

Chicago Neighborhood Walk: Pilsen

Photo Scavenger Hunt

Get to know Pilsen, a neighborhood in the Lower West Side of Chicago. It's best known for its Mexican culture, including its great art, music, food & people. Bring the whole family to explore this *barrio fantastico* (fantastic neighborhood in Spanish)!

Reminders: wear your tennis shoes, bring a camera or camera phone, and some spending money if you want a treat or two along the way. Girl Scouts should wear their vest or sash in order to identify themselves as a Girl Scout.



We also advise that you bring a clipboard so you can mark off your stops and play the BINGO game on the last page.

GSGCNWI has put together a lot of different stops on this neighborhood walk. Go in the order of the clues to make your life easier, though you can choose to go to as many of the stops as you'd like, or head into any store or restaurant that suits your fancy. You can use a map app on your phone to help you find your way.

When you have completed the scavenger hunt, you can purchase these patches on our online shop, www.shopgirlscouts.com and search for the name of the patch program.

Most importantly, have fun and enjoy Chi-town ****

1. **National Museum of Mexican Art, 1852 W. 19th Street** – This free museum has some very cool art. Be sure to leave yourself a little time to walk around inside. (Be sure to check opening hours first!)
2. **Orozco Community Academy, 1940 W. 18th Street** – Walk along the front of this neighborhood school to see the murals painted on the building. Take a picture of your favorite painting and send it to a friend.
3. **Frida Mural, across from 18th Street Pink Line Station** – Frida Kahlo is one of the most famous Mexican artists in the world! Can you earn one of your BINGO squares in front of this mural?
4. **Family Dollar, 1700 W. 18th Street** – While this might just be a convenience shop, it has beautiful mosaic murals created on the outside! Take a few minutes to pick your favorite part of the mural and sketch it out on the back of this packet or take an artsy photo.
5. **Creperia & Panaderia Neuvo Leon, 1634-36 W. 18th Street** – Known for their tasty treats like crepes, breads, and tortillas, step into these sister stores to try a snack. The flour tortillas even come in fun flavors like cactus, jalapeno, chipotle, and habanero.
6. **La Luz Art Gallery, 1545 W. 18th Street** – This art gallery features the artwork of internationally renowned Chicago artist Alejandro Romero. Peek inside and talk to the staff about the various works of art.


7. **Mestiza Shop, 1523 W. 18th Street** – This gift shop is a female-owned and run business and was born out of love for the Mexican culture. Can you spot any of the traditional colors and symbols of Mexico?
8. **La Casa del Pueblo Grocery Store, 1810 S. Blue Island Avenue** – This long-standing supermarket specializes in Mexican items, as well as Indian & other ethnic foods. Head to the produce aisle; can you find a fruit or vegetable that you've never seen before?! Snap a photo!
9. **El Milagro Tortilleria, 1927 S. Blue Island Avenue** – Established in 1950, this famous brand offers more than just tortillas! Buy a tamale for a snack at the next door El Milagro restaurant, or a bag of tortillas for dinner tonight while you're there.
10. **La Michoacana, 1855 S. Blue Island Avenue** – Ready for a sweet treat? Pop in here for a large variety of delicious and unique Mexican snacks.
11. **Eagle Statue, corner of Blue Island Avenue & 18th Street** – The eagle at the top of this statue is the same eagle you'll find in the center of the Mexican flag. It is said that the eagle sitting on a cactus with a serpent in its mouth would be a sign for the Aztecs, a culture in Mexico that flourished from 1300-1521, on where to build their city. This city is now known as Mexico City, the capital of Mexico. Take a photo in front of the statue doing your best bird impression.
12. **Lozano Library, 1805 S. Loomis Street** – While inside this neighborhood library try to find a book written in Spanish, the famous women section, and/or the artwork inside.
13. **Thalia Hall, 1807 S. Allport Street** – This landmark venue was originally designed as an opera house in 1892, and now hosts concerts by well-known musical acts.
14. **St. Procopius Catholic Church, 1641 S. Allport Street** – Outside of this church on the east side of the building is the Shrine of the Virgin de San Juan de los Lagos, the Roman Catholic title of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Take a walk around the small garden to help you find peace. If you step inside the shrine, be sure to be respectful to those who are praying.
15. **Chocolat Uzma, 1900 S. Halsted Street** – Who doesn't love chocolate?! Head into this female-owned and run confectionary for samples! *Note: this stop is fairly far from stop #14, so either tie up your tennis shoes or hop in the car after the event to stop in here.*
16. **16th Street between Halsted and Carpenter** – Check out the many murals located along this strip of 16th Street. Want to have some fun? Act like you're a part of one of the paintings and take a pic. *Note: this stop is fairly far from stop #14, so either tie up your tennis shoes or hop in the car after the walk to stop in here.*
17. **Don Churro, 1626 S. Blue Island Avenue** – Known for their Mexican desserts, this shop (which has been in business since 1969!) will be a favorite for those Girl Scouts with a sweet tooth.
18. **Harrison Park, 1824 S. Wood Street** – The last stop on the Pilsen, stop by to play on the playground!



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*This BINGO card is just for fun! Take a picture when you complete a square; try to get as many squares as you can!

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| Eat a food you've never had before! | Find the Chicago flag. | Say "Hola" (hello in Spanish) to a shop owner or worker. | Find the word Chicago written on a building. | Try on a traditional clothing item from Mexico. |
| Pick a book in Spanish and try to read a few sentences. | Learn about a famous Mexican. | Find the neighborhood's name written somewhere on a building. | Find the Mexican flag. | Eat a taco! |
| On the back of this card, draw a picture of your favorite thing you did or ate today. | Say "Gracias" (thank you in Spanish) to someone after you've bought something from them. | FREE SPACE  | Act like you're painting one of the famous murals you see today and snap a pic. | Take a selfie in front of one of the stops with everyone you came with. |
| Have a sweet tooth? Try a sweet treat at one of the many shops along the walk. | Take a picture of a piece of art by a Mexican artist. | Have a pedometer (like a FitBit)? If so, take a photo at the beginning and the end of your walk. How many steps did you take? | Find a map of Mexico; how far are you from Mexico City, Mexico's capital city? | Blend in with a mural on the walk and take a photo. |
| Say "adios" (bye in Spanish) after talking to someone. | Looking at a map, how far is Pilsen from your hometown? | Ask a girl or female along the walk if they are or used to be a Girl Scout. Tell her your favorite part of being a Girl Scout. | Tell a friend what you enjoyed about today's walk. | Find a sign in Spanish. |