



Bird watching. People watching. Breath-taking skyline views. So much to take in on the River Walk in the heart of downtown Dayton. Surrounding River Walk are some of Dayton's most significant historical sites.

Take a few minutes to orient yourself before strolling this 1.25-mile loop. For more information about each site, go to [www.mcdwater.org/river-walk-sites](http://www.mcdwater.org/river-walk-sites)



**1** Founded in 1919, The Dayton Art Institute is one of the region's premier fine arts museums.



**2** The McPherson Town Historic District, founded in 1845, is a vibrant urban community for singles, empty-nesters and young families.



**3** The River Run Mural along the north side of the Great Miami River just east of Main Street is 953 feet long and 16 feet high and portrays river life – cycling, jogging and paddleboarding – along this section of the Great Miami River.



**4** Private George Washington Fair stands atop the Soldiers' Monument on Main Street just south of the River Walk. The Soldiers' Monument was unveiled on July 31, 1884.



**5** First Baptist Church of Dayton was founded on May 29, 1824, just 19 years after the city's incorporation. The current church building opened its doors in 1915.



**6** The Dayton YMCA building opened in 1928 with 13 stories, 13 classrooms, three gyms, a pool, library, auditorium, 245 residence rooms and more.



**7** Completed in 1980, the Rivers Edge Amphitheater not only provides riverside seating, it is part of the MCD flood protection system.



**8** River Run includes two play areas for paddlers on the Great Miami River in downtown Dayton.