Turn right on Main to the 1874 Reynolds-Doyle Building 14. On the second floor is a room once known as Science Hall, where Washington’s first State Constitutional Convention was held in 1878. Notice the historic Volunteer’s Bell Clock, circa 1910 on the sidewalk. Note the cornices on the 1886 Seil Building on your right. Across the street is the 1876 building which houses Pioneer Title Co. Note the ornate cornices above the 1882 Barrett Building 15. which houses Olive Marketplace & Cafe, a local restaurant, and on the 1940 Kennedy Building. Note the street art just west of Olive Marketplace & Cafe by Squire Broel entitled “Blooms in August.” You can get a better view from the north side of Main Street. Continue east on Main Street. Starbucks Coffee and Coffee Perk are located in the 1890 Sayer Building 16. which was the popular Bee Hive dry goods store from 1905-1977. Stop to admire the street art dog entitled “Thoughts Discovered” by artist Brad Rude. Cross First Ave. to the 1903 Die Brucke (bridge) Building 17. so named because it spans Mill Creek which runs underneath. At the corner of First and Main Streets, is the site of the first city bridge for foot and wagon traffic across Mill Creek. Looking across Main Street, note the sculpture “Guard Pigeon” by artist Wayne Chabre.

Mary’s 18. occupies the remainder of this block, having incorporated the former Liberty Theater* into their story. The 1914 building of this theater was the American Theater, built in 1917. Visit the store to see what remains of the theater and take a good look at the fine exterior. Notice the plaque indicating that this was the site of Fort Walla Walla in 1856. Note the sculpture titled “Holding it Together” by artist Bill Piper. Cross Colville St. to the renovated 1912 Sutherland Building. Continue on to Heritage Park 19. where there are restrooms available (not open all year). The mural of “Old Town Walla Walla” was done by artist James Fritz in 1992. The facade of the former 1902 IOOF Hall on Alder Street was reassembled on the opposite wall and now houses the “Windows on the Past” art installation. Completed in 2010, it is composed of historic and contemporary photos from ethnic and cultural groups who lived in the Walla Walla Valley from 1850 - 1950, as well as images of artifacts and ephemera, area landscapes, flora and fauna, all mounted in plexiglass and enameled on steel panels. Continue east on Main Street (once the Nez Perce Indian trail) to the corner of Palouse and Main. On your right is the Wingman Birdz & Brewz 20. located in a 1904 building and Wayne Chabre and Jean McMenemy’s 2004 “A Delicate Balance” sculpture. Across the intersection (two street crossings are necessary) is a statue of Marcus Whitman 21. pioneer doctor, who with his wife Narcissa Whitman, established a mission as missionaries to the Cayuse Indians. The Whitman Mission National Historical Site is located on Old Highway 12, 7 miles west of Walla Walla.

You can conclude your walk here by returning to the Marcus Whitman Hotel via the 1880 Kirkman House Museum* and Weaver’s Cottage 22. Retrace your route on Main St. to Colville St. across the street, note the white yule marble sculpture (on a granite base) by Bill Piper titled “He’s Not Heavy, He’s my Brother.” Take a right and walk three blocks to the corner of Cherry and Colville. The Kirkman House is open to visitors at specific times. Turn left on Colville, to return to the Marcus Whitman Hotel or you could continue north on Colville St. to the renovated 1914 Northern Pacific Railway Depot.*

*Denotes properties on the National Register of Historic Places

If you wish to see more of Walla Walla on foot, see The Historic Homes Walk, the Up Boyer and to Pioneer Park Walk, and the Fort Walla Walla Walk which are described in separate brochures.

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**THE DOWNTOWN WALK**

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Turn right on Second to see the restored 1906 Denny Building at Second and Alder, badly damaged by a fire in 2001. Across Alder St. on the SW corner is the restored 1904 Drumheller Building, which housed the downtown Smythe store. The tower of the adjacent building was a bordelio run by the notorious Josephine Wolfe. Cross Second Ave. On your way back to Second Ave. and Main St., you will see the 1921 First National Bank Building...