

This walking route was created to encourage walking and exploring in Rochester, MN. A group of community partners assembled it as part of a series in hopes that each walker may discover more about our city. Enjoy!



Route 2 of 5 • 1.98 miles Historic SW Neighborhood Walk



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All routes begin and end at the Peace Plaza.

Plummer Building

This building is named for scientist, physician, and engineer, Dr. Henry S. Plummer, whose tenure spanned Mayo's formative years from 1900 until his death in 1936. Dr. Plummer played a key role in the architectural design of the building that served as the Mayo Clinic from 1928 to 1953. Raymond Corwin of Ellerbe & Co., the architects for the building, designed its bronze entry doors, which each weigh 1,000 pounds and feature panel designs from medicine and mythology. The Plummer Building is on the National Historic Registry.

Hilton/Guggenheim Building
The Guggenheim is a part of the Mayo Clinic downtown campus and is a 20-story building connected to the subway walking system. The low-rise portion on the east side is known as the Conrad Hilton Building, named for the founder of Hilton Hotels after a large gift in the early 1970s. Many of the floors contain research labs. Nesting on the very top of this building are rare peregrine falcons, a part of the Midwest Peregrine Falcon Restoration Project.

3 Soldier's Field Memorial

In 1927, the American Legion bought this property from Dr. Graham for \$30,000 and it became officially known as Soldiers Memorial Field. In 1965, the Jaycees spearheaded the adoption of the 173rd Airborne Brigade and what began as an idea for a plaque to honor the 173rd, grew to an impressive \$5 million privately funded memorial to honor those who died from injuries sustained in service. Numerous other dedications and monuments now appear on this awe-inspiring three-acre site.

**Foundation House** 

Built in 1918 for Dr. William J. Mayo, this three-story, 47-room Tudor Medieval Revival style home at 701 4th St. SW was designed by Ellerbe Associates. Since 1938, the home, now called the Foundation House, has been owned and maintained by the Mayo Foundation; it is listed on the National Historic Registry. The House is used as a meeting place for the staff of the Mayo Clinic, Mayo Foundation fellows, and visiting physicians and scientists.

5 Mitchell Student Center

The 1937 Public Library was designed by Rochester Architect, Harold Crawford. After the library moved in 1972, the Mayo

Clinic purchased this building. Now a part of the Mayo Medical School, the Mitchell Student Center is a state-of-the-art Learning Resource Center, including a library and computer lab. The Mitchell Student Center is listed on the National Historic Registry.



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