

WALKING TOUR, HISTORIC DOWNTOWN YAKIMA

1. Naches Court Apts, ca. 1923, originally a single family home, the wings were added to convert it to apartments in the 1920s.
2. The Seasons (1st Church of Christ Scientist), 1918, built in Italian Renaissance style (like the Mother Church in Boston). A Performing Arts Center, renowned for its acoustics, the building retains all its original features.
3. Le Chateau * (YWCA), 1934. Dedicated as YWCA May 1935 to serve as a social center for women, it now houses apartments and businesses.
4. First Baptist Church, 1908, built at a cost of \$15,000, celebrating its Diamond Anniversary.
5. St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 1889, one of the oldest buildings in Yakima. Basalt for the structure was mined from Garretson's Grade.
6. Chestnut Manor (Fashion Stables/Monterrey Apts), ca. 1899. A stable for 19 horses & a livery stable, by 1910 the upper floor was apartments and by 1920 the lower floor was converted to apartments. Spanish Monterey style, today it provides affordable housing.
7. Great Western Bldg (Masonic Temple), 1911, 2nd Temple built in USA with a replica of Solomon's Temple. Fifth floor is a ball room.
8. Grand Hotel (Commercial Hotel) ca. 1911, initially advertised "200 modern rooms" at \$1.00/night. Restored with federal & state tax credits as apts for senior citizens.
9. George Wilson Bldg, 1902. Has housed a number of commercial businesses & currently houses a tuxedo shop.
10. Capitol Theatre * (Mercy Theater, Lowe's Theater), ca. 1920. Roman-Renaissance style, designed by Marcus Priteca. Murals & ceiling painted by Tony Heinsbergen. An important landmark, when gutted by fire in 1975, restored using original plans; murals repainted by Heinsbergen at age 83.
11. Federal Courthouse (old US Post Office), ca. 1911. Re-named Justice William O. Douglas Bldg in 1980 in honor of the Supreme Court Justice.



1. Glass Kaleidoscope & Speakeasy (Greyhound Bus Depot), ca 1940. Speakeasy occupies the bus parking lot, Glass Kaleidoscope (glass blowing) the depot.
2. Rennie Bail Bond Co (Fire Station No. 1), ca. 1919. Served as the primary downtown fire station for most of the 20th century.
3. Ron's Coins & Collectibles & Essencia Bakery (Thomas Price & Co. & Payless Drug) ca. 1910. Typical masonry construction used in early 20th century to replace wooden commercial buildings that were subject to fire.
4. Liberty Bldg (Liberty Savings & Loan), ca. 1928. Now houses businesses including Red Gallery & Studios. A 1964 alteration covered the interesting Art Deco features on the exterior.
5. The Vineyard (1st Christian Church), 1907, built by a Swiss stone mason; expanded in 1926 to include an educational building. Still serves as a religious center.
6. Marquette Middle School (Marquette College for Boys), 1909. Built by the Sisters of Charity as a convent for boys at a cost of \$40,000, a dormitory was on the 3rd floor.
7. St. Joseph's Rectory, 1906. American Foursquare style, built of basalt rock. Still houses priests for St. Joseph's Church.
8. St. Joseph's Church, 1905, named for Father Joseph Caruana, Jesuit priest for the Altanum Mission in 1870. He established St. Joseph's Academy in Yakima City. The congregation moved here in 1905.
9. Unitarian Universal Church (First Congregational Church), 1920, built in the Classical Revival style. The congregation moved from Yakima City in the early 1900s to the site now occupied by the Capitol Theater.
10. Women's Century Club * (Donald House), 1908, built as the family home of George Donald, influential in transportation and economy in Yakima. Built in the Craftsman style, it retains its original features and is available for weddings and special events.
11. Shaw Thurston Co Undertakers, ca. 1910. Occupied by several mortuary companies, the building is now owned by Yakima County.

[Start on Front Street, start on Naches Avenue, or at your favorite restaurant!](#)

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- 1 Commercial Building, ca. 1910. Currently vacant, the vernacular building has housed a variety of businesses.
- 2 Schreiner Title Company, ca. 1910. Vernacular building that has historically housed real estate businesses.
- 3 Thai Orchid Restaurant (Shaw Billiards in 1920s), ca. 1910.
- 4 S. O. Hawkes & Son (Guaranty Trust Co.), ca. 1910, Beaux Arts style. Housed a variety of businesses, and currently serves an insurance agent.
- 5 Larson Bldg., ca. 1931, Art Deco style, it was built at a cost of \$750,000. On opening day, 10,000 people attended.
- Sport's Center (Columbia Hotel) ca. 1900. 1st floor used for retail with housing on the second. Its iconic neon sign was installed in 1968.
- Ross Bldg, 1930, built by building contractor Leo Ross in Art Deco style.
- Commercial bldg, ca. 1930, a vernacular commercial building that today houses Perfect Fit Boutique and Sig's Office Machines.
- Churchhill's (Piston Service Inc.), ca. 1935. Has housed a variety of businesses.
- Tieton Hotel, ca. 1905. Had retail on first floor and upper floors served as housing. Has had many owners.
- Santiago's Restaurant, ca. 1925. Interior has many of the original features.
- Vita Rug Gallery (Yakima Valley Bank), ca. 1923. Metal siding on front recently removed to show terra-cotta detailing. Interior still has many of the original bank's features, including marble floors.



Women's Century Club (#21 on the tour), once a private residence, is now 100 years old



The Capitol Theatre is a cultural icon in Yakima, and dates to ca. 1920

- 35 Barrel House Restaurant, ca. 1915.
- 36 Rosa Apartments (Cascade Hotel), ca. 1910.
- 37 Savoy Hotel (Senator Hotel), ca. 1905, now boarded up, the hotel served train passengers.
- 38 Keg & Cork (City Hall), 1889. Construction began on the old City Hall in 1887.
- 39 Old Fire Station, 1889. Construction of the Fire Station took place at the same time the City Hall was being constructed.
- 40 Café Melange (Long Branch Building), ca. 1920. The building served as an office building and as the home of the Yakima Valley Distribution Company.
- 41 Corday's Clothing (Lund Bldg), 1899, constructed of local basalt rocks. Originally a saloon, ca 1910, the building became the Chicago Clothing Company. It will soon become a winery.
- 42 Union Pacific Freight Bldg *, 1924. One of the buildings constructed when the Union Pacific's business had expanded dramatically from its beginning in 1911.
- 43 Union Pacific Passenger Bldg, 1909. The structure is the third depot built in North Yakima, the first dated to 1865. Today, part of it houses the Depot Restaurant; much of the remainder is open for viewing of the intact marble floors, high ceilings, and brass rails.

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