

Historical Panguitch Walking Tour

Enjoy Panguitch to the fullest by taking our historical walking tour. The tour begins at the Quilt Walk Park next to Zions Bank on 90 East Center Street, travels both Center and Main Street where it ends at the County Courthouse Building. If you aren't able to walk throughout the town, you can just as easily enjoy the tour by driving to each of the sites listed.

Quilt Walk Park: The statue was dedicated September 11, 2010. The bronze plaque on the monument gives a brief history of the quilt walk and its significance. There are seven benches in the park, one for each quilt walk pioneer. A short biographical note is inscribed on each bench.

City Building: Walking one block east on the south-east corner stands two monuments erected by local chapters of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers (DUP), one in 1940 and the other in 1997. One memorializes the fort built by the first settlers in 1864 and the other memorializes the Quilt Walk Pioneers. This city block was called the school-square. A huge three story red brick elementary school building stood where the city office and library now stand. The yellow brick building to the east was built as a high school in the 1930's and served as such until 1985.

Garfield County School District: This building was started in the late 1930's as a NYA project. The National Youth Administration was a part of Roosevelt's New Deal and was to provide employment for young people. World War II began before the building was completed and most of the laborers entered the armed forces. In the mid-1940's the building was given to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints which served the area as the Panguitch LDS Hospital from its

dedication on October 25, 1946 to July 4, 1976 when Garfield Memorial Hospital was opened.

Daughters of the Utah Pioneer's Museum: During the first settlement of Panguitch between 1864 and 1867, members of the LDS Church paid tithes with produce and livestock which were kept on the lot on which the Pioneer Museum now stands. The museum was first constructed as a bishops' storehouse and dedicated August 25, 1907. Later it was used for church classrooms and as a seminary. In 1964 it was leased to the Daughters of Utah Pioneers for a museum where, in the summertime, visitors can enjoy the fine collection of pioneer artifacts.

Panguitch Tabernacle Monument: Constructed by the DUP in 1951. The Tabernacle was constructed in 1880 of native red brick. It was a large rectangular shaped building with Gothic doors and windows. On top of the steeple was a "big fish" weather vane. It was in use until the 1930's when the LDS North and South Ward Chapels were built.

Rexall Drug Company Sign: When the Panguitch Drug Company moved from Main Street to this location the State Historical Society recommended that this sign be preserved. The Rexall Drug Company ceased to exist nationally for a couple of decades and the signs became quite rare.

Darlene's Country Treasures: When Andrew Carnegie, steel magnet of the 19th and early 20th centuries gave millions of dollars to create public libraries, Panguitch was fortunate enough to be included. The building, which was constructed in 1911, served as the public library until 1994. Many local residents remember a doctor's clinic located here at one time.

Social Hall: Constructed about the time when Utah was admitted to the Union in 1896. The bronze plaque placed by the DUP gives an indication of the

Social Hall's significance to the community through the years. Today it is used for a variety of community social activities.

Thomas Auto Repair: A large two story red brick building stood here housing the Panguitch State Bank. The bank failed shortly after the stock market crash of 1929. It was replaced by a UTOCO Service Station built diagonally across the corner. Buildings between the Social Hall and the service station housed various businesses from time to time including a jewelry store, auto parts, co-op, café, Slacks Cash store, ladies ready-to-wear and the local telephone company. To the north there was a frozen food locker box store and a barber shop. In 1964 the service station, by then an AMOCO, was enlarged into the present building, now housing Thomas Auto. Buildings on both sides were torn down and some replaced. North on Main Street is a two story apartment which is a private residence.

The Old Fire Station: This location housed the fire trucks from 1984 until the new fire station was built in 1998. In the 1970's it was a welding shop. The old fire station is now Smoking Hot Antique's at the Old Fire Station.

The Shed: In the 1930's-1970's this building housed Daly's Billiards. This is where the men enjoyed playing pool and drinking beer. Later this building became a Taxidermy shop and in 2009 it became a sporting goods shop. During the 1940's the other two buildings on the north were the office of the Telluride Power Company and a Liquor Store.

Panguitch Inn Motel: In the mid 1940's this two story brick structure was built as an apartment house replacing a garage that had become a Chevrolet Dealership in the 1930's. By the 1970's it had become a bowling alley and in the 1980's a

sewing factory before its conversion to the present day Inn.

Foy's Country Corner Cafe: This building was built as a Ford Automobile Dealership before becoming the restaurant that is located here today. Ted's Place was a small café located here prior to the existing restaurant.

