

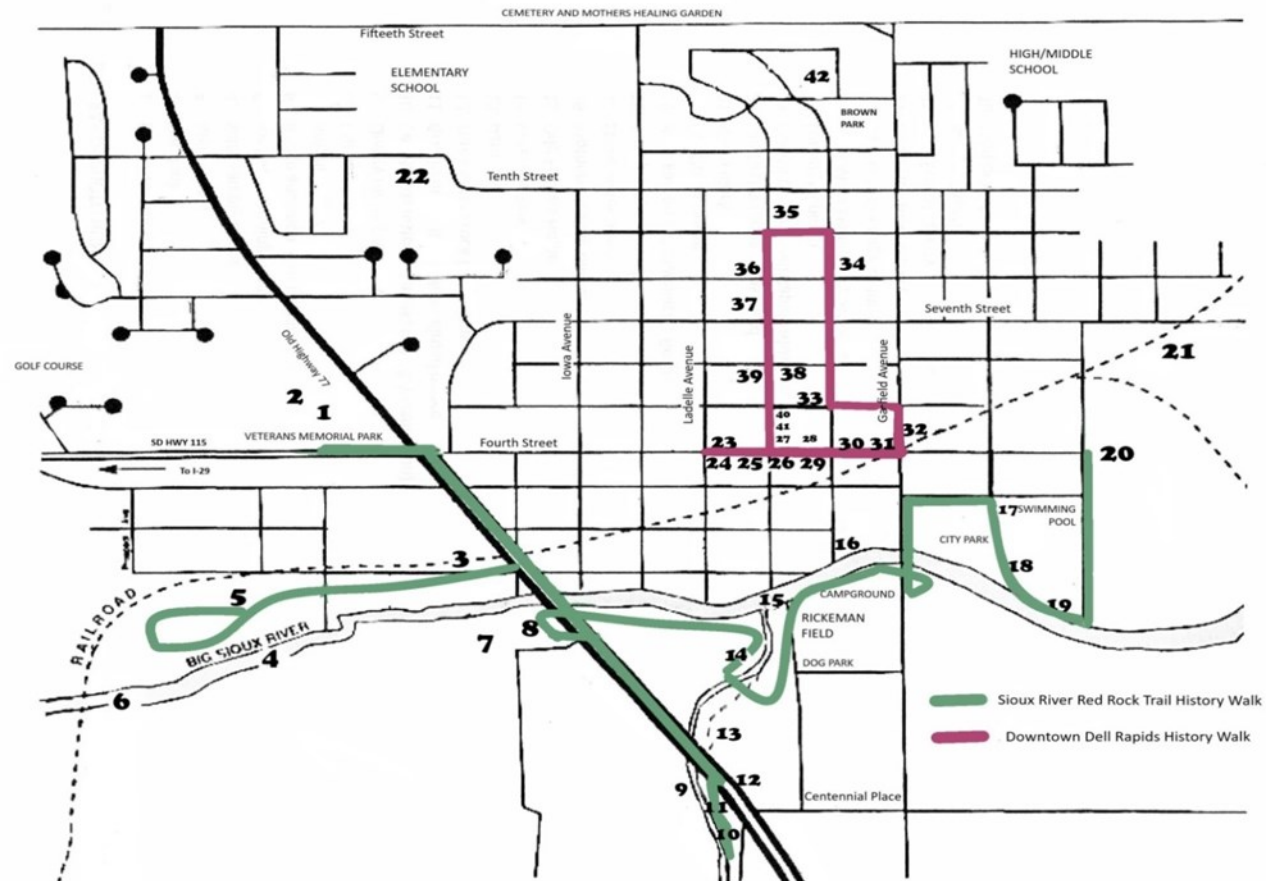


Sioux River Red Rock Trail

- (1) **Veterans Memorial Park**--features
- (2) **Civil War Statue**--dedicated in 1908, as well as newer memorials honoring the soldiers of all American conflicts.
- (3) **Rocky Run**—tributary feeding into the Big Sioux River
- (4) **Dam**—Built by Peter Morse and three others to power a saw mill. Soon afterwards the mill was converted to process flour.
- (5) **Dry Dell**—a fissure in the quartzite created high walls similar to along the river, except that its floor remains dry and tree-filled.
- (6) **Three Sisters Rock Formations**—at the dam, at the trestle to the west, and in-between are 3 quartzite islands.
- (7) **West Quarry**—In 1888 a fire destroyed most of the downtown businesses, leading to an ordinance requiring new main street buildings to be of “durable construction.” Pink quartzite cut by master stonecutters from Norway, Sweden, and Scotland at the West Quarry and bricks made from clay from northeast of Dells were used in the rebuilding.
- (8) **Original millstones/gears** from the mill
- (9) **Dells of the Sioux**—were formed around a million years ago as the Wisconsin Age glacier moved through. A shift in the earth’s surface caused a fissure in the bedrock formation.
- (10) **Scenic Overlook**—is a great spot for photo ops and a picnic. The shelter was built in 1957.
- (11) **Red Rock Garden**—pollinator garden project by the Dell Rapids Area Garden Club

