SCOTTSDALE PUBLIC ART WALKING TOUR

The 10 Most Celebrated Public Art Works You Can See in a 60-Minute Walk

With more than 70 public art works dotting the city's landscape, it's difficult to see all of Scottsdale's public art pieces in an hour, or even a day. This self-guided, 60-minute walking tour through downtown Scottsdale will introduce you to 10 of the most-celebrated Scottsdale public art works, including striking bronze statues, dramatic fountains and interactive installations. Print out this map to begin your journey as you explore the city's rich legacy of art.

At the end of your journey, hop on the free Scottsdale Downtown Trolley, which runs year-round from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. daily. The closest stop at the end of your tour is on Main Street just west of Brown Avenue. With stops every 10 minutes, the trolley can help you get back to your starting point or continue on to another part of downtown for your next Scottsdale adventure.







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1. "THE DOORS" BY DONALD LIPSKI

What would it be like to stand inside a kaleidoscope? Find out when you venture inside this monumental work created from three 28-foot-tall mirrored panels.

Scottsdale Waterfront, southeast corner of Scottsdale and Camelback Roads



6. "THE YEARLINGS" BY GEORGE-ANN TOGNONI

This monument to wild horses has become an icon of free spirit in the American West and depicts three bronze yearlings galloping in full stride.

Scottsdale Civic Center, corner of Main Street and Brown Avenue



2. "SOLERI BRIDGE & PLAZA" BY PAOLO SOLERI

Designed by the late Italian architect Paolo Soleri, the bridge demonstrates the importance of solar movement and features two steel-clad, 64-foot-high pylons that create a shaft of light.

Scottsdale Waterfront, west side of Scottsdale Road south of Camelback Road



7. "WINFIELD SCOTT MEMORIAL" BY GEORGE-ANN TOGNONI

Based upon a historic photo, this sculpture depicts Scottsdale founder Winfield Scott alongside his wife Helen seated seated on "Old Maud," his retired Army mule.

Scottsdale Civic Center Mall



3. "PASSING THE LEGACY" BY HERB MIGNERY

This life-size bronze depicts a vintage Pony Express rider and a contemporary Hashknife Pony Express rider handing off the mail to show the "Old West" meeting the "New West" in downtown Scottsdale.

Scottsdale Waterfront Pedestrian & Trolley Bridge, south of Marshall Way & Via Soleri



8. "KNIGHT RISE" BY JAMES TURRELL

This "skyspace" installation frames the sky as pure color and shows "the changing light of the sky, altering what we see with our own eyes." The illusion created by this structure is most dramatic at sunrise and sunset.

Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art



4. "BRONZE HORSE FOUNTAIN" BY BOB PARKS

Created by Bob Parks, who owned an art gallery in town for 30 years, this piece showcases the beauty of five Arabian horses as they play in the fountain's water.

O Intersection of 5th Avenue & Marshall Way



9. "LOVE" BY ROBERT INDIANA

Conceived when the United States was consumed by the Vietnam War, Indiana's "Love" sculptures became a symbol for peace. The sculpture is a favorite spot for taking pictures with the one you love.

Scottsdale Civic Center Mall, outside the Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts



5. "JACK KNIFE" BY ED MELL

This giant bronze of a cowboy on a bucking bronco gives a nod to Scottsdale's Western heritage and the city's official seal. You can safely cross into the intersection to take pictures by the sculpture.

O Intersection of Main Street & Marshall Way



10. "IMAGINATION GIVES US WINGS" BY LARRY KIRKLAND

A bird-shaped oculus in the roof of the library traces the movement of the sun as the bird "flies" across the entryway. A 20-foot-long gilded feather is suspended below as if it has fallen from the bird's wing.

O Scottsdale Civic Center Library