

Walking Tour

Driving Tour


Mount Dora Historic Tours




1-Atlantic Coastline Depot - 1915
341 Alexander St.
Constructed at a cost of \$8,223, the building served as a passenger depot until 1950 and a freight depot until 1973. In that year, the Mount Dora Area Chamber of Commerce made the depot its permanent home. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



7-Donnelly House - 1893
535 Donnelly St.
Built by entrepreneur and former Mayor J.P. Donnelly as a wedding gift for his bride Annie McDonald Stone, it remains a superb example of Steamboat Gothic/Queen Anne architecture. Listed in the National Register of Historic Places.



13-Barnard House - 1911
308-310 Tremain St.
The Barnard House was owned by George and Bertha Barnard early in its history. Its two-tiered wrap around porch is its unique feature.



19-The Ingram Building - 1923
132-138 E. Fifth Ave.
This building contains three storefronts on the first floor, and apartments on the second floor. The stores are unusual in that they have large brick fireplaces. This building is one of the least altered buildings downtown. The building was built by W.W. Ingram, a lawyer and investor from Ohio.



2-Childs House - 1922
352 Alexander St.
One of Sears and Roebuck "kit houses," this outstanding example of the Arts and Crafts Bungalow style of architecture was built by Charles Edgerton, owner of the Lakeside Inn, for his niece and her husband.



8-Community Church - 1887
650 Donnelly St.
Established in the home of Ross C. Tremain in 1883 this Congregational Church, the 2nd church in Mount Dora, was constructed in 1887 on land donated by J.P. Donnelly. It stands today as the only 19th century church in Mount Dora.



14-Maria Marin House - 1885
244 E. Third Ave.
This home was built in 1885 by R.C. Tremain and its first owner was Rev. P.B. Fiske, The Rev. Fiske of Vermont was called to be the pastor of the Congregational Church in 1887. The Frame Vernacular home is well preserved.




20-The Lewis Drug Store and Post Office - 1908
425-427 Donnelly St.
One of the oldest buildings in the two-story building was known for its souvenirs, post cards, books and soda water. This building was a grocery store in the 20s through the 40s. The post office was located in the one-story building for about ten years.



15-Nutter House - 1910
221 E. Fourth Ave.
One of Mount Dora's oldest houses, this well-preserved frame two-story home was occupied in 1913 by the Nutter family for about 20 years and more recently housed a real estate office. It is a typical example of the Frame Vernacular style of architecture.



9-Community Building - 1929
520 Baker St.
Designed by architect H.M. Griffin of Daytona Beach this Mediterranean Revival style building cost \$35,000. The building was designed so the rear wall could be moved outward without spoiling the proportion of the building. Renovation of the building has begun and is expected to be completed in 2010.



21-The Mount Dora Hotel - 1922
413 Donnelly St.
The three-story Mount Dora Hotel is a plain building, but is one of two hotels built in the City during the Florida land boom, and as such, it represents the optimism of Florida investors during that time.



16-The Highland Garage - 1921
145 E. Fourth Ave.
The Highland Garage is significant as an early garage and for its molded concrete block facade. In operation for several years, and owned by G.R. La Breck in the 1920s, this building is one of two garages located downtown. The other at 441 Donnelly St. was completely remodeled.



22-Crane Furniture Store - 1929
403 Donnelly St.
This masonry building is located on the site of one of Mount Dora's earliest stores. C. Stowe came to Mount Dora in 1884. The store was in operation by 1888, and occupied by various businesses until the 1920s, when Rehbaum and Crane began their furniture store.




10-Patterson-Hague House - 1916
610 Tremain St.
This is a well-constructed and beautifully designed, brick duplex. Built in the Craftsman style this home is an early example of a multiple family dwelling.



23-Rebaum's Hardware - 1915
401 N. Donnelly St.
The north half of this building housed Rebaum's Hardware Store from 1915 until the 1980s. The second floor contained apartments where the family lived. In 1918 Mr. Rebaum started the funeral business in the back of the furniture business.



17-Dr. Callahan's Office and Home - 1921
142 E. Fourth Ave.
This unique building was constructed as Dr. Callahan's home and office as part of his responsibility to the Mount Dora Development Co. formed in 1918. It is significant for its unusual architecture and building materials and has housed a sanitarium for maternity and surgical cases, and a home for unwed mothers.



