Portland Irvington

This 2.8-mile loop tours one of Portland’s most beautiful neighborhoods. More than 75 homes have been designated as historically significant, ranging from Mediterranean mansions to English cottages to Prairie Craftsman. Blocks of shopping and eating places on NE Broadway offer a great way to end this walk.

From NE 15th Avenue and Broadway, walk north on 15th. At Schuyler is the exuberantly styled 1906 Gustav Freiwald House, now a bed and breakfast. The varied roofline, polygonal bays and turret are elements of the Queen Anne style.

Continue on 15th and turn right at Thompson. Pass one of the first Prairie style homes in town, dating from 1909, at 1617 NE Thompson. The banks of casement windows are typical of the style. Turn left on 17th; at 2424 NE 17th, pass a 1922 Prairie home with its characteristic massive piers.

From 17th, turn left on Brazee and right on 16th. Walk one block to Knott and turn right on it and then left on 17th. Walk one block to Stanton, turn right and walk east seven blocks to 24th. Turn right on 24th, cross Knott and turn left on Brazee. Walk four blocks and turn right on 28th. At 2208 NE 28th is a 1925 English cottage with a stunning spider web window. Note the catslide roof over the main entrance and the rounded eaves, meant to emulate the thatched roofs of rural England. Here you are in the Grant Park neighborhood.

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