

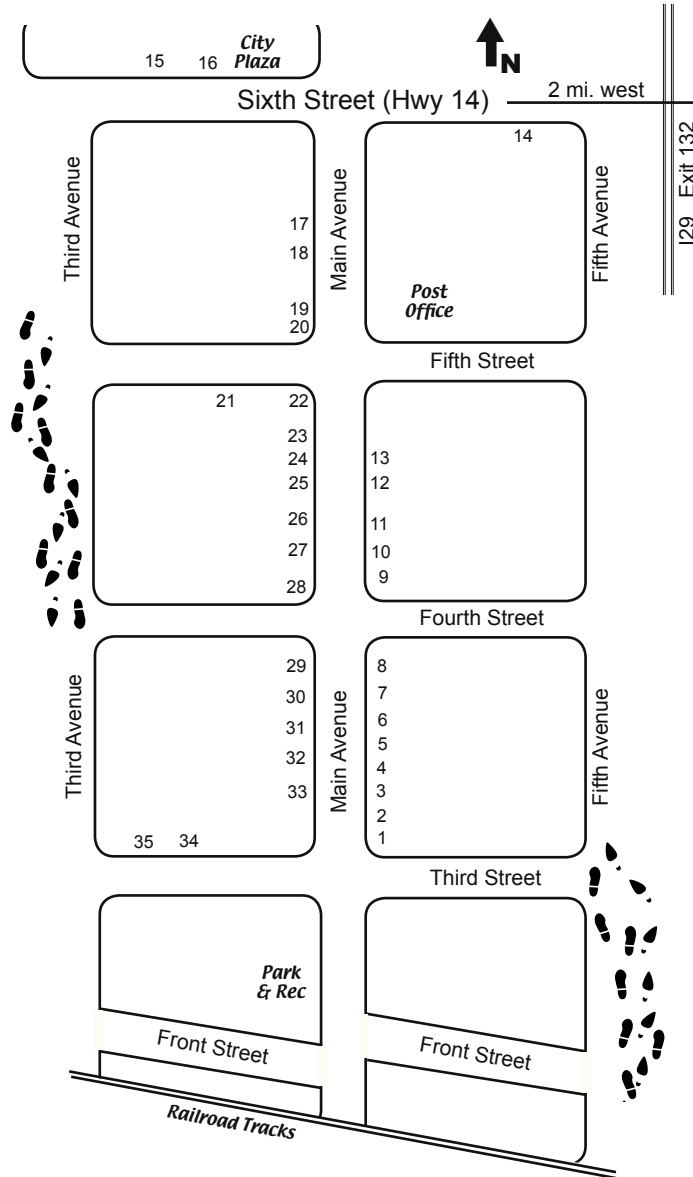
downtown brookings walkabout

begin walkabout at any business

- 1. Skinner's Pub** - 300 Main Avenue
In 1901, Skinner's Department Store was located in this New Century Building. Now, you can play pool or darts, and enjoy more than 28 tap beers, perfectly poured and served below freezing, each and every time. www.skinnerpub.com
- 2. Cook's Kitchen** - 304 Main Avenue
In 1930, this was both a variety store and restaurant. It became Cook's in 1983. Cook's will cater for your wedding or a neighborhood hot dog feed. Stop in for their home-style breakfast and lunch specials.
- 3. Cover to Cover** - 310 Main Avenue
This shop offers great books, a variety of office supplies, and the funkiest of gifts for any occasion. Visit the lower level for a wonderful selection of children's items. While you're there, enjoy a cup of freshly brewed coffee from Cabana Brew.
- 4. Trendz** - 312 Main Avenue
A bowling alley in 1936, it now houses Trendz, a lively, trend-setting Re-Sale Shoppe for savvy shoppers. Our unique style, great music and huge savings will make us your destination. Re-Sell...Re-Place...ReStyle @ TRENDZ
- 5. Karl's TV & Appliance** - 314 Main Avenue
Merchant's Bank stood here in 1903. Karl's moved to this building in 2004, though they've been serving customers for more than 50 years. They'll find you the perfect appliance to entertain yourself, your family, and your neighbors. www.karlsonline.com
- 6. Country Peddler** - 320 Main Avenue
The H.G. Williams Building was built in 1916 and has been home to Country Peddler since 1991. Browse through this consignment shop's quality clothing, jewelry, accessories, and furniture. Keep your eyes open—there is a surprise around every corner.
- 7. The Exchange** - 322 Main Avenue
Locals came here for their music supplies in 1933. The Exchange has served the downtown area since 1982. This pawn shop buys and sells everything from jewelry to quality weapons and offers a wealth of knowledge in both industries.



