

MURALS ON THIS TOUR

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Migration: A Human Experience ✧ Eric B. Rick
1785 Florida Avenue, NW (Parking lot wall)

A perspective on what it is to be a migrant from the artist, an immigrant who hails from Liberia, Africa.

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Connectivity DC ✧ Aniekan Udofia

2001 15th Street, NW (Portion of wall closest to U Street. Spans six stories)

This was MuralsDC's tallest mural when it was painted in 2015. Painted on the southwest wall of a senior living facility, the mural is designed to showcase the vibrance and relevancy of the senior community to the Washington, DC community.

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The Wailin' Mailman ✧ Joe Pagac

1925 14th Street, NW (North facing wall. 70+ foot high)

DC's tallest portrait mural is a tribute to DC native Roger Wendell "Buck" Hill, who played saxophone with jazz greats, like Charlie Byrd, at night in popular U street jazz clubs while maintaining his day job as a mailman.

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The Torch ✧ Aniekan Udofia

1213 U Street, NW (Alley wall of Ben's Chili Bowl)

This is the story of torchbearers who illuminate the way. In this mural, Harriet Tubman holds the torch for (R-L) President Barack and Michelle Obama, Prince, Muhammed Ali, Go-Go Legend Chuck Brown, Singer Roberta Flack, Radio Personalities Donnie Simpson & Russ Parr, Actress Taraji P. Henson, Rapper Wale, Journalist Jim Vance, Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton, Former DC Mayor Marion Barry and Comedians Dave Chappelle & Dick Gregory.

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The Alchemy of Ben Ali ✧ Eric B. Ricks

1211 U Street, NW (Alley wall)

This mural represents the many transformations Ben's Chili Bowl founder experienced during his time as a proprietor of one of DC's most cherished eateries.

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Kindred ✧ Alberto Clerencia

1210 V Street, NW (Alley Wall)

To get to this mural, walk through the alley where Ben's Chili Bowl mural is located.

How do you judge people? With your eyes? Or, with your soul?

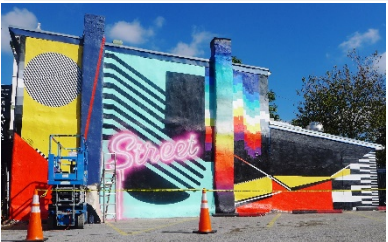
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Lee's Legacy ✧ Kaliq Krosby
1026 U Street, NW (Back alley wall)

A literal portrait of perseverance, this mural features Mr. and Mrs. William and Winifred Lee, who opened their flower shop in 1945. One of the oldest African-American owned establishments in DC and one of two of the oldest African American owned business (alongside Ben's Chili Bowl) on the U Street corridor, Lee's Flower and Card Shop is still owned and operated by the Lee family.

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U Street ✧ Michael Crossett & Skyler Kelly
2017 11th Street, NW (South facing parking lot wall)

This mural was designed for selfie enthusiasts so go ahead and take one!

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From DC to the World ✧ Cita Sadeli
637 T Street, NW (West facing alley wall)

A musical tribute celebrating DC's musical icons of yesterday and today. Featured from L-R: Actress/Singer Pearl Bailey, Hip Hop Artist Oddisee, Rapper Wale, Composer/Musician Duke Ellington and R&B Singer Kelela.

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DC Jazz Heroes ✧ Kate DeCiccio & Rose Jaffe
624 T Street, NW (East facing alley wall)

Located on what was once "Frank Holiday's Pool Room" where Duke Ellington was known to frequent in the early 1900's. This wall features L-R: the "Queen of Gospel" Mahalia Jackson, Composer/Musician Duke Ellington, Musician/Composer Billy Taylor, Singer Shirley Horn, Saxophonist Ron Holloway, Vocalist Meshell Ndegeocello & Saxophonist Davey Yarborough.



THIS IS A SELF-GUIDED WALKING TOUR



U Street/Cardozo Walking Mural Tour

Description

This 12-block walking tour features 10 original murals created by the DC Department of Public Works MuralsDC program. This tour will give tourists, street art fans and walking enthusiasts a chance to see the small but notable collection of the program's 141 murals displayed along the District's famous U Street/Cardoza corridor, located in the historic neighborhood of Shaw.

