This site has been occupied since 1855 when it served as the office of Dr. David Sayers, father of Texas Governor Joseph Sayers. Now it is Lock Drug.

26. The 1890 Old Iron Front Saloon, with its second story raised parapet of pressed tin, now houses the Bastrop Fine Arts Guild gallery, as well as other shops, at 1009 Main.

27. Beside the alley is the 1895 A. A. Elzner Mercantile Building, currently First National Bank. At 1025-1027 Main is Elzner’s Corner. A cistern was uncovered during its renovation.

Turn right on Spring Street.

Spring Street

28. On the right is the Bastrop Opera House at 711 Spring. Built in 1889, it was the Strand Theatre during WWII and the Teen Tower in the 1950s. Restored in the 1980s, live performances of vaudeville, melodramas, musicals and comedies once again delight audiences.
Downtown Walking Trail

Northwest Side of Main Street

1. Begin your tour at the Bastrop Visitor Center, 1016 Main. This is the second site of the First National Bank of Bastrop, built in 1889 of local brick and lumber. Stop by to see the preserved interior and for information about dining, shopping and recreation in the Bastrop area.

2. Three doors down toward Spring, is the R.A. Green Mercantile, 1022 Main. This building, circa 1890, was renovated in 2008 by the Calvary Episcopal Church and is now home to several art galleries and shops.

3. On the other side of the Visitor Center, at 1010 Main, is the two-story 1883 Haynie Building, which boasts an ornate parapet.

4. A restaurant, 1006 Main, is in the Erhard Buildings, built in 1895. Notice the original pressed tin ceiling of its awning, the tiled entry and window moldings of brass.

Continue south on Main Street.

Southwest Side of Main Street

5. J.C. Buchanan built a one-story building at what is now 1002-1004 Main in 1880. The building was divided in half and, over the years, both halves passed through the hands of many Bastrop families. For the first time in 24 years, both halves now belong to the same owner. The 1004 half, vacant for over 30 years, was restored in 2007 and is now a restaurant.

If you will step to your right, down Chestnut, you will see the bridge across the Colorado River, built in 1922-1923.

6. On the corner, you will see the Nelson Burch Building at 930-932 Main Street, constructed after the 1862 fire. Its pitched roof blew off in a storm years ago. The building was completely renovated in 2011.

7. The Citizens State Bank Building, 928 Main, was built circa 1909, an example of the late Victorian era.

8. The building at 926 Main dates back to 1905.

9. Built together in circa 1900, the buildings at 918 and 920 Main were called the Knittle Buildings after the local shoemaker and his two sons who owned them.

10. The building at 914 Main is a hair salon. It has served as a barber shop since the late 1800s. Stop by for an old-fashioned straight-razor shave and haircut!

11. The restaurant at 912 Main serves patrons in the building which was, in 1891, the shop of tailor William Kesselus. Take note of the original cast iron columns and pressed tin cornices with urn finials. Carl Kleinent owned the building at 910 Main, also built in 1891.

12. The building at 906-908 Main, built in 1897, served as a post office for more than 50 years. In 2010, the “Honest Lawyer” opened a postal service, replicating an old post office.

13. The building on the corner at 904 Main was first a firehouse, then a jail, Bastrop’s City Hall and in 2012, will be the Museum and Visitor Center of the Bastrop County Historical Society.

Next, pass Wells Fargo Bank and walk to the beautiful historic home at 802 Main. P.O. Elzner arrived in Bastrop in 1838. In 1890, he built this home in a style called “Carpenter Gothic.” Here, dry goods were unloaded from ferries on the river for his store, Elzner’s Corner, located at the intersection of Main and Spring. (27)

14. On the Colorado River, just north of the Old Ferry Crossing, is a building at 702 Main that now houses the Bastrop County Historical Society Museum. In 1850, the building was home to John Cornelison, an early settler.

Southeast Side of Main Street

15. Apothecary’s Hall at 805 Main was built in the 1830s on the site of one of Bastrop’s early businesses which carried the same name.

16. A restaurant is housed in the oldest commercial building at 811 Main, built in 1846 as a storeoom.

Turn right on Pine Street.

Pine Street

17. On the corner of Water and Pine is the Old County Jail, built in 1891, a masterpiece of late 19th century second empire Victorian. It was also the site of several hangings and still has the infamous “hanging hook” on its second floor.

18. Adjacent to the jail, at 804 Pine, is the Bastrop County Courthouse, which was built in 1883-1884 and altered substantially in the 1920s.

Southeast Side of Main Street

19. Return to Main Street and turn right. You’ll see the Wertzner Building at 905 Main, now a restaurant, constructed about 1870.

20. Next door, at 909 Main, is the Bauhoff building, now a clinic, built mid to late 1800s.

21. A book store now occupies the 1887 Prokop Building at 913 Main. Michel August Prokop was a master shoemaker.

22. Continue on to a restaurant located in the 1890s Louis Eillers Building. An award-winning restoration, this building was once a butcher shop.

23. The T.A. Hasler Building at 931 Main was built in the 1870s. Hasler arrived in Bastrop as a penniless teenager; however, at the time of his death in 1909, he was a prominent merchant and property owner.

24. Around the corner, at 717 Chestnut, is the Julius Theilman Building, built in 1882. Inside is a staircase instructing ladies not to proceed as, during World War II, soldiers would often rent costs to “sleep it off” before returning to base at Camp Swift.