

# BRANDON MINNESOTA

## Walk & Explore

# MAPS

This walking route was created to encourage walking and exploring throughout the beautiful area of Brandon, MN. The map was designed by Active Living Douglas County as part of a series in hopes that each walker may discover more about our great city.



## MAP 2 *School District 207*

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1.1 miles

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**1 Veterans Memorial Park** – During the 1920's, veterans in and around Brandon formed their own post as an extension of Post #188. They called themselves The Brandon Legion or The Argonne Forest Legion. Following the end of World War II in 1945, the Brandon Legion was started up again, and chartered as the American Legion Argonne Forest Post #278. The post was chartered to "honor all veterans of all wars and those who died in service for our county." Post #278 and its auxiliary remain active in Brandon today. Memorial services are held to honor local veterans every Memorial Day and take place at the Earl C. Sletto Veterans' Memorial Park in Brandon.

**2 Brandon School District 207** – The first schoolhouse erected in Brandon was in 1880 at 207 Central Avenue. The building was used both as a school and as a church from 1881 to 1898. It was then sold to the Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Synod Church. A new school was built in Brandon at the turn of the century, at the current school's location. The land was donated by O.F. Olson. The new school was valued at \$8,000. An addition was added in 1924. By 1955, the area's rural schools had dissolved and consolidated with Brandon School. Some of those schools were: District 5, which closed in 1956 after consolidation with Brandon District 207; District 37, which still stands, but is used as a storage building; District 54, located on County Road 7; District 25 and 56, located in Millerville Township; District 72, closed in 1955; District 82, destroyed by a tornado in 1902, was rebuilt. In 1968, all the area districts joined together and was renamed District 207.

**3 Grace Lutheran Church** – Grace Lutheran Church actively supports the ministries of Luther Crest Bible Camp and Knute Nelson Memorial Home and the mission of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, with which Grace is affiliated. Plans for the Grace congregation were started in 1898. The first building was completed in 1905 and the church was incorporated in 1910.

**4 Brandon Co-Op Creamery** – In 1905, the creamery was known as the Farmers' Co-operative Creamery. The creamery was run by O. F. Olson and B. T. Teigen. The farmers organized the creamery on May 13, 1905 with M. Sektnan as president and August Lehn as vice president. They bought out Olson and Teigen. The creamery was enlarged in 1911. Ed Augdahl operated and managed the creamery and Howard Peterson was in charge of the manufacture of butter. Butterfat has been maintained and at its highest level since 1940. The creamery handled whole milk, removing the fat for manufacture of butter and turning the skim milk to the drying plant.

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