

Heart of Carondelet- Ivory Theater on the Ten Toes Express

TOTAL WALK DISTANCE: 1 mile

The neighborhood of Carondelet was a city on the Mississippi independent of St. Louis before 1870. Like St. Louis it was founded by French-speaking settlers (1769) and populated by immigrants (especially Germans) in the 19th century. Like much of the rest of the City it is being revitalized by architectural preservation through adaptive re-use. This easy walk passes unique limestone houses built in the 1850's.

Directions:

- Take the MetroLink to Civic Center, then transfer to MetroBus #73 Carondelet.
- Exit the bus at Michigan Ave. where Ivory and Steins intersect.
- Cross over to Fanetti Plaza to turn right on Ivory. The former St. Boniface church, now the Ivory Theater, is ahead on your left.
- Continue on Ivory, crossing Schirmer to pass the Riverside Cafe (sorry, no river views).
- The Carondelet Bakery (est. 1875) is on Virginia Ave. ahead to your left.
- Turn right on Virginia to Schirmer, passing the statue of former Alderman "Red" Villa.
- Turn right on Schirmer to walk four blocks east. At Pennsylvania you will reach South St. Louis Square Park. Pass through the park on a diagonal and turn right on Courtois.
- At Courtois and Pennsylvania walk two blocks north to Steins.
- Turn left on Steins to return to your bus-stop at Fanetti Plaza.

Alternate Route:

- Take #40 Broadway and begin your walk from So. Square Park.

To Increase Your Steps:

- Follow the return route of #73 north on Michigan, passing several homes and churches of distinction. The Susan Blow Kindergarten/Museum, home of the Carondelet Historical Society, is one mile from Fanetti Plaza at 6303 Michigan.

