

Hollywood Center

This walk through the Hollywood neighborhood is deceptively short, but offers enough places to stop, shop and eat that it can take all day. Centered on Sandy Boulevard, the route explores buildings from this popular, close-in neighborhood's early days to its newest additions.

Begin at the Hollywood Transit Center, NE Halsey and 42nd Avenue. Cross Halsey and turn left. Walk one block and turn right on 41st. Cross Broadway and walk through the parking lot for the Hollywood Theater. Built in 1926, the theater gave its name to the neighborhood. Cross Sandy Boulevard at 41st and then turn left on Sandy. (Before you turn left, don't miss the wildly ornamented façade of the theater.) Walk one block on Sandy and turn right on 40th. Walk two blocks and turn right on Tillamook. At 41st and Tillamook is the Hollywood branch of the Multnomah County Library; people who like books can live in apartments above it.

From Tillamook, turn right on 42nd and pass several antique stores that offer a great place to spend an hour. At 42nd and Hancock, walk southeast through Harold Kelly Plaza. At 42nd and Sandy is the tiny Hollywood Burger Bar building. It was constructed in the 1920s as a stop for the trolley that ran on Sandy Boulevard. Cross Sandy at 43rd, turn right on 43rd, then right at Broadway and left at 42nd to return to the Transit Center.

0.9 miles

1900 steps

difficulty

45.534, -122.621

HOLLYWOOD CENTER

Sandy Boulevard

The first use of "Sandy" as an Oregon place name was by Lewis and Clark in 1805, when they named the Quicksand River for the large deposits of sand it carried to its confluence with the Columbia. By 1850, the name had been shortened to "Sandy River." A road from the then separate town site of East Portland toward the mouth of the Sandy River was later called the Sandy Road.

At 42nd and Halsey, a 24-Hour Fitness was built in 2005 at the former site of Copeland Lumber. The new construction is part of a plan for the Hollywood Town Center area to increase densities along the MAX line; plans include development of Sandy Boulevard's older buildings, with offices and retail below and housing above.



Hollywood Theater sign