The U Street Corridor, once referred to as "Black Broadway," was an important African-American cultural and nightlife hub from the 1920s through the '40s. Home to the Lincoln Theatre and Ben's Chili Bowl, local and internationally renowned jazz greats regularly performed in the venues dotted along this strip.

Themes of several of the MuralsDC murals showcased along this corridor reflect its history as well as the current culture of the neighborhood.

You will see several other murals not related to MuralsDC on your walk as well!

How to Take This Tour

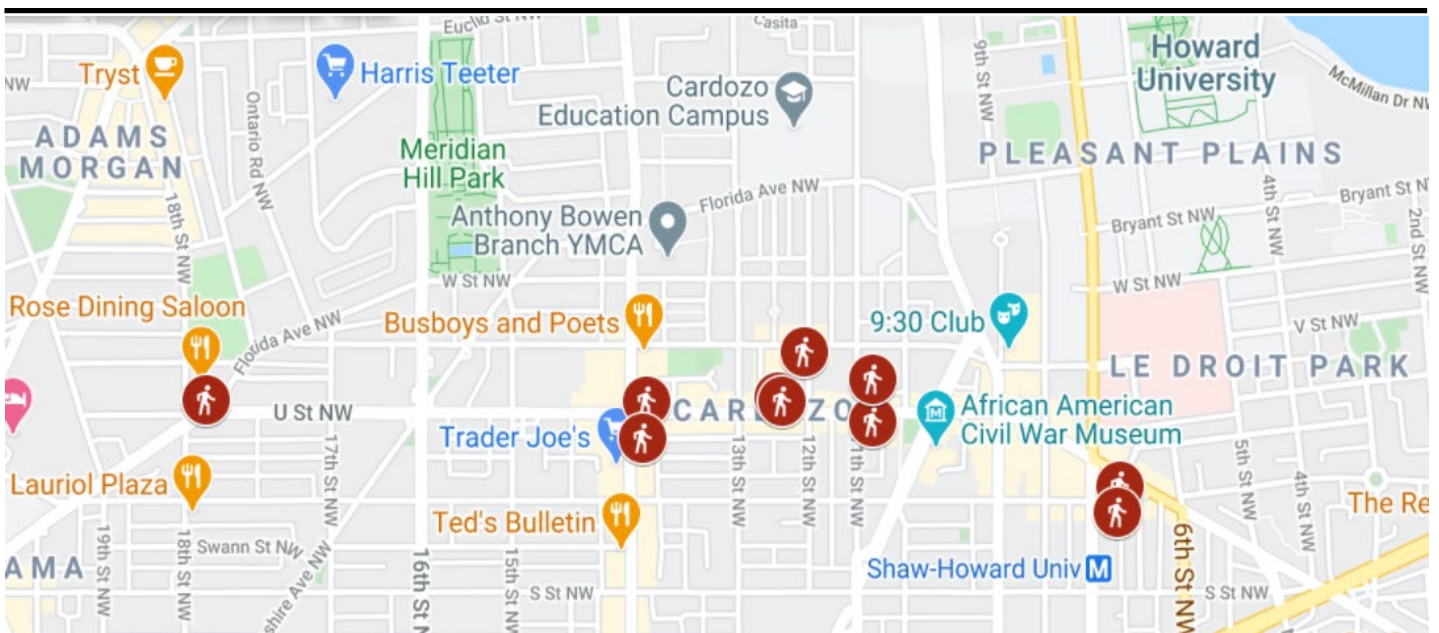


Follow the order listed from 1 through 10 or in reverse order.

Estimated Time



Power Walk: 30 minutes. Art Study 1-1½ hours.



Where to Find All 141 MuralsDC Murals

Visit muralsdcproject.com to see images and locations of all MuralsDC projects and to check out MuralsDC's blog. Catch even more images of the murals and artists on Instagram.

About MuralsDC

MuralsDC was created to help minimize illegal graffiti tagging, to revitalize public spaces within the community and to teach young people the art of aerosol painting.

Since 2007, DPW's MuralsDC program has created original works of art on school, municipal, business and apartment building walls in every ward of the city. In collaboration with the Commission on the Arts and Humanities, this beautification initiative has resulted in 141 murals, employed more than 60 (mostly local) artists, prevented vandalism on buildings experiencing repeat tagging, and continues to provide ongoing opportunities for community engagement.

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One Wall at a Time