

**This Health Walk was created for you by:
The Kansas City Quality Improvement Consortium—KCQIC...**

Our initials have inspired our healthy lifestyles motto “KC Kick it Up a Notch!” Its invitation to active wellness defines the Health Walk Project.

The project is only one part of the multi-year Healthy Lifestyles initiative to promote and support fine health through healthy choices, including: moderate exercise, proper nutrition and freedom from tobacco use.

When you participate in the Health Walk program, you encourage:

**BETTER HEALTH for
YOURSELF, YOUR LOVED ONES and YOUR COMMUNITY.
CONGRATULATIONS!**

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Use this and other Health Walks to support your active lifestyle and maximize your personal physical fitness. “Kick it Up a Notch!” We can all practice better health and health care, together.

For more Health Walks in the Greater Kansas City, bi-state area, go to www.kcqic.org



This KC Kick it Up a Notch Health Walk Offers:

No facilities within the Health Walk area.

Bring water, cell phone, a walking companion (if possible) and sunscreen (even when cloudy).

Think safety!

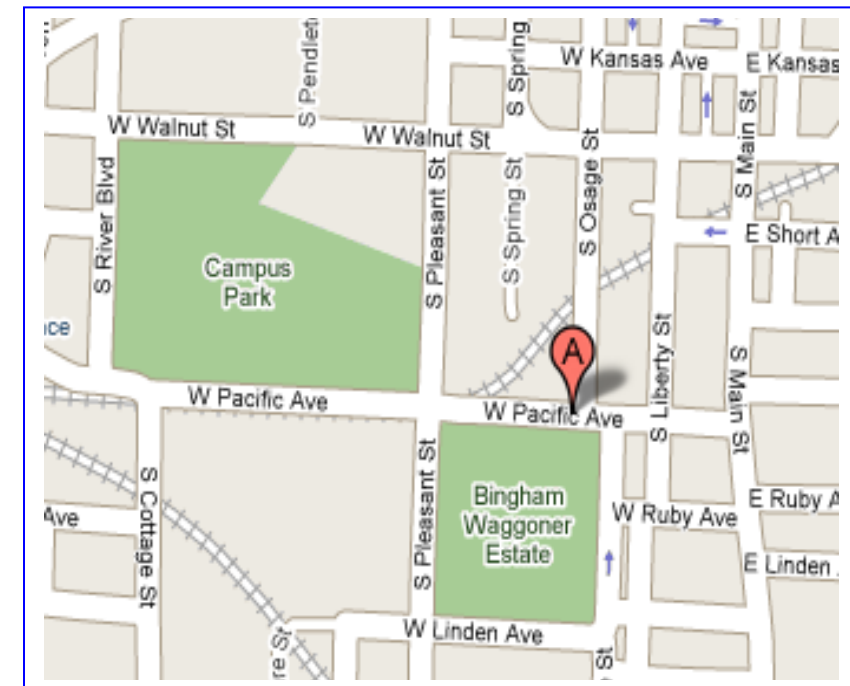
POINTS OF INTEREST:

1. Wallace/Truman Home
2. Other Homes on N. Delaware
3. Bess Truman Pkwy
4. McCoy Park
5. Heritage House
6. Truman Road

Truman Home Independence, Missouri

Length of this Health Walk 1.4 miles
Estimated time to complete: 35 minutes
Walk difficulty:... Level 2

(Walking Difficulty Range: “1” = smooth, simple to “5” = hilly, irregular, poor/no sidewalks, complex, etc.)



GETTING TO THE Truman Home Health Walk

WALK START: Proceed on Truman Rd. in Independence to N. Delaware. Park along the nearby residential streets. The Walk Start begins in front of the Truman Home at 219 N. Delaware.

BY BUS: NB Grand and 10th take the 24/Independence. Exit on Lexington at Union, go N. on Union to Maple. Go east on Maple one blk to Delaware. North on Delaware to 219.

BY CAR: Proceed on Truman Rd. in Independence to N. Delaware. Park along one of the nearby residential streets.