- 1897** Six foot wooden plank sidewalks are built
- 1890** First issue of the Brookings Register is published
- 1892** Fire Dept. has Masquerade Ball
- 1902** New Century Building (300 Main) is completed for \$25,000

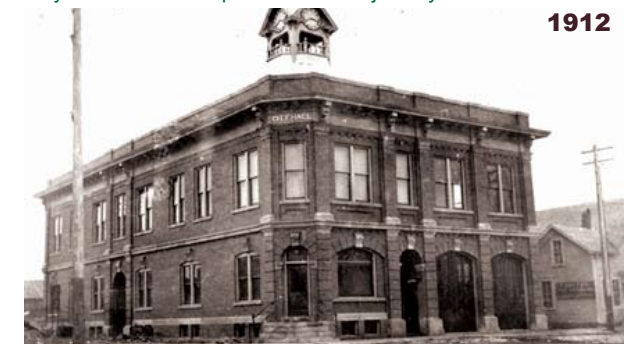


- 1905** Bowling alley is started in the basement of the Post Office
- 1906** Blizzard stalls seven trains in Brookings
- 1912** New City Hall (310 4th St) completed
- 1915** New Post Office opens at 500 Main
- 1923** JC Penney opens at 403 Main
- 1928** Drinking fountains are installed on Main
- 1929** Stop signs are painted bright yellow
- 1929** Nick's Hamburger Shop opens at 317 Fifth Street
- 1938** Dicksons rob \$17,592.99 from bank at 327 Main and escape
- 1940** Woolworth moves to 409 & 411 Main
- 1953** Sears Catalog Store opens at 405 Main

- 8. Antique Gallery Mall** - 324 Main Avenue
Quality antiques in a friendly atmosphere. A century ago, it was home to a confectionary. Now, Antique Gallery Mall is full of high-end items from numerous dealers. Their valued antiques range from classic jewelry to quality oak furniture.
- 9. Tuli** - 400 Main Avenue
A unique boutique with fashion-forward clothing and accessories is what you will find at Tuli. Brookings Clinic was here until 1958. Now, Tuli has trendy, stylish women's and junior's clothing, fun accessories, and even baby items. www.tulifashions.com
- 10. Sports Connection** - 402 Main Avenue
For 16 years, Sports Connection has offered a vast selection of equipment for many sports. They have personal service in a customer-friendly atmosphere. They also print mugs, pens, and other personalized items. And, they have uniforms for your team.
- 11. Threads of Memories** - 406 Main Ave / 411 Fourth St
From hometown items to national heritage, you can take a piece of history home with you. Threads of Memories will research antique items and teach you how to restore the pieces you buy. They have care products for antiques, and coffees and loose teas.
- 12. Party Depot** - 410 Main Avenue
For 59 years, Cole's Department Store was located in this building. Just recently, Party Depot moved into this new location. They offer decorations for celebrations of any occasion. If you plan the party, they'll provide the decorations.
- 13. Fergen's Clothing & Shoes** - 414 Main Avenue
From formal wear to denim, you'll find your clothing needs at Fergen's. This building was first Ray's Drug Store in 1927. Fergen's has expanded to shoes, women's clothing, and casual wear. This business is not just for men anymore.
- 14. Pizza Hut** - 418 Sixth Street
This friendly, customer-oriented business is a great place for families. Pizza Hut offers delicious pizza straight out of the oven. Now, you can fundraise for your group or order online. Enjoy a hot, fresh meal with your family tonight. www.pizzahut.com



