

Downtown's past draws preservation conference

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Historic preservation in downtown Spokane is a lot more than old buildings.

It's fine dining, nightlife, shows, shops, wineries and lodging. It's also

the people who make historic places go.

For the past 30 years, Spokane has put a big hug around its historic assets through restorations of the Davenport Hotel, Montvale Hotel, Lusso Hotel, Fox Theater, Bing Crosby Theater and Steam Plant Square – to name a

handful.

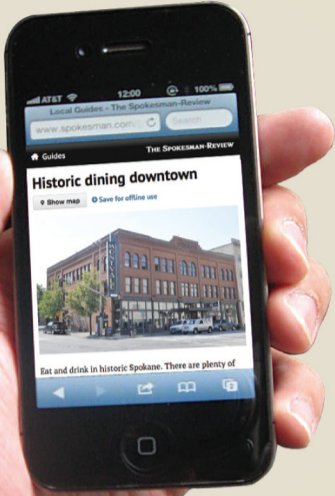
Hundreds of buildings are now on historic registers.

“Look at the restaurants and bars and the things that are downtown now,” said Joanne Moyer, co-chair of

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History goes mobile

On your smartphone or tablet: The Spokesman-Review offers a variety of tours available on smartphones, tablets and desktop browsers, including some of the official tours of the National Preservation Conference. The walking and driving tours include photos and maps and can be saved for offline use. Here are some of the tours available. For a complete list, visit:



www.spokesman.com/guides

Historic dining downtown

Eat and drink in historic Spokane. Here are some of the favorites.

Historic wall signs

With its large stock of old brick buildings, Spokane is home to an intriguing display of historic wall signs. Wander through the downtown area, especially near old buildings, to discover these treasures.

Native American places in Spokane

Recent archaeological evidence shows that Spokane has been continuously occupied for at least 8,000 years, making it the oldest ongoing habitation in Washington state. This tour offers a chance to get out and stretch your legs.