Blue Pine Motel: The Blue Pine Hotel, a large two-story red brick building was here during the first half of the 20th century. A Sinclair service station was on the immediate corner. The hotel was torn down and replaced by the Blue Pine Motel in the mid 50's. Later the service station was demolished when an addition was added to the motel.

Gem Theatre: The Historic Gem Theatre was Panguitch's connection to Hollywood movies from the 1909-1980's. A few years after the arrival of the television reception the theatre closed its doors for three decades. Restoration began in 2009 shortly before it was to be condemned. In early 2009 it reopened as an ice cream parlor, museum and theatre under the new name Scoops from the Past.

Cowboy's Smokehouse Café: One of the three oldest native red brick buildings in the business district constructed in the 19th century to house the Garfield Exchange, a general merchandise store. In the 1920's it became the Hatch Mercantile which was in business until 1934. Shortly after, Jay Houston purchased it and turned it into a furniture store until about 1949. It was then converted to a grocery store. This building has housed a bakery and a bookstore for short periods of time.

Napa Auto Parts: This building was built in 1937 as the Service Cash Store with a complete line of groceries and fresh meats. The store was located here until a new Service Cash Store was built on the corner of Main and Center Street (Joe's Main Street Market).

Lee's Indian Store: During the 1930's-1960's this ornate building housed a variety of businesses. They included the Post Office, Pool Hall in the basement, a beauty shop upstairs, state employment office, appliance store, laundry, and presently the Indian Store.

Garfield County Thrift Store: Built in the early 1920's and until 1998 this building was occupied by the Panguitch Drug Company. Its marble soda fountain was very popular for a number of decades. The Garfield County Hospital Volunteers staff the thrift shop and money earned goes to the hospital.

Sunny Patches Boutique: In the 1930's and 1940's this building housed the Scenic Café and Deward Woodard's Barber Shop. Later it became the Hurst Variety Store. More recently an art gallery owned and operated by local artist Veda Tebbs Hales occupied this space through early 2013 when Sunny Patches Boutique moved in.

S&C Mercantile: In 1934 the S&C Mercantile was constructed on the site of this small park called the S&C Corral. The sign on the right entrance gives a brief history of the S&C Mercantile.

Cowboy Collectables: On the day Bryce Canyon was officially named a national park a café was opened in this building and named the Bryce Canyon Café. The family lived above the café. The café also served as the bus station when the Trailways bus ran from Phoenix to Salt Lake City. After the café closed, the building served as an

auto parts store, a Sears Roebuck Catalog Store, a craft store, and in 2004 it became the Cowboy's Collectables.

S.U.E.: The ornate metal front was manufactured in St. Louis during the 19th century. For more than 100 years it housed the Southern Utah Equitable (S.U.E.) The business started with a number of Stockholders, later purchased by J. Frank Houston and run by his large family. When the S.U.E. closed in 1987 it was the end of an era on Panguitch's Main Street. The Thunder Horse Mercantile opened for business for a limited time and since 2000 it has been vacant. The building next to the S.U.E. was an addition.

Little L's Bakery: Several businesses over time have occupied this space. A meat market, jewelry store, photo shop, shoe repair shop, a clothing store (The Toggery), and an ice cream parlor/video store. From 2007-2013 it housed Bronco Bobbi's until it recently became the bakery.

Rumours: In 1952-1970's a café was located here and then it became the State Liquor Store. By 1996 the beauty salon was established.

Victorian Lane: Most recently this building became the starting place for Cowboy's Collectables. Prior to that a Fly Shop and a Book Store. In 2007 it became an art gallery. Summer resident and local artist Becky Whitney's art is on display.

Security Title Co.: In the 1950's this building served as the First State Bank until it moved to Center Street next to the Quilt Walk Park in the late 1970's. The Bank became Zions Bank in 1981. Zions Bank donated the land for the Quilt Walk Park.

Joe's Main Street Market: Tourist cabins and a Shell gas station were built here in the 1920's. The owners built new cabins and a home and moved its

location on Center street where the Zions Bank and the Quilt Walk park now stand. In 1967 a new Service Cash Store was built and the name changed to the Welcome Mart. In 2003 the store was sold and it became Joe's Main Street Market.

Garfield County Courthouse: Built in 1907 of native red brick. Prior to the 1984 remodeling, the jail and fire station were located to the north of the courthouse.

Brick Homes: Panguitch is noted for the many brick homes built during the nineteenth and early twentieth century. Several brick kilns were in operation and the local clay produced the pleasing red brick. Many of the workers were paid in bricks.



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