

Planning Department

Historic Preservation Planning Section

FACT SHEET

HISTORIC DISTRICT DESIGNATION

What is a Historic District?

A Historic District is a significant concentration, linkage, or continuity of sites, buildings, structures, or objects that are united historically, geographically, or aesthetically by plan or physical development and that have a special character, historical interest, cultural or aesthetic value, or that represents one or more architectural periods or styles in the history and development of the City.

In other words, a historic district is a geographically defined concentration of resources – typically buildings – that come together to collectively convey a shared significance under one or more of the City's designation criteria. Individual buildings within the boundary of the historic district may or may not be significant in their own right, but much like pieces of a puzzle these properties come together to paint a picture and tell an important story about our City's past.



Marston House Museum

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Join our expert docents every third Sunday of the month as they tell you stories of the Marston House and its environs and of one of San Diego's greatest architects, Irving J. Gill. With four great tour choices we understand if you can't pick just one. Bring your camera and friends.

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**THIRD SUNDAY
WALKING TOURS**
At the Marston House Museum
Balboa Park

**FOUR TOURS TO
CHOOSE FROM**

BANKERS HILL
10:30am-12pm

**SEVENTH AVENUE:
A PROGRESSIVE VISION**
12:30-1:15pm

MARSTON HOUSE GARDENS

**THE MARSTON HOUSE
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Marston House Museum

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For a [#SundayStroll](#) to [#HistoricPlaces](#), tour the nearby neighborhood of Bankers Hill and observe the many various architectural styles found here, like this stunning Mediterranean Revival.

3170 Curlew Street
Captain Albert A. Ackerman House, 1912
Hazel Wood Waterman... **Ona Zaidi**





Marston House Museum

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430 W. Spruce Street
Ralph D. Lacoe House, 1922
Quayle Brothers... Ona Zaidi



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3407 Albatross Street
Katherine Teats House #3, 1912-13
Irving Gill... Ona Zaidi



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Spruce Street Footbridge



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By Katya K

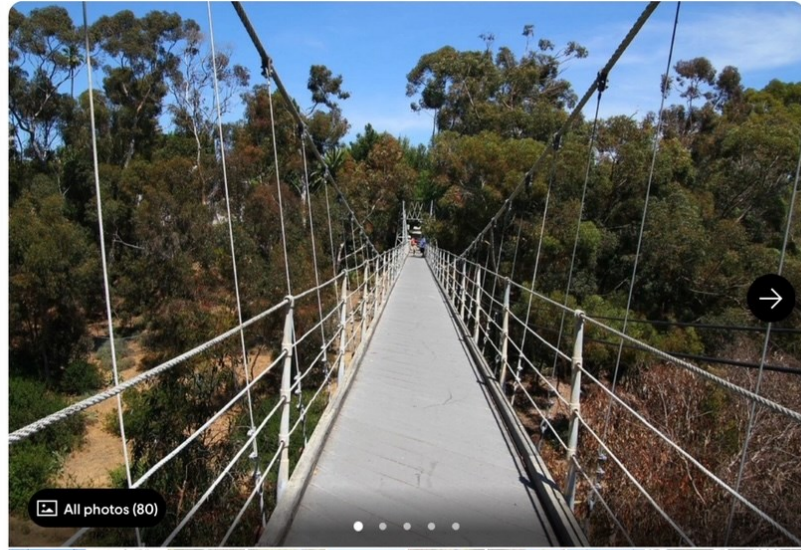
"No longer a secret, but still dope"

Jun 2021

The Spruce Footbridge is a suspension bridge, so be prepared for it to sway from side to side as you walk.

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San Diego, CA • 67 contributions

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1912 Suspension Bridge

Apr 2018 • Family

The Spruce Street Suspension bridge is fun to see and walk across. It was built in 1912. Overlooks a canyon and as you walk across the bridge it sways a bit. From Spruce Street you cross the bridge over to Brant Street. This street is also fun to walk as it is filled with historical landmark residences. The homes probably built around the same time as the bridge are an attraction worth seeing.

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Interesting bridge hidden in a residential neighborhood

Apr 2018 • Friends

Saw the bridge as a hidden treasure on some website. I was surprised by what I found. Parked on a side street and within a few steps I was at the entrance. The bridge goes over a small canyon in the neighborhood. It is enjoyed by residents out for walks. It's near the airport and worth a stop.



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Test your mettle on the Spruce Street Suspension Bridge

Consider a detour to the Bankers Hill neighborhood to cross the 375ft [Spruce St Footbridge](#). This treetop suspension bridge, built in 1912 over a deep canyon between Front St and Brant St, wriggles beneath your feet. But don't worry; it was designed that way.

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Pedestrian Bridge Tour Seven Bridges

Distance:

5.5 (miles)

Difficulty:

Easy

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Pedestrian Bridge Tour – Seven Bridges

The map shows the route of the Pedestrian Bridge Tour, which includes seven bridges. The route starts at the intersection of Park Blvd and El Prado (marked 1), goes north on El Prado (marked 2), crosses the Spruce St Footbridge (marked 3), continues north on Spruce St (marked 4), crosses the Washington St Footbridge (marked 5), continues north on Washington St (marked 6), and ends at the intersection of Lincoln Ave and Georgia St (marked 7). The map also shows other streets like University Ave, Robinson Ave, and Balboa Park.

About this trail

