


# Walk & Explore MAPS



This walking route was created to encourage walking and exploring throughout the beautiful lakes area of Alexandria, MN. This map was designed by Active Living Douglas County as part of a series, in hopes that each walker may discover more about our great city.



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**1 321 6th Avenue W (1868)** – This Vernacular Victorian style home is one of the oldest standing houses in the District. It is a 1 1/2 story wood frame with a gabled roof and a bay window on the east side. The windows are unusually tall and narrow. The house was built the year the settlers began to return after it had been abandoned when the U.S. government and Dakota conflicts began in August 1862.

**2 521 7th Avenue W (1876)** – This Vernacular Victorian home is a 1 1/2 story, with an intersecting gabled roof set back from the street on a rolling hill to Lake Winona. The home was built by Lorenzo and Sarah Sims. Mr. Sims started the first drugstore in Alexandria. Sarah Sims was the sister of William Hicks, owner of town site lots in Alexandria. Later, George and Mary Robards, co-owner of Cowing-Robards Hardware owned the house.

**3 405 7th Avenue W (1904)** – This 2-1/2 story Classical Revival style home has hipped roof and dormers and on a very large lot with a dramatic setting. Andrew and Alta Jacobson were the first owners of this home. Andrew was a cashier at Farmers National Bank, along with his brother Tollef. Together, they owned three other banks in Douglas County. Andrew was the first president of the Alexandria Golf Club. Second owners were Arthur and Illa DuBeau, who owned the hotel Blakes by the Lakes from 1923- 1947 located on Lake Carlos, and later the Geneva Beach Hotel, from 1930-1936.

**4 421 7th Avenue W (1883)** – This is a Queen Anne style home of red bricks. It is 2-1/2 stories with smooth sandstone trim and incised carving. It is located on a large lot with a curving drive. First owners of this home were Francis B. and May Van Hoesen. Francis was the first president of First National Bank in Alexandria. He was also the first president of the Village of Alexandria and served as a State legislator in 1872, 1881 & 1883. In 1915, Claus J. Gunderson, an attorney, became the second owner of this home. Gunderson was also a District Judge and a State Senator for 8 years during 1872-1883.

**5 422 7th Avenue W (1903)** – Noah P. and Sallie Ward were the first to own this Tudor Revival style home that is 2-1/2 stories with an intersecting gabled roof. The Ward's owned a grocery, crockery and provision store in Alexandria. In 1928, Carl V. Anderson who owned, Anderson Furniture, became the second owner of this home. This home is now known as Cedar Rose, a bed & breakfast. In 1984, this home was registered on the Minnesota National Register of Homes.

**6 505 7th Avenue W (1895)** – This Queen Anne style home with a two-story tower and stained glass is located on the SW corner. G.B. and M.W. Ward first owned this home. Mr. Ward was a cashier and president of First National Bank and civically active. Second owners of this home were John and Louise Wedum. Mr. Wedum was president and treasurer of Alexandria's Hardware and Lumber Company, a major local retailer.

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