



14 Hamilton Bank

Located in front of Western Plaza on Kingston Pike in West Knoxville, this unique building is now a First Tennessee Bank branch. It was designed in the early

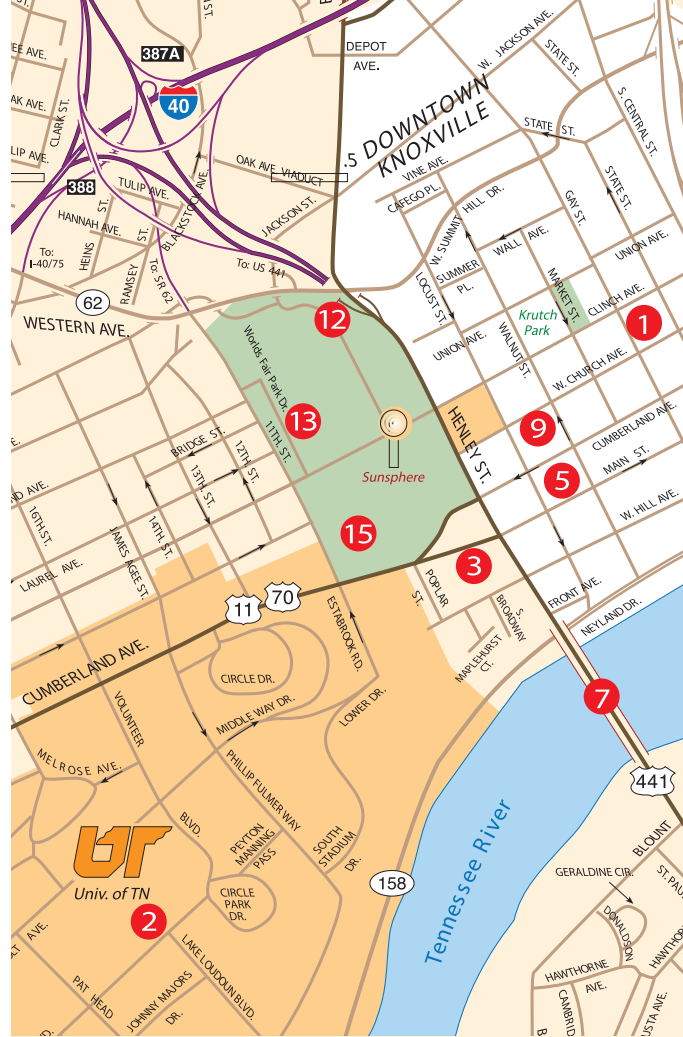
1970s by the late Robert Church, who was with the firm now known as McCarty Holsaple McCarty. With its giant letters filled in, the bank does not look like it did originally, but is still a strong presence . . . and its design has aged well. The building conveys an almost “Miesian” simplicity and projection of power with understated elegance.



15 Tennessee Amphitheater

Doug McCarty designed this one-of-a-kind tent structure for the 1982 World's Fair. The 1,400-seat concert

venue played host to a variety of performers, including the legendary Red Skelton, until it closed in 1999. The structure features a curvilinear berm for seating with contrasting tensile fabric membranes stretched overhead. The amphitheater has recently undergone restoration and today stands as a monument to East Tennessee history, serving as a community gathering place and festive focal point for the park.



Information on Structures Outside of Knoxville

- 6 The Maryville Fine Arts Building was demolished in August 07 in preparation for the construction of a new civic arts center.
- 8 Langston Hughes Library is privately owned and is not open to the public.
- 9 Norris Dam State Park is located inside I-75 Exit 128. Take Highway 441 east off the exit. The dam is approximately 5 miles ahead.
- 11 Clingman's Dome is located inside The Great Smokey Mountains National Park. Take Highway 441 South out of Gatlinburg, turn right on Clingman's Dome Road, and follow the signs to the entrance.

For the locations of area Barber Houses and other historical structures, contact the East Tennessee Historical Society at 865-215-8824.

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Destinations on this tour range from the opulent Historic Tennessee Theatre and beautiful Victorian Style George Barber houses to the strikingly modern Knoxville Museum of Art and the tremendous edifice of Norris Dam. This tour emphasizes how essential design excellence is in our communities. We hope you enjoy your tour through the acclaimed architecture of East Tennessee.



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1 Historic Tennessee Theatre

The Tennessee Theatre opened its doors in 1928 making kings and queens of all who entered the lavish movie palace. Chicago architects Graven and Mayger brought to the Tennessee Theatre a Spanish-Moorish style interior with elements from all parts of the world. Today, thanks to a \$25.5 million renovation and restoration project designed by McCarty Holsaple McCarty Architects, the theatre is hailed as a true multi-purpose performing arts venue and one of the few great movie palaces from the Roaring Twenties still in operation.