

experience COLUMBUS

SHORT NORTH ARTS DISTRICT WALKING TOUR

Explore the Short North Arts District, home to restaurants, galleries, unique shops and nightclubs. This walking tour will take you to many of the district's hot spots.

Park at Lincoln and High Streets across from Jeni's Splendid Ice Creams. Just look up to marvel at the beautiful **High Street arches**, which start at Poplar near The Cap at Union Station and go to Smith Street just past Fifth Avenue. Rebuilt in 2002, these arches are reminiscent of their original 1888 predecessors. The twist is that their high-tech wiring allows them to pulse, fade and flicker in a multitude of colors.



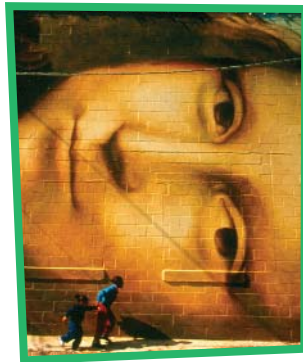
Lit arches illuminate the Short North Arts District

Across the street from where you parked you will see **Rigsby's Kitchen**, (698 N. High St.). As the district's first upscale restaurant, Rigsby's is a Short North anchor renowned for its delectable cuisine.

Move down one storefront, past Jeni's Splendid Ice Creams to see the **Short North Gothic mural**, 714 N. High St. Grant Wood's best-known work gets turned on its head, well at least the woman in the painting does.

Less than one block away on the same side of the street is **pm gallery**, 726 N. High St. It's not the Short North's first gallery, but it is the oldest surviving gallery in the area.

Round the corner at Pearl. One block down you will notice the **Mona Lisa mural**, 742 N. Pearl St. An iconic symbol of the Short North, the Mona Lisa mural takes da Vinci's famous lady and turns her sideways.



Walk beside the Mona Lisa

Make your way back to High Street. Roughly two block away from the Mona Lisa mural is the **Cafe Terrace at Night mural**, 780 N. High St. This Van Gogh replication adds a little more color to the already colorful Short North.

Take a right onto Hubbard Avenue to visit the **Italian Village Park**, 55 Hubbard Ave. Constructed in the 1970s, the Italian Village Park is currently undergoing \$1 million renovations to restore its vibrancy.

Now for a little leg-work. Head back to High Street. Keeping on the east side of the street go down four blocks, and you will see the **Fireproof Warehouse & Storage Company Sign**, 1024 N. High St. Any good Columbus resident knows this landmark. More than 100 years ago this building housed a horse-drawn moving and storage company. It is now home to electronic storage specialists.

Make your way to Fourth Avenue and High Street. Across the way you can find **Skully's Music-Diner**, 1151 N. High St. Skully's is epitomized by its fun, swanky, 1950s retro-style sign.

Ready for a rest? One storefront away from Skully's is the Short North's **Limestone Sofa**, 1159 N. High St. Only in the Short North can you stop to rest on a 10,000-pound couch.

Now that you're well rested, mosey down one more storefront to see the **Garden Theatre**, 1187 N. High St. The Garden Theatre once showed silent films and "talkies," later fell to a pornography ring, then was rescued and turned into the Garden Church. What a biography.

Make your way back up High Street to First Avenue. Head straight back that path to Neil Avenue. Welcome to **Victorian Village**. A stroll through this historic neighborhood will turn up a plethora of architectural treasures.

Keep on Neil Avenue until you reach Buttles Street. Then make your way back towards High Street, and you will pass the lovely **Goodale Park**, at the corner of Buttles and Park streets. Donated to the city by Columbus' first physician and millionaire, Dr. Lincoln Goodale, this park has been a gathering place for dog walkers and pleasure seekers since 1851.



Stroll through Goodale Park

Head to the front of the park (towards High Street). You will hit Park Street. Follow Park Street through the Goodale Street intersection. Before long, you will come to the **North Market**, 59 Spruce St. Since 1876 butchers, bakers, fishmongers and green grocers have filled the North Market. Stop in for an eclectic lunch.



Shop at the North Market

Exit the North Market's large parking lot and get back on High Street. Turn left once you are on High Street and you will soon come to the **Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral**, 555 N. High St. Noted for its interior and exterior magnificence, the Greek Orthodox Cathedral is the hub of Columbus' Greek community. The core of this building dates back to 1922.



Have fun at The Cap

Just across the intersection from the Cathedral you will see two identical structures filled with shops. This is **The Cap at Union Station**. A reproduction of the historic Union Station, this retail center is a bridge over I-670.

Cross the street to discover **Poplar Park**, between The Cap and Utrecht on High Street. How about another quick break? Poplar Park is a lovely place to stop. Sit at the cafe-style tables and do a little people watching.

Making your way back to where you parked, you will notice two more public art pieces — the **Train Mural/Basic Training** and the **Union Station mural**, located respectively at 630 and 612 N. High St. These sister murals are reminiscent of Columbus' early days when the city was defined by the Union Station railways that brought settling immigrants.

On the other side of the street is the **Cliff Dwellers mural**, 641 N. High St. This mural is a replica of a painting by Columbus native George Bellows.

Just down from the Cliff Dwellers mural is **Victorian Gate**, 663 N. High St. An \$11 million undertaking, this establishment boasts 160 condominiums, two banks and offices.

This completes the Short North Arts District walking tour. Hopefully you stopped along the way to find your own unique spots and new favorite places. Staying on the same side of the street and heading south will bring you back to your car. But you are not ready to go home just yet, are you?

PARKING

There are several public lots as well as numerous parking meters and side streets in the Short North Arts District. For this walking tour we recommend that you park in the lot

capping the intersection of Lincoln and High Streets, just across the street from Jeni's Splendid Ice Creams.