



Chicago Neighborhood Walk: Chinatown Photo Scavenger Hunt

Welcome to Chinatown! Around the year 1912 (the year Girl Scouts was founded), when rent prices drastically rose in Chicago's original Chinese settlement on South Clark Street (between Harrison and Van Buren), the neighborhood where Chinatown currently sits quickly became the new home to the Chicago's Chinese population. The On Leong Tong ("benevolent association") helped relocate residents near 22nd Street (Cermak Road) and Wentworth Avenue. The new Chinatown has provided a welcoming community for Chinese immigrants arriving in the Midwest ever since.

Girl Scouts GCNWI has compiled a list of several different stops on this neighborhood walk for you to enjoy as you explore the awesome community of Chinatown. Go in the order of the clues or choose to go to as many of the stops, stores, or restaurants as you'd like. You can use a map app on your phone to help you find your way.

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 to identify themselves as Girl Scouts. We also advise that you bring a clipboard so you can mark off your stops and play the BINGO game on the last page.

When you have completed the scavenger hunt, you can purchase the Chicago Neighborhood Walk: Chinatown patch on our online shop www.shopgirlscouts.com.

Most importantly, have fun and enjoy Chinatown!

1. **Ping Tom Memorial Park, 1700 S. Wentworth Ave.** – In the northernmost part of Chinatown, this park has much to offer! It's a water taxi stop (summer only),

has a walking trail, kayaks for rent (summer only), and has beautiful murals and cool statues.

2. **Chinatown Square, 2133 S. China Place** – Find your Chinese Zodiac statue (based on the year you were born), go shopping at one of the many stores, order some bubble tea, stop into one of the traditional Chinese Medicine shops, or grab a bite to eat. Chinatown Square has it all!*
3. **Chicago Public Library, Chinatown Branch, 2100 S. Wentworth Ave.** – The library has books in both English and Chinese! See if you can find one written with Chinese characters (symbols instead of the alphabet we use in English).*
4. **Chinese American Veteran’s Memorial, corner of S. Archer and Princeton Ave.** – Find a quiet moment to honor Chinese American veterans who have served in our military.
5. **Chinatown Gate, at the cross-section of Cermak Rd. and Wentworth Ave.** – Marking the entrance to Old Chinatown (as opposed to the newer area of Chinatown Square), the Chinatown Gate welcomes visitors to numerous shops, bakeries, restaurants, and more.
6. **Pui Tak Center, 2216 S. Wentworth Ave.** – Serving the local community, the Pui Tak Center is a church-based community center housed in an architecturally beautiful building! In Chinese, “pui tak” means to build character or cultivate virtue. [Note: You may not be able to go inside this building. We recommend taking pictures of the building on the way back up Wentworth Ave. later on the walk.]
7. **Moy’s Family Association, 2238 S. Wentworth Ave.** – Another architectural find, this building was built in 1928 and is adorned with green, white, and yellow ornamental tiles. [Note: You may not be able to go inside this building. We recommend taking pictures of the building on the way back up Wentworth Ave. later on the walk.]
8. **Chinese American Museum of Chicago, 238 W. 23rd St.** – This museum honors Chinese American culture through exhibitions, education, and research while also preserving the past, present, and future of Chinese Americans primarily in the Midwest. There is a suggested donation to enter the museum. Check out more on their website: <https://ccamuseum.org/>.*
9. **Sun Yat-Sen Park, 251 W. 24th Pl.** – Named for Dr. Sun Yat-Sen, a Chinese revolutionary who is known as the father of modern China, this park has a playground, a memorial to Sun Yat-Sen, and Chinese chess tables. Learn more about the history of the park on the Chicago Park District [website](#). After going to the park, walk back along 24th Place, cross Wentworth Ave., and turn left for the last few stops.
10. **Chiu Quon Bakery, 2253 S. Wentworth Ave** A family-owned bakery, operating for more than 30 years, it’s well worth a stop inside to sample a handmade pastry or steamed bun. As they say, love and care are baked into every item that leaves their oven!
11. **Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Museum, 2245 S. Wentworth Ave., 3rd floor** A smaller museum positioned between two retail shops, this is a nice stop for viewing interesting historical photos, and getting a glimpse into China-Taiwan politics during World War II. Learn more about this Museum [here](#). [Note: Don’t forget to look across the street

at the Moy's Family Association and Pui Tak buildings to take pictures of the cool architecture!]

12. **Nine Dragon Wall, 158 W. Cermak Rd.** – Located at a busy intersection, Nine Dragon Wall is aptly named. Once you finish taking your photos here, you'll be near the first stop, as well as the Chinatown El (red line train) stop and the neighborhood parking lots.

Optional: Heritage Museum of Asian Art, 218 W. 26th St. – This museum showcases a wide range of art forms, spanning the many cultures and historical periods of Asia. There is no admission fee, though they do offer tours to the public for \$2 per person. Be sure to call ahead to set up a tour: <https://heritageasianart.org>. [Note: As of April 7, 2022, this museum is closed due to COVID. Before going to the museum, be sure to contact them to see if they have re-opened. Also, it is rather far from the other stops, so you may want to either drive or be prepared for the additional time.]

****Bathrooms may be found in these locations.***

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Photo Scavenger Hunt

*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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Try a food you've never had before!	Find the Chicago flag.	Say "Xièxiè" (sounds like: shi-a, shi-a, thank you in Mandarin) to someone after you've bought something from them.	Find the word Chicago written on a building.	Try on a traditional clothing item from China.
Find the neighborhood's name written somewhere.	Learn about a famous woman from China.	Find a book written in Chinese characters (symbols instead of the alphabet we use in English).	Find a flag for China, Taiwan, or Hong Kong.	Eat a dumpling!
On the back of this card, draw a picture of your favorite thing you did or ate today.	Say "Ni Hao" (hello in Mandarin) to a shop owner or worker.	FREE SPACE	Find out about your Chinese Zodiac.	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 Chinese 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 China; how far are you from Beijing, China's capital city?	Blend in with a mural on the walk and take a photo.
Say "Zàijiàn" (sounds like: zie-gee-en; goodbye in Mandarin) after talking to someone.	Looking at a map, how far is Chinatown 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 with Chinese characters (symbols instead of the alphabet we use in English).