- (12) **Old West Quarry**—across the highway are the remains of the town’s first hand quarry
- (13) **Ace Park Trail**—remnant of the original nature trail created by community members led by Ace Park
- (14) **The Rapids and Dells Island**—Dell City, founded in 1871 by Peter Morse and the Rice Brothers, soon changed its name to Dell Rapids after these rapids. The split river rejoins to the south near Baltic, creating Dells Island, the largest island in South Dakota.
- (15) **Old Orleans Avenue Bridge Site**
- (16) **Ice Rink Warming House**—the ice rink was originally on the river but eventually moved onto the bank above.
- (17) **Dell Rapids Historical Marker**
- (18) **Amphitheater**—built in the 1930s as a Works Project Administration structure.

- (19) **Bath House**—at one time this beach was considered the best in the state. The bath house was built in 1934 as a Civil Work Administration project.
- (20) **Quarry Memorial**--dedicated to all who worked at the Dell Rapids Quarry
- (21) **East Quarry**—Quartzite quarried here is used for buildings, streets, and roads around the world. It can be found in the Chicago’s Cook Co. Courthouse, Dallas’ J.C. Penney Headquarters, and many buildings from Sioux Falls to Minneapolis.
- Bonus site (22) SD State Odd Fellows Home**—built by the International Order of Odd Fellows and dedicated in 1911. It was used as an orphanage and nursing home.



Downtown Dell Rapids History Walk

(23) **Smith Block**—built in 1888 with a Victorian Romanesque design. It housed Rimes Grocery, Goodale Saloon, and later the Granite City Bank. A hospital once occupied the top floor.

(24) **Dieson Building**—current home of the Dell Rapids Museum. It was built in 1902 with decorative cornice and arched round headed windows. Originally it housed a general store.

(25) **Grand Opera House**—built in 1888. Romanesque Revival appearance with round headed windows and a highly decorative stepped cornice. The upstairs theater has been restored.

(26) **Old First National Bank**—built in 1889. It features a 3-tiered tower, arched entry, wrought iron balcony and miniature crenelated towers. During the 1930s it was held up by the Maurice Denning gang.

(27) **Rose Stone Inn**—The original hotel, Western House, was built in 1883 and destroyed by fire in 1904. It was rebuilt in 1908 as Dells Hotel with 20 rooms, a lobby, and dining room.

(28) **Dell Rapids Hospital**—(currently the Dell Rapids Senior Center) The building had a third story when it opened as a regional medical center in 1915. Services included major surgery, general practice doctors, and a 3-year nursing program.

(29) **Dells Theatre**—built in 1938. It retains most of its original Art Deco features.

(30) **Presbyterian Church**—corner of State and 4th St. Built in 1872 as one of the town's first church buildings, it is now a private residence.

(31) **Quartzite-lined drainage channel**—the open channel ran from the north end of town to the Big Sioux River. Most sections are now covered except for a few blocks near downtown.

(32) **Langeberg Fueling Station Rock Garden**—(beside Schwebach Realty) once included a miniature representation of the Black Hills. When Highway 77 ran down Garfield Ave, it was a popular rest stop for an estimated 1000 travelers a week.

(33) **Baptist Church**—After meeting in sod houses, dug-outs, and claim shanties, the congregation opened this structure in 1884.



(34) **St. Mary's Guardian Angel**—dedicated in 1925 to the children of the community.

(35) **Quartzite water tower**—In response to the 1888 fire that destroyed 11 businesses, the city organized a fire department and built this tower in 1894. The base once held a redwood water tank that fed 3 miles of pipes.

(36) **Lucille Fargo Home**—412 E 8th St. This "tower house" featured prominently in Lucille's book, *Prairie Girl*, about life in a prairie town. It was built with materials recovered from the Congregational Church which was destroyed by a wind storm in 1884.

(37) **Lutheran Church**—built in 1902. It is one of several local structures by architect Wallace Dow, the famous "Builder of the Prairie."

(38) **Episcopal Church**—"Church of the Living Water," now a private residence at 603 E 6th St, is of English architecture. It was built in 1892.

(39) **Carnegie Library**—513 N Orleans, was constructed in 1909 through the efforts of the Dell Rapids Women's Club.

(40) **United Methodist Church**—505 E 5th St. The congregation, organized in 1880, built the present church in 1950. The hall was added in 1996.

(41) **American Legion Post 65**—408 N Orleans Ave. The post is named for George A. Fitzgerald, the 1st Dell Rapids soldier to die in WWI.

Bonus Site (42) Reformed Church—1209 Thresher Dr. The congregation from a small country church in Logan Township moved to town when this present building opened in 1967.



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DOWNTOWN DELL RAPIDS & SIOUX RIVER RED ROCK TRAIL

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