

## Northeast Side of Main Street

**25. Return to Main.** W.J. Miley built and opened a drug store at 1003 Main in 1905, complete with a soda fountain which is still in operation.



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.

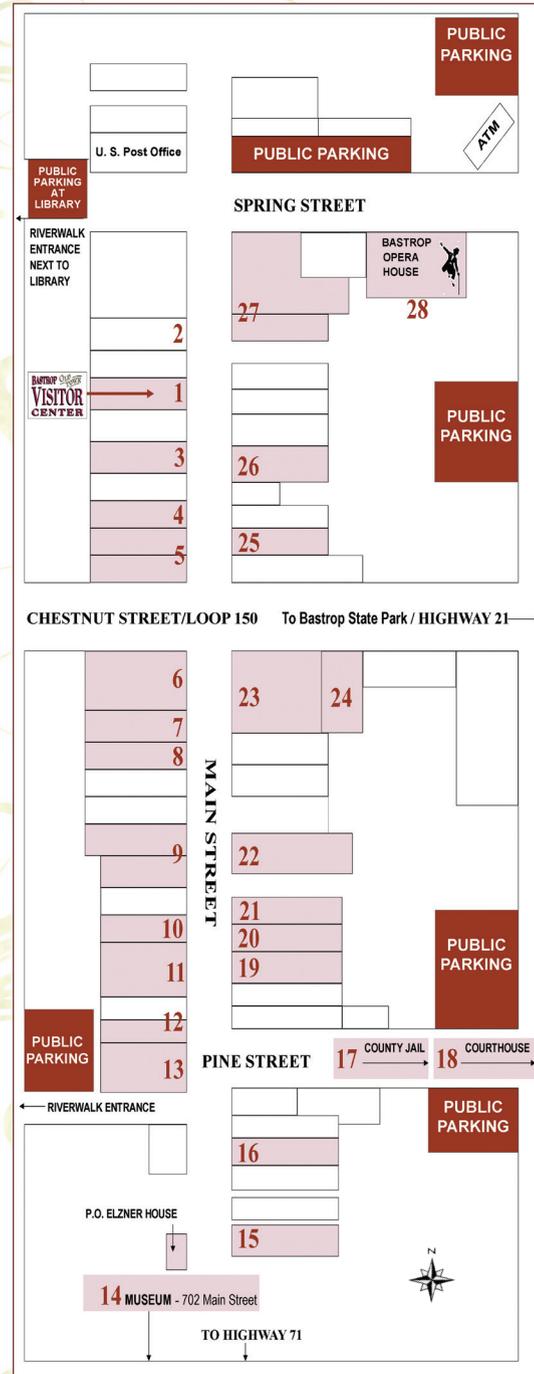
**26.** The 1890 Old Iron Front Saloon, with its second story raised parapet of pressed tin, now houses the Bastrop Fine Arts Guild gallery, as well as other shops, at 1009 Main.

**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.



1. First National Bank Building (Bastrop Visitor Center), 1016 Main Street - Built 1889
2. R.A. Green Mercantile, 1022 Main Street - Circa 1890
3. Haynie Building, 1010 Main Street - Built 1883
4. Erhard Building, 1006 Main Street - Built 1895
5. J.M. Holt Building, 1002/1004 Main Street Built 1880
6. Nelson Burch Building, 930/932 Main Street Built 1915
7. Citizens State Bank Building, 928 Main Street Built 1909
8. 926 Main Street, Built 1905
9. Knittle Buildings, 918/920 Main Street - Circa 1900
10. 914 Main, Circa late 1800s
11. Kesselus and Kleinert Buildings, 910/912 Main Street - Built 1891
12. 906/908 Main Street, Built 1897
13. Future Bastrop Museum & Visitor Center, 904 Main Street - Circa 1930
14. Museum, 702 Main Street - Circa 1850
15. Apothecary's Hall, 805 Main Street - 1830s
16. Storeroom, 811 Main Street - Built 1846
17. Old County Jail, Pine Street - Built 1891
18. Bastrop County Courthouse, 804 Pine Street Built 1883-1884
19. Wertzner Building, 905 Main Street - Circa 1870
20. Bauhoff Building, 909 Main Street - Circa mid to late 1800s
21. Prokop Building, 913 Main Street - Built 1887
22. Louis Eilers Building, 919 Main Street - Circa 1890s
23. T.A. Hasler Building, 931 Main Street - Circa 1870s
24. Julius Theilman Building, 717 Chestnut Street Built 1892
25. W.J. Miley Building, 1003 Main Street - Built 1905
26. Old Iron Front Saloon, 1009 Main Street Built 1890
27. A.A. Elzner Mercantile Building, 1021 Main Street - Built 1895. Elzner's Corner, 1025/1027 Main Street - Built 1891
28. Bastrop Opera House, 711 Spring Street - Built 1889



Nestled on the banks of the Colorado River and in the heart of the Lost Pines of Texas, the Bastrop historic district offers a delightful selection of shops, restaurants, hotels and inns. Nearby neighborhoods contain over 100 historic homes, many beautifully restored.

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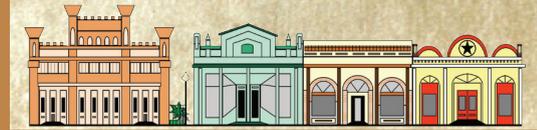
A Texas Main Street City since 2007, Bastrop was also named a Distinctive Destination™ in 2010 by the National Trust for Historic Preservation in recognition of the City's work to preserve its historic character, promote heritage tourism, enhance the community and extend its welcome.

**Bastrop Visitor Center**  
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of the Bastrop County Historical Society

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## Walking Tour Guide



## Historic Downtown

# Bastrop Texas



**Established 1832**



## 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 Building, built in 1895. Notice the original pressed tin ceiling of its awning, the tiled entry and window moldings of brass.



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.

**Continue south on Main Street.**

## Southwest Side of Main Street

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 Kleinert 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 1858. 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.

**Cross the street and head back toward downtown.**

## 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 storeroom.

**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 Eilers 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.

## Chestnut Street

24. **Around the corner**, at 717 Chestnut, is the Julius Theilman Building, built in 1892. Inside is a staircase instructing ladies not to proceed as, during World War II, soldiers would often rent cots to “sleep it off” before returning to base at Camp Swift.