11-Education Hall - 1912
308 E. 5th Ave.
Originally built as a private school to accommodate the children of winter visitors, it became the City library in 1917. It is an unusual design with two large pavilions topped by hip roofs joined by a smaller recessed center bay.



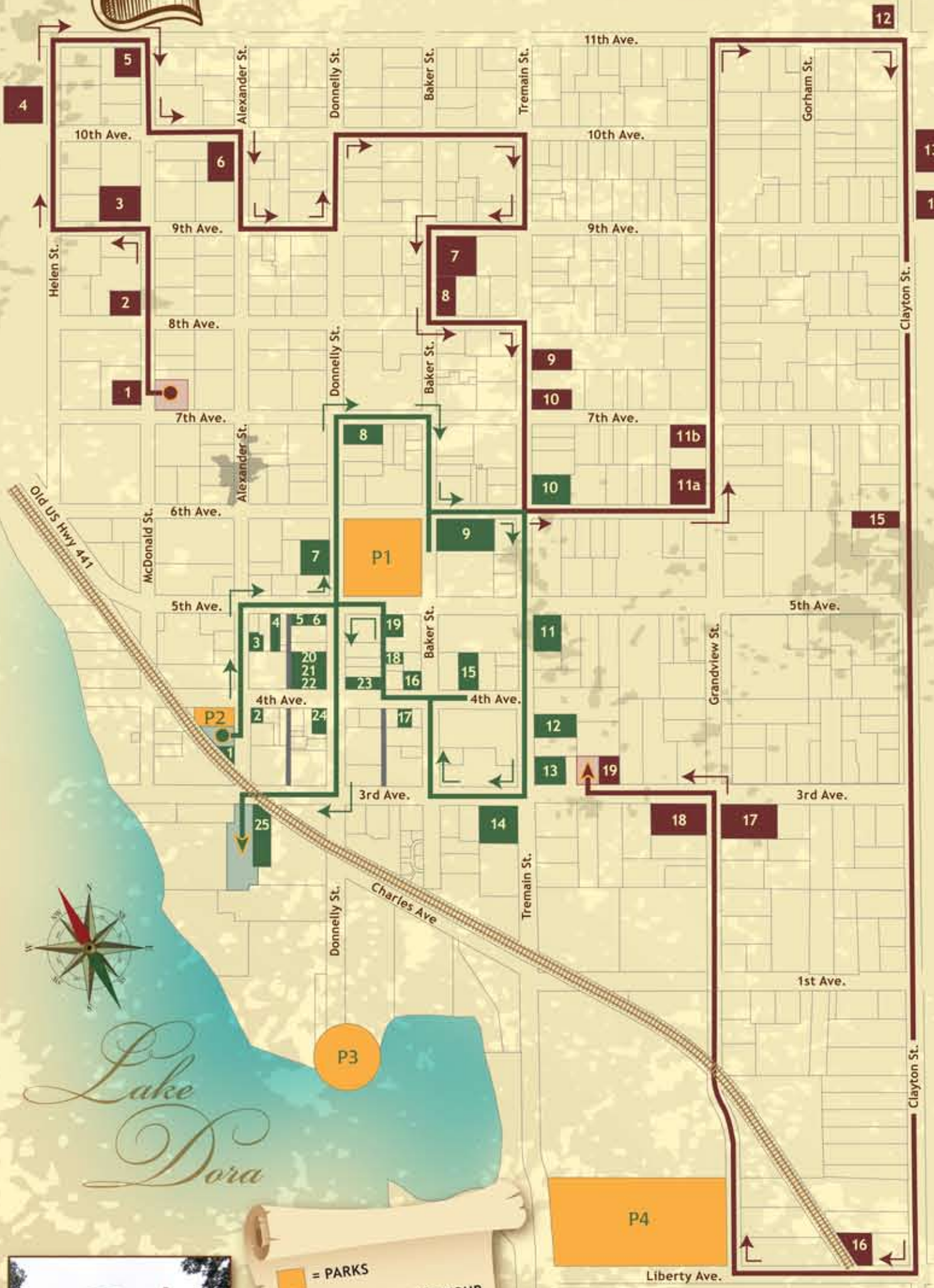
12-Cross House - 1915
326 Tremain St.
The earliest known owners of this house are Nellis and Lily Cross. The Crosses were winter visitors from northeast Pennsylvania. This Frame Vernacular home retains much of its historic integrity. It is located in a well-preserved collection of historic buildings and contributes to the historic district.