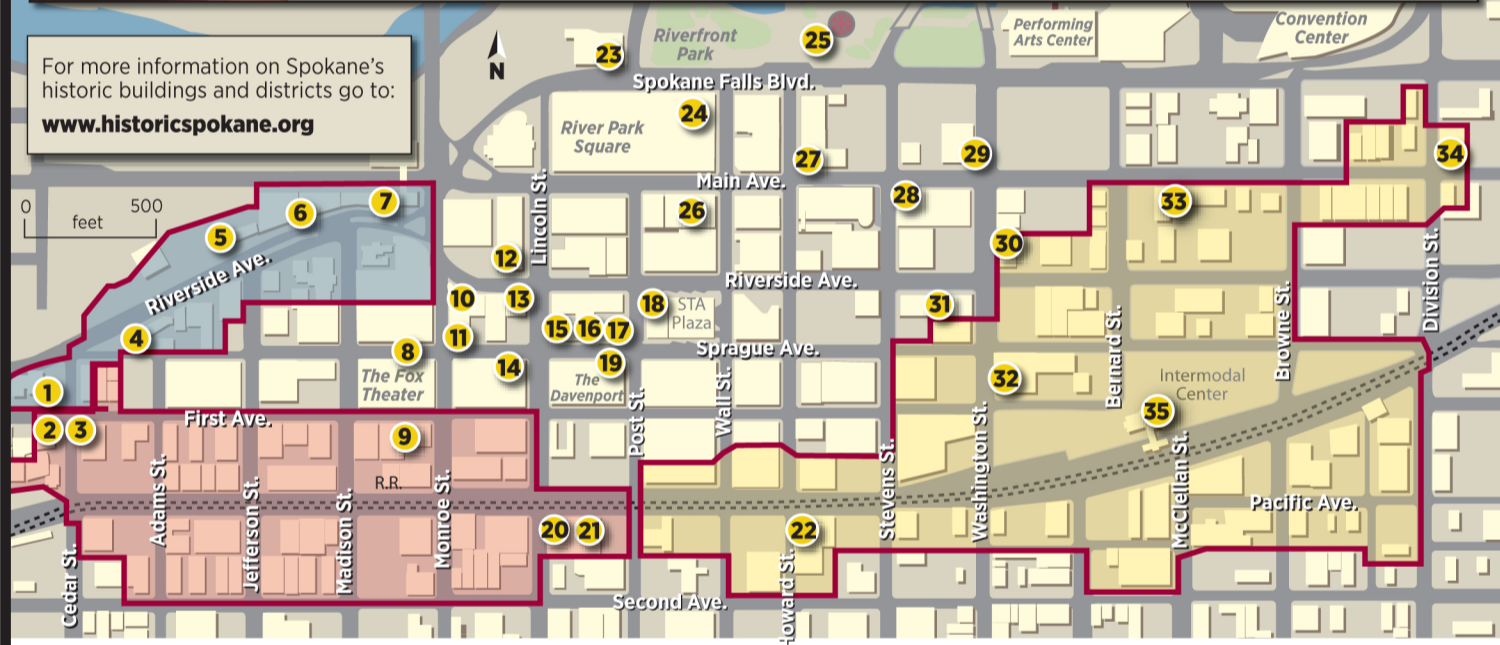
Neighborhood historic dining

Older neighborhoods surrounding the downtown area have a great collection of cafes and restaurants in historic buildings, including the beloved Mary Lou's Milk Bottle, Ferguson's Cafe and Donut Parade on the North Side.

Kirtland Cutter and Spokane's age of elegance

This tour focuses on the architecture of Kirtland Cutter, Spokane's premier architect from the late 1880s to the 1920s.

For more information on Spokane's historic buildings and districts go to:
www.historicspokane.org



Downtown's National Historic Districts

Properties cited as contributing structures within National Historic Districts are also individually listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Riverside Avenue Historic District

CONTRIBUTING (buildings) - 13
(noncontributing not available)

Encompasses a well-preserved portion of the inner city, which early in the century was called the Civic Center because of the concentration of monumental buildings

West Downtown Historic Transportation Corridor District

CONTRIBUTING (buildings) - 50
NONCONTRIBUTING - 15

Railroad-dependent buildings; single room occupancy hotels and other lodgings and auto showrooms, service and supply shops

East Downtown Historic District

CONTRIBUTING (buildings) - 78
NONCONTRIBUTING - 24

Industrial and commercial buildings that offered housing and business establishments that met the needs of those who came to Spokane to work and live

Some prominent buildings on the local and national historic registers

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| 1 Carnegie Library, 1904
10 S. Cedar | 10 Review Building, 1890
999 W. Riverside | 18 Peyton Building, 1898 and 1908
722 W. Sprague | 24 Old Spokane City Hall Building, 1913
221 N. Wall | 30 American Legion Building, 1910
108 N. Washington |
| 2 Grand Coulee, 1910
106 S. Cedar | 11 Chronicle Building, 1928
926 W. Sprague | 19 The Davenport Hotel, 1914
807 W. Sprague | 25 Natatorium Looft Carrousel, 1909
Riverfront Park | 31 Paulsen Center, 1911, 1928
407, 417 W. Riverside |
| 3 Eldridge Building, 1925
1319-1325 W. First | 12 U.S. Post Office, 1908
904 W. Riverside | 20 Seehorn-Lang Building, 1896
151-165 S. Lincoln | 26 Crescent Building, 1918
707 W. Main | 32 Hutton Building, 1907
9 S. Washington |
| 4 San Marco, 1904
1229 W. Riverside | 13 Empire State Building, c. 1900
901 W. Riverside | 21 Central Steam Heat Plant, 1916
159 S. Lincoln | 27 Bennett Block, 1890
206 N. Howard | 33 Salvation Army Building, 1921
245 W. Main |
| 5 Smith Funeral Home (North Coast Life), 1912
1124 W. Riverside | 14 Clemmer Theater (The Bing), c. 1915
901 W. Sprague | 22 Holley-Mason Building, c. 1905
157 S. Howard | 28 1889 Building, 1889
427 W. Main | 34 Globe Hotel, 1908
204 N. Division |
| 6 Masonic Temple, 1926
1108 W. Riverside | 15 Germond Block, 1890
816 W. Sprague | 23 Montgomery Ward Building (City Hall), 1929
808 W. Spokane Falls | 29 Kemp & Hebert Building (Auntie's Bookstore), 1908
404 W. Main | 35 Northern Pacific Railway Depot, 1890
221 W. First |
| 7 Spokane Club, 1910
1002 W. Riverside | 16 Miller Block, c. 1890
808 W. Sprague | | | |
| 8 Fox Theater, 1931
1005 W. Sprague | 17 Whitten Block, 1889-90
1 N. Post | | | |
| 9 Montvale Block, 1899
1001-1009 W. First | | | | |

SOURCES: Spokane Register of Historic Places, National Register of Historic Places