


# Tour of Historical




# Markers on Campus

A self-guided walking tour of markers that highlight key elements of the University of Michigan's campus and history




University of Michigan

In 1837, as chartered by the constitution of the then-new state of Michigan, the University was located in Ann Arbor. A predecessor, University of Michigania, was founded in Detroit in 1817.

Spurred by the vision of its first president in Ann Arbor, Henry Tappan, and sharing the bounty of a rapidly expanding state economy, the University quickly developed into one the major institutions of higher education in the United States. Its long and complex history can be found in libraries and archives. That history can also be read by walking the campus.

In 1995, the University Committee on History and Traditions began a program to designate certain sites on the campus of particular historical significance. To date, 20 sites have been given historical markers.



We invite you to use this map and take this walk to connect with significant events and structures on campus.

Please note that the "site numbers" on the plaques do not correspond to the numbers on your map. Site designations have evolved over time. The map numbers facilitate the direction of the walk.

Enjoy this campus walk. We hope this will increase your interest in the history of the University of Michigan.

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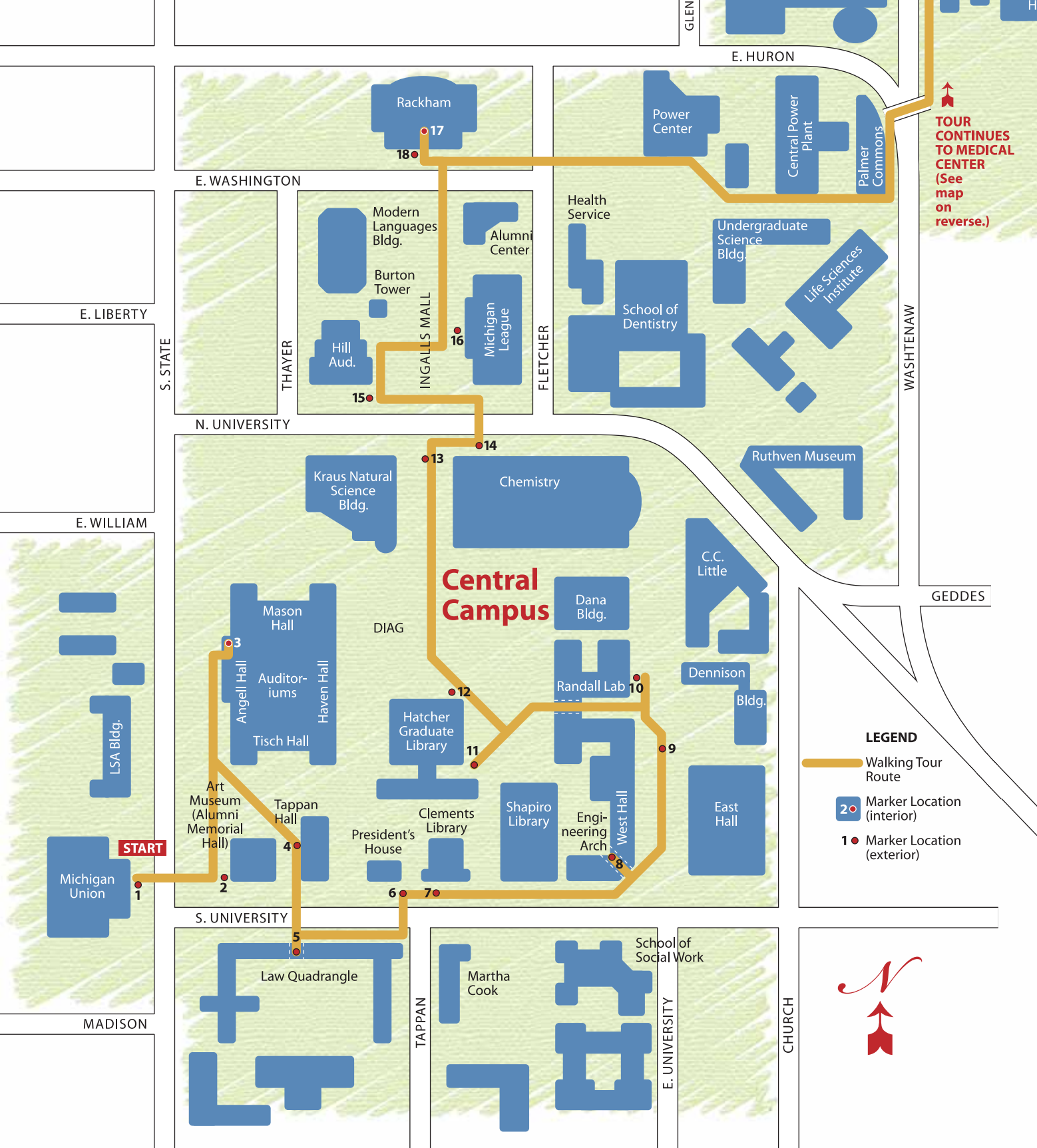
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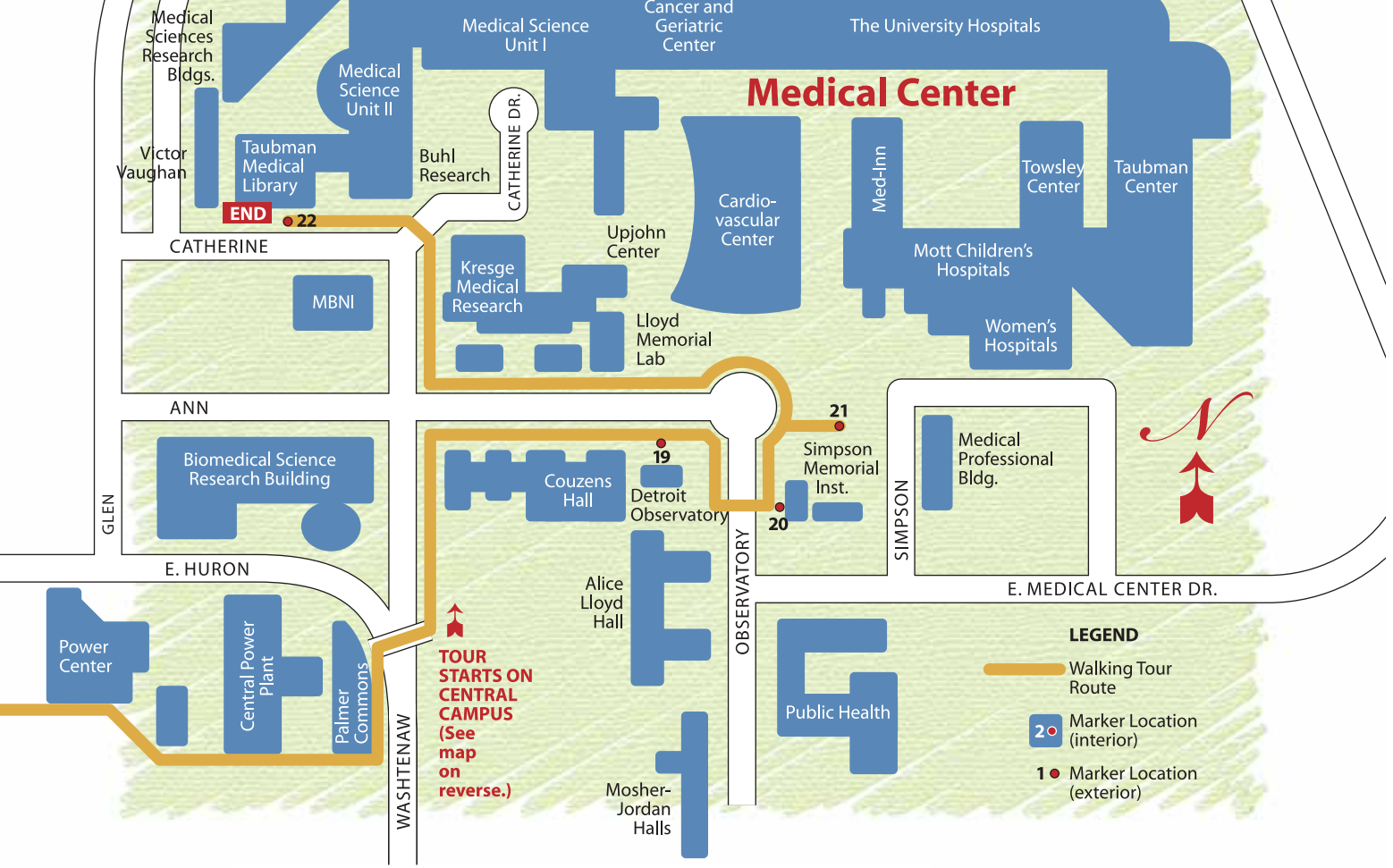
The maps follow a tour that begins at the Michigan Union, with markers in the order shown below, but you can begin your tour anywhere along the route.