Your Truman Home Health Walk

Prefer **SHORT DIRECTIONS?** Follow the **BOLD TYPE** and **UNDERLINING**

Start near the Harry S. and Bess Truman home located at 219 N. Delaware. The city of Independence has been designated this portion of the city as Harry S. Truman Historic District. The Truman Home, located at 219 N. Delaware, offers a glimpse at the personal life of the 33rd President of the US. Beautiful in its uncluttered simplicity, the Truman Home showcases the simple life Truman and his beloved Bess enjoyed in Independence before and after his presidency. Harry Truman's story is one of hope & frustration, choice & chance. As President, he took the country from its traditional isolationism into the age of international involvement. Visitors experience the surroundings Harry Truman knew from his formative years as a 22-year-old youth of modest ambition through his retirement and death at age 88 as a former president of the United States. The Truman Home was built in several stages; George Potterfield Gates purchased this property with a small one story house in 1867 and built a two-story addition to it. By 1886, the large Queen Anne front addition had been constructed by the Gates. His daughter, Margaret Elizabeth Gates married David Wallace in 1883. Their daughter, Elizabeth (Bess) Virginia Wallace married Harry S. Truman in 1919. This house remained the Trumans' home until Bess's death in 1982.

Proceed to the corner of Delaware and Truman Rd., crossing Truman Rd. and proceed down Delaware for 3 ½ blocks to Bess Truman Pkwy. This residential area includes many homes that represent period home or had ties to the Truman and Wallace families. This includes the following homes: 216 N. Delaware is a Queen Anne Cottage constructed over a 25-year period between 1858 and 1880. 304 N. Delaware was built as a small brick two-room house in 1853, this Italianate two-story brick front was added in 1921. 310 N. Delaware is a Spanish Colonial Revival House built in 1926. 318 N. Delaware, built in 1913, it is a good example of Craftsman/Prairie style architecture. 409 N. Delaware is a frame Queen Anne Home built around 1890. 423 N. Delaware is a Prairie styled Four Square House built ca. 1905. 426 N. Delaware is a four square craftsman style home that has a hipped roof with bellcast eaves. 503 N. Delaware is a frame Italianate house that dates to the 1870's. By 1924, Olney and Sadie Bell Burrus resided here. He was Truman's father's attorney, and his son, Rufus, was attorney for Harry S. Truman. 510 North Delaware was built in 1887, it is one of the few brick Queen Anne houses remaining in Independence. 602 N. Delaware is an 1887 frame Queen Anne home. 618 N. Delaware is an English Cottage House built around 1916. 712 N. Delaware is a two-story Queen Anne house dating from 1887 featuring many stained glass windows, a corner tower, a bay window and a wrap-around porch. 511 N. Delaware is a frame Italianate house that was built ca. 1885.

As you reach Bess Truman Pkwy in the foreground you will see the grounds of the Harry S. Truman Museum and Library. The green space area located at Delaware and Bess Truman Pkwy is referred to as the "neck"; it was the African-American neighborhood that once occupied this valley. It was platted between 1858 and 1888 with small narrow lots that provided space for the domestic help for the nearby middle class families of Delaware Street. It was replaced by McCoy Park and Bess Truman Parkway after the Truman Library was located to the north. This is the path used by Harry S. Truman to walk over to the Library where he worked daily after completing his presidency. President Truman was known for his fast-paced walking style and his cane as he was a very avid walker (this is noted throughout the area with signage that shows his signature walking profile. **Veer right onto Bess Truman Pkwy and walk along the meandering parkway with McCoy Park located all along your left.** The park provides added green space to the visual of the Truman Library grounds to the north.

As you pass Heritage House located on your right, **turn right onto N. Spring. Proceed on N. Spring until you return to Truman Rd. Turn right onto Truman Rd. and proceed back to Delaware** and to your Walk Start. The home located at 601 West Truman Rd. was built on what had been part of a pasture and garden plot for the Gates/Wallace house. This and the adjoining home (605 West Truman Rd.) have always been considered part of the Wallace/Truman family complex.