- 15. Kendall's Home Medical Service** - 223 Sixth Street
Kendall's has been around since 1904. Before expanding into home medical care, Kendall's provided pharmaceutical services. You will find the staff helpful, caring, and accommodating. When you stop in, ask about emergency response systems.
- 16. Sue's Scents/Kirby Company** - 611 Main Avenue
Sue's Scents is a home-based, soy candle shop. With over 40 scents, you will never be bored. Kirby Company also resides at this location. Keep your home smelling fresh and looking clean. www.suesscents.com
- 17. Flowers on Main** - 513 Main Avenue
Flowers on Main has creative designs for your fresh or silk arrangements. They opened in 1988 and have personal and friendly service. Flowers on Main also offers free, in-home decorating consultations. www.flowersonmain.com
- 18. Cottonwood Coffee** - 509 Main Avenue
In 1931, this building was a skating rink. Cottonwood Coffee is a new addition to the area. They specialize in high quality coffee, and a healthy sandwich and soup menu. They offer free wireless Internet. Everyone is welcome! www.cottonwoodcoffee.com
- 19. The Lodge** - 503 Main Avenue
In 1927, JCPenney filled this bicycle shop. Sioux River has remodeled both storefronts. The Lodge and Sioux River Bicycles & Fitness work hand-in-hand. While searching for the perfect fitness equipment, enjoy an espresso and free wireless Internet.
- 20. Sioux River Bicycles & Fitness** - 501 Main Avenue
This shop has extensive knowledge of indoor and outdoor equipment. They've organized and participated in several community events and provide in-home repairs and high customer service. Trek on in for their vision of fitness. www.501main.com
- 21. Wink's Fine Jewelry** - 322 Fifth Street
Discover unique jewelry and quality diamonds. Wink's is known for a fine selection of handpicked diamonds from Belgium. They have classic jewelry and exceptional customer service. At Wink's, they sell MAGIC. Stop in! www.winksjewelry.com



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22. Nick's Hamburger Shop - 427 Main Avenue
Walk in and instantly smell the mouth-watering aroma of Nick's wonderful hamburgers. For 77 years, Nick's has served \$1 burgers to the Brookings area. Enjoy one with friends in this great diner atmosphere. www.nickshamburgers.com

23. Safari Lounge - 421 Main Avenue
For 20 years, residents visited the Brookings Cafe in this space. Now, you'll love the live local music of the Safari Lounge. Enjoy local performers and the welcoming and friendly atmosphere of the Safari Lounge.

24. Arrow - 419 Main Avenue
Whether you need a washer, dryer, refrigerator or freezer, Arrow carries it all. From 1946-1964, this building stood as a local bakery in downtown Brookings. Now, patrons seek out the loneliest man in town—the Maytag repairman!

25. BloomingVilla - 415 Main Avenue
Enter an upscale, inviting atmosphere that once housed sparkling jewels. They offer unusual fresh and silk flowers, some housed in the original jewelry vault. You're sure to be satisfied with unique gifts, framed art, and friendly decorating tips.

26. Rude's Home Furnishings - 409 Main Avenue
The Rude Family has owned and managed this business of quality furniture since 1881. Tour historic memorabilia in the lower level. The loft is filled with beautiful furniture and eclectic accents to decorate your home. www.rudeshomefurnishings.com

27. Subway - 403 Main Avenue
Haugen EE Dry Goods built here in 1917. It housed the State Theatre in 1921. Now, you can enjoy a fresh or toasted sandwich. They've been in this location since 1995, and still serve the same great taste for a Fresh Fit. www.subway.com

28. Ray's Corner - 401 Main Avenue
Ray's Corner provides the friendliest of atmospheres to its visitors. Since 1958, Ray's Corner has been a casual and relaxed establishment. New faces always appear, but you will never get bored of the ones that stick around. You'll love this bar.