18-The Old Jail and Fire Station (Rovellou Museum) - 1923 & 1940
450 Rovellou Lane
Built in 1923 to house the fire station, it began as a much smaller building. It was enlarged to the rear when a new LaFrance fire engine didn't fit. In 1940, four jail cells were added to the front. Owned by the City, the Mount Dora Historical Society has used it for a museum since 1979.



6-First National Bank - 1925
100 W. 5th Ave.
Designed by Winter Park Architect James Gamble Rogers, this building cost \$30,000, excluding the cost of land. The lavish interior was appointed with Alabama marble, mahogany, brass and bronze. The building remained the bank until 1965.



Legend:

- = PARKS
- = START WALKING TOUR
- ▶ = END WALKING TOUR
- = START DRIVING TOUR
- ▶ = END DRIVING TOUR

Landmarks:


- P1** Annie E. Donnelly Park - 1924
- P2** Childs Park - 1930's
- P3** Evans Park - 1926
- P4** Gilbert Park - 1922, 1939

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1910 - 2010
Mount Dora Historic District,
Listed on the National Register of Historic Places
on October 1, 2009



1-McDonald Stone House - 1887
717 McDonald St.
Annie McDonald Stone had this house built and then married early Mount Dora promoter J.P. Donnelly.



7-Milner House - 1918 (Sunshine Corner)
206 E. Ninth Ave.
This house was built for Dr. Duncan Milner, a Presbyterian minister and author. He was renowned for his defense of prohibition and the rights and opportunities of African Americans.



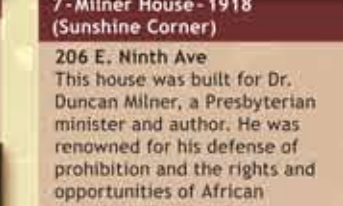
11a-S.M. Thompson House - 1923
11b-J.J. West House - 1922
647 and 613 North Grandview St.
These nearly identical sister houses were built by J. J. West, the first licensed realtor in Mount Dora for his sister and himself.



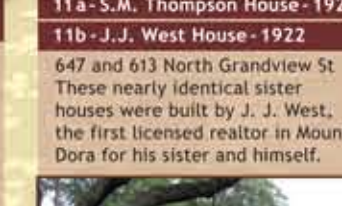
15-Dickson Rental House - 1925
551 North Clayton
Dr. Robert Dickson was the first dentist in Mount Dora and was also involved with real estate and agriculture. The home was a rental. A male goose slept in the garage of this home for years and would sit on the porch and chase the school children and dogs.



2-J.H. Crane House - 1906
815 McDonald St.
Built by G. Thorne as a sanitarium and sold to the Crane family in 1910. The home has a veranda that runs around three sides and opens into several rooms for shade and ventilation. J.H. Crane served Mount Dora as a councilman, mayor, clerk and treasurer.




8-Col. Alexander House - 1889
207 E. Eighth Ave.
Built by one of Mount Dora's most important developers, Col. John Alexander, founder of the local Methodist Church and a partner in building the Lakeside Inn.



12-Edward Gorham House - 1925
649 E. Eleventh Ave.
One of Mount Dora's best architectural homes, this well maintained Bungalow is not typical with a wide front porch supported by grouped columns on molded block bases. Built by M. H. Sanborn the first owners were Edward and Annie Gorham, who wintered here through the 1920s and 30s.



16-Vrooman House - 1887
539 Liberty St.
J.H. Vrooman built this home where he lived with Almeda Gilbert, the daughter of Dr. C.R. Gilbert. Mr. Vrooman was elected a School Board Trustee in 1898.



3-Wardell-Wilmoth House - 1917
321 W. Ninth Ave.
Occupying half a City block this Craftsman Bungalow typifies pattern-book architecture and exhibits virtually no alterations. The pond where alligators once basked is still in place, as are the servants' quarters.



