

Park Place: Lafayette Square to Soulard Market on the Ten Toe Express

TOTAL WALK DISTANCE: 1 mile one-way

Park Avenue east of Lafayette Park is a business district of new and old buildings (can you tell the restorations from the new construction?) offering a variety of shopping and dining opportunities as well as services for city residents. East of 18th Street Park Ave. becomes Park Place, a wide boulevard behind the former City Hospital #1. Preservation through adaptive re-use at this site includes the Georgian Condos and the Palladium, an elegant event venue. Watch for new developments on this route connecting Lafayette Square to Soulard Market and more.

- Take MetroLink to the Civic Center Station, then transfer to #80 Park-Shaw.
- Exit the bus on Park Avenue mid-way along Lafayette Park at Benton Place.
- Walk east through the Park Avenue business district. A new little park, Park Plaza, is on your right.
- Continue east. The Georgian Condos, within the former hospital, are ahead to your right. At 14th St. you will pass behind the Palladium.
- After 12th St. you will pass alongside Leisure Park, named for a former city alderman.
- At 10th St. you will reach St. Vincent's Church, part of the Soulard family properties two centuries ago.
- Turn right on 10th St. to reach the pedestrian bridge over I-55. This takes you to Soulard Market, completing one mile. If you do not wish to retrace your steps you may board a #30 MetroBus northbound on 7th St. from the Market.

To Increase Your Steps:

- Combine this walk with the Ten Toe maps for Heart of Soulard.

OR

- Turn left on 9th St. from St Vincent's to walk to St Raymond's via Lasalle Park neighborhood.