1958 Ray's Corner opens at 401 Main - Logue's Corner
1960 KBRK Radio resides at 505 1/2 Main
1985 Ione's Cafe, Someplace Special Gift Shop and Westby and Westby Optometry burns down at 423 Main (Nick's Park)

29. The Ram - 327 Main Avenue
The famous Ben & Stella bank robbery occurred here in 1938. In 1973, The Ram opened this popular restaurant. They also cater and offer take-out. Come in and enjoy a certified Angus steak in the rustic, friendly atmosphere of The Ram.

30. Artworks/BBC Coffee - 325 Main Avenue
This was a billiard parlor at the turn of the century. Discover an elaborate selection of local work from area artists. Artworks offers custom framing from a wide variety of materials. While you are there, enjoy a cup of coffee from their coffee shop.

31. Brookings Book Company - 321 Main Avenue
Brookings Book sells mystery novels, cookbooks, science fiction, biographies, used and out-of-print books on most topics. They offer an out-of-print search and will special order novels. Visit their resident cats...Spenser and Agatha. www.brookingsbooks.com

32. George's Pizza - 311 Main Avenue
In 1884, the Bank of Brookings stood in this location. Now, George's Pizza offers a great buffet. Not that hungry? You can buy pizza by the slice at the window. Stop in and visit Mama and Papa Theodosopoulos – they will still serve you up a slice!

33. Cubby's Sports Bar & Grill - 307 Main Avenue
A fire destroyed this building in 1925. Shortly after, in 1926, a new building took its place. Now, you can enjoy any sporting event and a great burger at Cubby's Sports Bar & Grill. You will never miss the game – they have 50 televisions!

34. Hagmans Bakery - 307 Third Street
A meat locker for fifty years, Hagmans now serves rolls, muffins, pastries, and cookies. Dine, visit, and enjoy breakfast, lunch, and dinner in the seasonal Secret Garden. This bakery offers catering and cakes, and the garden is available for private party rental.

35. Lantern Lounge - 303 Third Street
Blacksmiths and mechanics once worked in this building. But since 1968, Lantern Lounge has been a fun, relaxed, entertaining scene. Join area residents for a famous Lantern Tea and dance the night away. Opens at 3 p.m. www.lanternlounge.com



1990 Mac's Cafe burns down at 407 Main (now a vacant lot)
2003 Car crashes into Sioux River Cyclery
2006 Best Friend's Closet opens at 312 Main
2008 Streetscape improvements completed

Brief History of Brookings

Brookings was surveyed and platted on October 3 and 4, 1879, in preparation for the railroad. The railroad track and train reached Brookings' Main Street on October 18, 1879, and the railroad station opened a month later.

The community was named after Wilmot W. Brookings, a spirited pioneer promoter, who had been a member of the Squatter Territorial Legislature and was later elected Squatter Governor.

The area settlements of Fountain, Oakwood and Medary had been bypassed by the railroad and many merchants of those towns packed up their businesses and moved to Brookings.

Downtown Brookings became the heart of a community that is strong in the arts, education and agriculture. It is currently made up of a diverse mix of over 200 retail, dining and service businesses that complement the government, financial and historic center of Brookings.

The downtown welcomes South Dakota State University students and their families as a home away from home during their time in the community.

The downtown is responsive to the service and shopping needs of SDSU faculty and staff, local industries, the broad range of community members, communities bordering Brookings and the many visitors that come to enjoy the historic, educational and cultural offerings of the community.

Downtown Events

Doors Open Brookings - last Saturday of April

Farmers Market - City Plaza, May-Oct., Sat: 8am-1pm; Wed: 3-6pm

Music on Main - 5:30 to 7:30 pm every Thurs., June thru August

Brookings Car Festival - 2nd weekend of June

Jim's Tap Ride-Thru - last weekend of June

Fourth of July Parade - July 4

Crazy Days - last Friday & Saturday of July

Brookings Harvest Festival - 2nd Saturday of September

Holiday Promotion - November & December

Festival of Lights - Saturday after Thanksgiving



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