## Central Campus

1. Michigan Union (1919), *marker on retaining wall near sidewalk in front of building, to left*
2. Alumni Memorial Hall (1910), *to be installed in 2008*
3. Admission of Women (1870), *marker on north wall in lobby of Angell Hall*
4. Tappan Hall (1894), *marker in ground in front of main door to right*
5. Law Quadrangle (1924–1933), *marker on wall inside central arch to Law Quad*
6. President's House (1840), *marker in ground, near sidewalk at SE lot corner*
7. Clements Library (1923), *marker in ground near sidewalk in front of building to left*
8. West Engineering/West Hall (1904/1910), *marker on wall, inside Engineering Arch, north end*
9. East University Avenue Campus Boundary (1837), *marker in planting bed in middle of walkway between West Hall and Dennison*
10. First Medical Building (1850–1925), *marker in ground in front of Randall Lab, to right*
11. Professors' Monument (1846), *marker in ground to south of monument, on east side of Hatcher Library*
12. The Central Forty and the Diag (1837), *marker in ground in front of Hatcher Library to left of entrance*
13. Native American Land Gift (1817), *marker in ground between Kraus and Chemistry, north end of mall*
14. First University Hospital (1869), *maker in ground in front of Chemistry toward west end of building*
15. Hill Auditorium (1913), *marker in ground in front of building to right of entrance steps*
16. Michigan League (1929), *marker in ground in front of building to right of entrance*
17. Salk Vaccine Announcement (1955), *marker on wall in lobby of Rackham outside Lecture Hall*
18. Rackham School of Graduate Studies (1938), *marker on low wall in front of building to left of entrance*

You can continue on to the Medical Center by going across the pedestrian bridge between the Palmer Commons and Couzens Hall, or tour the Medical Center separately. See over for Medical Center area markers.


E. HURON
Rackham
17
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Power Center
Central Power Plant
Palmer Commons
TOUR CONTINUES TO MEDICAL CENTER (See map on reverse.)
E. WASHINGTON
Modern Languages Bldg.
Alumni Center
Burton Tower
Health Service
Undergraduate Science Bldg.
Life Sciences Institute
E. LIBERTY
S. STATE
THAYER
INGALLS MALL
Hill Aud.
16
Michigan League
FLETCHER
School of Dentistry
WASHTENAW
15
N. UNIVERSITY
13
14
Kraus Natural Science Bldg.
Chemistry
Ruthven Museum
E. WILLIAM
Central Campus
C.C. Little
GEDDES
Mason Hall
DIAG
Dana Bldg.
3
Angell Hall
Auditor-iums
Haven Hall
Tisch Hall
Randall Lab
10
Dennison Bldg.
12
Hatcher Graduate Library
11
9
LSA Bldg.
Art Museum (Alumni Memorial Hall)
Tappan Hall
Clements Library
Shapiro Library
Engi-neering Arch
West Hall
East Hall
START
Michigan Union
1
2
4
President's House
8
6
7
S. UNIVERSITY
5
Law Quadrangle
Martha Cook
School of Social Work
TAPPAN
E. UNIVERSITY
CHURCH
MADISON
LEGEND
Walking Tour Route
2 Marker Location (interior)
1 Marker Location (exterior)
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## Medical Center

19. Detroit Observatory (1854),
*marker in ground at bottom of stairs in front of building*

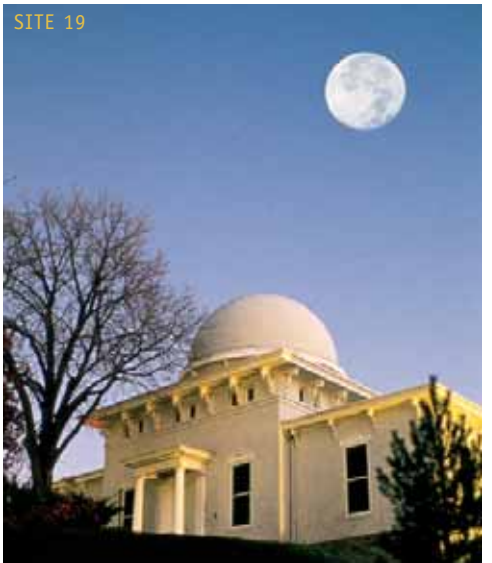
20. Simpson Memorial Institute (1927),
*marker in ground in front of building to right of entrance*

21. Old Main Hospital (1925),
*to be installed in 2007*

22. Catherine Street Hospitals (1891),
*marker in ground in front of Taubman Medical Library*

Text and photographs of all the markers can be found on the website of the University Committee on History and Traditions:

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