9-Risley House - 1925
742 Tremain St.
This unusual house has a large basement. The facade is concrete blocks faced with New York State granite and were all made on the property. C. Risley operated a concrete business on site and is responsible for most of the City sidewalks, tall pyramidal posts for wire fences and blocks for the addition to the Lakeside Inn.



13-Dingee-Banks House - 1911
950 N. Clayton St.
Margaret and James Dingee lived in this early Bungalow that was originally a farm house for a citrus grove. In 1924, Alfred and Lillian Banks lived here. Mr. Banks operated the Dixie Highway Garage on Highland Avenue.



17-MacGowen-Fowler House - 1882
512 E. Third Ave.
On the Southeast corner of Third Avenue and Grandview Street, this is one of the oldest homes in Mount Dora. The first child born in the early settlement was born here.



4-Fish-Parker House - 1930
1005 Helen St.
This home is Mount Dora's most superb example of a Tudor Period Revival home. It has a matching garage, and has beautifully-kept landscaping.




10-Farrar House - 1884
714 North Tremain St.
The Farrar family owned a 10-acre citrus grove to the east and south of their house. Built in the Frame Vernacular style, the house was later owned by the Mathews, who renovated the interior in 1937. It is one of the oldest homes in Mount Dora.



14-Bostick/Blanchard House - 1896
908 Clayton St.
A large frame two-story home with screened enclosed two-tier veranda. There was originally a windmill on the lot. The Bostick family built this home. The Blanchard family moved in during the 1930s. Ray was a mail carrier and a Worthy Master Mason. Flavilla was the president of the American Legion Auxiliary.




18-William Watt House - 1906
442 E. Third Ave.
Mr. Watt, inventor of corrugated cardboard, packed his oranges here for shipment. This home is now the Grandview Bed and Breakfast.



5-Hoxie-Wilmoth House - 1917
1027 McDonald St.
This home exemplifies the economic and social trends of the community in history and is architecturally significant. The home retains much of the integrity of the Bungalow style.



6-Fletcher Crane House - 1914
933 Alexander St.
This home has been identified for historical and architectural significance. Mr. Crane and his wife each owned and operated a business in Mount Dora in early 1929. The home is an excellent example of the Frame Vernacular building built in the City prior to the 1920s.



25-Lakeside Inn - 1883
100 Alexander St.
John M. Alexander, Annie and J.P. Donnelly plus John A. McDonald built Mount Dora's first hotel. The first guests arrived via boat. Between 1928-1930 the Olympic-sized swimming pool and two new guest houses were built. In 1930 President and Mrs. Coolidge arrived for a visit and stayed for almost 5 weeks. Other guests have included Thomas Edison, Henry Ford and Dwight D. Eisenhower. Listed in the National Register of Historic Places.



24-Mount Dora Building - 1938
351 Donnelly St.
The masonry building replaced an earlier frame commercial building. The first store in this building was the Drug Variety Store owned by Henry and Proctor Drug. By 1943 it was Vincent's 5-10-25 to \$1.00 Store which operated for at least 20 years. The building is significant for its modern architectural styling.

P1 Annie E. Donnelly Park - 1924
The Women's Club persuaded J.P. Donnelly to sell this land to the City in 1924 in order to provide a central park for the residents' and visitors' enjoyment. He agreed to sell it for \$45,000 with the stipulation that it be named in honor of his late wife, Annie.

P2 Childs Park - 1930's
Mr. R.C. Tremain originally built his orange packinghouse on this location in 1891. In 1895, Mr. Tremain started the hardware store after the freezes of 1894-95 which wiped out the orange groves. Mr. Stanton M. Childs owned a home across from the park and in order to have a view of the lake, the building was torn down and donated to the City. The park was named in his honor.

P3 Evans Park - 1926
In 1940 it was dedicated to the memory of Elizabeth Evans, a Councilwoman, Chairman of the City of Mount Dora Parks Board, and President of the Women's Club.

P4 Gilbert Park - 1922, 1939
In 1922 Mr. Earl Gilbert left this property to the City in his will. The park was developed in 1939.

