

## Detroit

**Detroit** is the largest city in **Michigan**. The city is located on the Detroit River, north of Windsor, Ontario. Founded in 1701 by French fur traders, it is currently the center of an American industrial area. Detroit is also known as the world's traditional automotive center and an important source of popular music — legacies celebrated by the city's two familiar nicknames, Motor City and Motown. In 2005, Detroit ranked as the United State's 11th most populous city with 887,000 residents. Detroit is currently experiencing a downtown revival with the construction of the Compuware headquarters, a recently renovated Renaissance Center, three gambling casinos, new stadiums and a new RiverWalk. The name Detroit is also sometimes used as shorthand for the entire metro Detroit area, a sprawling region with a population of 5.5 million.

Spectacular Strolls leads you through the city's history and new developments — along with three trips to the suburbs for walks at historic homes and learning institutions. History buffs, walking enthusiasts, or suburbanites ready to rediscover Detroit will enjoy Spectacular Strolls. In addition, finding the "hidden treasure" is a fun family activity, engaging all ages and including an educational component.

**Pick a card and start exploring Detroit!**



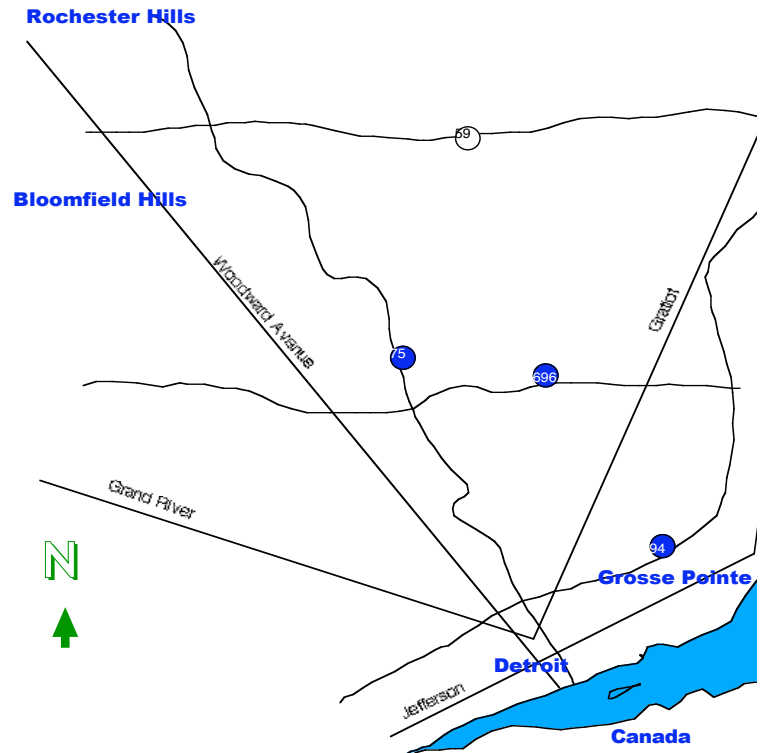
### Corktown

The area is the oldest surviving neighborhood in Detroit  
*Park on Sixth Street near Porter.*

Settlement in **Corktown** began in the 1830s, largely by Irish emigrants responding to the potato famine. By 1850, one of seven Detroit residents was Irish, constituting the city's largest national group. The architecture of the area ranges from Federal style houses, Italianate commercial buildings and neoGeorgian townhouses to a 1950s elementary school. The home at 1430 Sixth Street, built in 1830, is one of the only Federal-era homes in the city. Originally much larger in area, the district shrank in the 1950s and 1960s — due to urban renewal programs, the construction of the John Lodge Expressway and an expanding central business district, which alienated the community from downtown. **The Most Holy Roman Catholic Church**, located on Porter Street, was built in 1856 on what is currently Campus Martius and was moved to its present site in 1985. Now empty, **Tiger Stadium** was built in 1912 but abandoned in 2000 for the new Comerica Park. The Beaux-Arts Classical **Michigan Central Station** was built in 1913 by the same firm that designed Grand Central Station in New York, and its main floor was modeled after an ancient Roman bathhouse, including sleek marble walls. The building closed in 1988, due to the decline of American railroads and has suffered from excessive vandalism.

**TREASURE HUNT QUESTION: Find the oldest house in Detroit.**

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